

**THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
(IAFoST)
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Many scientific organizations, including a number of our Union's adhering bodies, have adopted some means of recognizing those of their members who have made notable contributions to the advancement of science and to the development of that professional society. Many have foreign members, or "fellows". Such a status may recognize unusual contributions or, in other cases, a special relationship with the body conferring that status.

As the only globally representative food science organization, IUFoST now plans to take this step by organizing the International Academy of Food Science and Technology (IAFoST). As defined in its Statutes, the Academy is to be a learned society composed of elected members - fellows - from all parts of the world. Fellows will usually, but not necessarily, be affiliated with adhering bodies of the Union.

After discussion and recommendation by the Executive Committee, the General Assembly decided at its seventh meeting in Budapest in 1995, to proceed with the Academy after a delay of a year or two in order to avoid an overload on the Secretariat. The Executive Committee has now implemented that 1995 decision of the General Assembly by adopting Statutes and start-up procedures for the Academy.

Those start-up procedures provide that the President, Secretary-General, and all past Presidents and Secretaries-General are automatically Fellows and they also constitute a temporary Executive Council of the Academy. In the first two years, including the current year, that Council nominates, for the approval of the Union's Executive Committee, the first two classes of additional members of the Academy. Of these first two classes, of not more than 30 individuals each, no more than 50 per cent may be over the age of 65.

At the next Congress in Sydney, those new Fellows present will formally organize, elect a permanent Council to four-year terms, and install permanent Officers. In 1999 and every four years thereafter, the Fellows of the Academy will elect additional members, in quadrennial classes of not more than 15, of whom not more than two may be over 65. Nominations may be made by adhering bodies, the IUFoST Executive Committee, or individual Fellows of the Academy. Copies of the Statutes are available from the Union's Secretariat.

The Academy is to do more than simply afford recognition of its members. It will take its own initiatives, through IUFoST, to promote food science and technology, stimulate education and training, and improve international cooperation.