



**MEDITERRANEAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL UNION**  
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**Annex to the STATUTE of the MEDITERRANEAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL UNION**

**RULES OF PROCEDURES Approved by the MPU Board on October, 2025**

**RULE 1\_The Membership**

In accordance with Article II of the Statute, all membership categories benefit from reduced registration fees for participating in MPU Congresses and other meetings organized by MPU, and can publish in the MPU journal *Phytopathologia Mediterranea*.

The National Society member and the Affiliated member maintain rights and privileges as long as the MoU, signed by the MPU and the relevant Entity, is in force.

The Individual member maintains rights and privileges of as long as they renew their membership no later than June 30th of the respective year.

**RULE 2\_Membership fees**

Membership fees are in Euro and are set annually by the MPU Governing Board, and are published in the MPU website. Membership categories paying the MPU membership fees (or other type funding contributions) are:

- National Society members of non-Mediterranean countries \*.
- Individual members not belonging to National Society members.
- Affiliated members.

Categories with no membership fee are:

- National Societies members of Mediterranean countries.
- Individual members that are offering a special service to the Union (MPU Governing Board components, *Phytopathologia Mediterranea* Editorial Board members).
- Emeritus MPU members.
- Affiliated members, on the base of the signed agreements.

All MPU members can publish in the MPU open-access journal contributing to publication costs. All MPU members are welcome to support the MPU activities with a donation/ contribution.

\*Mediterranean countries include: Albania, Algeria, Bosnia Herzegovina, Cyprus, Croatia, Egypt, France, Gibraltar, Greece, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Malta, Mauritania, Morocco, Monaco, Montenegro, Palestine, Syria, Slovenia, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey.

**RULE 3\_The MPU Governing Board**

The Governing Board, in accordance with Article III of the Statute, should represent members of multiple nationalities, with due respect to gender equality. The Board components take decisions by an absolute majority of those present. Board components can delegate another Board component if not able to vote. In case of equal votes for and against each motion, the President has the casting vote.

Candidatures for the Governing Board can be sent to the President and/or presented during the General Assembly.

The President-Elect and three Governing Board Members, in accordance with Article IV of the Statute, can be re-elected for up to three mandates.

The President may convene the Governing Board, in presence or remotely, whenever considered necessary, and at least eight days in advance of the date proposed for the Governing Board meeting, as informed by email with return receipt. The Governing Board may establish Committee(s) to pursue purposes of MPU interests.

The nomination of the Honorary President, in case a Governing Board component proposes to nominate one, should be approved by simple majority of the total votes obtained by the Governing Board and Advisory Committee. The Honorary President has no voting rights within the Governing Board but is invited to participate in Board meetings with a consulting role.

#### **RULE 4\_The Advisory Committee**

The Advisory Committee, in accordance with Article III of the Statute, should represent members of multiple nationalities, with due respect to gender equality. The Advisory Committee shall be convened once a year and within each MPU Congress. Members of the Advisory Committee nominate, by simple majority of the total votes obtained, a Coordinator who convenes the Committee whenever necessary, in presence or remotely. Decisions are taken by simple majority of the total votes obtained. In case of equal votes for and against each motion, the Coordinator shall have the casting vote. The President and all Governing Board Members are invited to attend the Advisory Committee meetings.

National Society members, Individual members and Affiliated members should nominate respective representative/s in the Advisory Committee. The term of office of representative/s shall be from the end of one MPU Congress to the end of the next MPU Congress. Present or past members of the Advisory Committee may be re-appointed.

The numbers of representatives from National Society members and Individual members are:

- one representative for up to 50 members of each National Society, and for up to 50 MPU Individual members;
- two representatives for 51 to 200 members of the National Society, and for 51 to 200 MPU Individual members;
- three representatives for more than 200 members of the National Society, and for more than 200 MPU Individual members.

Each Affiliated member has one representative in the Advisory Committee.

#### **RULE 5\_ Legal and financial affairs**

In accordance with the Article VI of the Statute, deliberations, balance sheets and all general matters relating to the MPU are publicized on the MPU web page and/or are presented during the General Assembly. Publication of *Phytopathologia Mediterranea* and activities of the MPU can be supported financially by MPU membership fees and/or contributions, by contributions to publication costs and by revenues from events organized by, or in collaboration with, MPU. A minimum of 10% of the MPU Congress revenues should be handed over to the MPU Secretariat to support MPU activities.

The MPU Treasurer must be from Italy, where the MPU is located, where *Phytopathologia Mediterranea* is published, and where the MPU Bank account is based.

#### **RULE 6\_Publication and Communication**

In accordance with the Article V of the Statute, the journal *Phytopathologia Mediterranea* disseminates scientific information on phytopathology and closely related fields. Information is shared with all members through MPU website and social media, and under the guidance of a designated MPU member nominated by the President.

#### **RULE 7\_Congress and other initiatives**

In accordance with the Article IX of the Statute, the President of the MPU is the chair of the Scientific Committee for the organization of MPU Congresses, and he/she may delegate a MPU Governing Board component to collaborate with the local Congress organizers.

The President, along with the entire Governing Board, when deciding on the location and date of a future congress (*Statute, Article IX*), shall ensure that the host country guarantees in-person participation for all MPU member societies and affiliated members. Additionally, only for countries facing restrictions to personal participation of any kind, online participation must be guaranteed, since “*All MPU members may participate in the Congress without any limitations or restrictions*”. If this condition is not guaranteed another venue for the Congress should be selected.

The MPU may sponsor other initiatives in the field of phytopathology and closely related fields, with the MPU President or appropriate delegate being part of the Scientific Committee organizing the initiative. Other initiatives can be arranged at any time, at the discretion of the Governing Board.

The MPU can apply for EU or international funding by participating as member or coordinator in proposals related to phytopathology and closely related fields.

#### **RULE 8\_Temporary measures**

The Governing Board, in accordance with the new Statute and regulations, takes responsibility for implementing the procedures for the nomination and election of the Advisory Committee.

With the completion of the above procedures, the MPU Board will guide MPU towards a new Congress in 2025.

*Rules of procedures approved by the MPU Board on June 28, 2024*