

**Proposal to the 25<sup>th</sup> General Assembly  
FIG Congress in Washington, 19-26 April 2002**

**CHANGES TO INTERNAL RULES**

Following changes are proposed to the current Internal Rules based on the proposed changes in election procedure of Commission Vice Chairs and Chairs Elect.

Current Internal Rules

- 11.8 The appointment of vice-chairs shall be decided by a vote of the General Assembly at the same meeting at which chairs are appointed. In the case of each commission nominations may be made either by the chair on behalf of the commission or by member associations. The nominations shall be called for at least six months in advance of the General Assembly at which the appointments are to be made to enable the Council to ensure that the nominees command the support of their member associations and the relevant commissions. In the event of no nomination being received for the vice chair of a particular commission, the Council shall take such action as may be needed to ensure that the position is filled.
- 11.9 In the event that a chair or a vice-chair is unable to fulfil the responsibilities of the office the Council shall make such arrangements as it deems necessary to ensure the continuity of that commission's work, including the appointment of a new chair or new vice-chair if necessary.

Proposal for new Internal Rules

- 11.8 The appointment of chair-elect shall be decided by a vote of the General Assembly at the meeting which takes place two years prior to the meeting at which chairs are appointed. In the case of each commission nominations may be made either by the chair on behalf of the commission or by member associations. The nominations shall be called for at least six months in advance of the General Assembly at which the appointments are to be made to enable the Council to ensure that the nominees command the support of their member associations and the relevant commissions. In the event of no nomination being received for the chair elect of a particular commission, the Council shall take such action as may be needed to ensure that the position is filled.
- 11.9 All nominations received for the post of chair-elect will be considered by the Commission Review Group (CRG). The CRG will consist of the Nomination Review Group supplemented by three members appointed by ACCO. The CRG will submit via the Council to the General Assembly a balanced portfolio of candidates for consideration, and where necessary identify where a vote may be required to select between candidates. Independently the Council will advice the General Assembly which Commissions should coordinate specific Inter-Commission activities.

- 11.10 The Commission chair-elect will appoint a minimum of three chairs of Working Groups prior to the General Assembly in which he or she will take over the chairmanship of the Commission. These Working Group chairs will be given the status of a Commission Vice Chair. In addition the chair-elect may also appoint a person to provide administrative and communication support to the work of the Commission. This person will also be given the status of a Commission vice chair.
- 11.11 In the event that a chair, chair-elect or a vice-chair is unable to fulfil the responsibilities of the office the Council shall make such arrangements as it deems necessary to ensure the continuity of that commission's work, including the appointment of a new chair, new chair-elect or new vice-chair if necessary.
- 11.12 All persons appointed to, or nominated for, the posts of chair, chair-elect or vice-chair of a Commission or Inter-Commission activity must be a member of and have the formal support of their Member Association.