

INTERNATIONAL TIME COMMISSION

REGULATIONS

1. An International Time Commission shall be formed for the purpose of unifying time by means of radio-telegraphic or other signals, whether these are scientific signals of great precision, or ordinary signals adapted to the needs of navigation, meteorology, seismology, railways, postal and telegraphic services, public administration, clockmakers, individuals, etc.

2. The domicile of the Commission shall be located at Paris.

3. The Bureau shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, and a General Secretary; the latter two shall be elected by the Commission itself. The General Secretary, whose tenure of office shall terminate on December 31, 1931, shall fulfil the functions of Director of the International Time Bureau.

4. The purpose of the International Time Bureau, located at the National Observatory of Paris, is:

(1) As regards ordinary signals, to harmonize the determinations of universal time, expressed in Greenwich time, which shall be transmitted to them by the National Time Centres. These shall be responsible for calculating, with the highest obtainable precision, the mean time, as deduced from determinations made by the Observatories of their respective countries. These results shall be sent as quickly as possible to the emitting stations and to the National Centres.

(2) As regards scientific signals of precision, to harmonize the time determinations made by the Associated Observatories, and deduce from them the most exact time.

The International Time Bureau shall publish the results of its comparisons. Any result whose publication is delayed shall be communicated in detail to all scientific associations and official institutions which may send in a request to that effect.

5. In addition to the Director, the International Time Bureau shall consist of:

(1) Scientific collaborators, nominated and dismissed by the Commission, on the proposal of the Director of the International Bureau. They shall be charged, with or without indemnification, with the conduct of special studies. Their term of office shall not exceed two years, but they shall be re-eligible.

(2) Scientific assistants, nominated and dismissed by the Director of the International Bureau. They shall be responsible for the carrying out of the programme drawn up by the Commission. Their term of office shall not exceed four years, but they shall be re-eligible.

The budget shall determine the sums allocated to each of these classes.

6. The Director of the International Bureau shall publish the results of the work undertaken in accordance with the decisions of the Commission. He shall present to the President an annual report covering the whole field of activity of the Bureau, together with the programme of work for the following year. This report and programme shall be published.

In his capacity of General Secretary, he shall, in consultation with the President, conduct the correspondence and administer the funds. He shall be responsible for the custody of documents.

7. The Director of the International Bureau shall prepare the estimate for the budget, which, after having been approved by the President and the Commission, shall be submitted to the International Astronomical Union.

8. The income of the Commission shall be devoted to:

(1) Covering the expenses of administration and publication.

(2) Honorarium to the General Secretary as Director of the International Time Bureau.

(3) Grants or remunerations for calculations, observations, or experiments undertaken at the request of the Commission.

(4) The purchase and upkeep of material for the International Time Bureau.

The Director of the Bureau, under the control of the International Astronomical Union, shall be responsible for the expenditure allocated to the above objects.

9. The above regulations shall remain in force until December 31, 1931.