

STATUTES
of the
INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF
ECOTOXICOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL
SAFETY
„SECOTOX“

in the following abbreviated as SECOTOX

- 1** Name, Seat, Business Year
 - 1.** The association bears the name „International Society of Ecotoxicology and Environmental Safety SECOTOX“ henceforth called SECOTOX.
 - 2.** SECOTOX is located in Munich and is registered with the Amtsgericht (District Court) in Munich.
 - 3.** The financial year is the calendar year.

- 2** Purpose of Secotox
 - 1.** It is the purpose of SECOTOX:
 - a)** to bring together its members and other interested persons from all aspects of science and the general public and to promote a scientific cooperation in order to evaluate the current problems of environmental quality and safety and to investigate solutions to these problems on a national, regional, and world-wide basis. To this purpose SECOTOX shall consider, among other things, the questions of air, soil and water quality standards, the safe use of food additives, drugs, pesticides, powerstations, etc., as well as the protection of plants, animals and man from the harmful effects of chemicals and physical agents, both natural and man-made.

b) to elaborate and to publish suggestions, including the necessary data, in order to enable the regulatory agencies of various countries to make proper decisions as to the evaluation of the safety of chemicals, toxic and physical agents in the total environment.

c) to make recommendations to ensure environmental safety and quality on a world-wide basis.

d) To make recommendations concerning education and training in ecotoxicology.

2. SECOTOX is a non-profit making organisation, in accordance with the section on „Objectives Attracting TAX Privileges of the German Tax Procedures Act“ (Abgabeordnung). It is not a primary objective of SECOTOX to make a profit. The funds of SECOTOX may only be used for purposes which are in accordance with its Statutes. Members of SECOTOX receive no remuneration from SECOTOX. Nobody may receive financial benefit by way of expenses not in accordance with the purpose of SECOTOX or from unduly high recovery of necessary expenses. In the event of dissolution or liquidation of SECOTOX or termination of its present objectives, the asset of SECOTOX are to be transferred to another organisation having taxation privileges, for use for scientific purposes in accordance with § 2.1 above. Any transfer of SECOTOX members in case of leaving the Society or in the event of dissolution of SECOTOX is excluded.

3 Membership

1. SECOTOX consists of:

a) full members

b) sustaining members

c) honorary members

2. Full members of SECOTOX are people from science, politics and industry interested in the area of environmental problems as well as individuals from other scientific

disciplines and laymen. These members as a whole should be representative of a spectrum, which is as broad as possible, from all aspects of the world community. The members of SECOTOX, however, shall act as independent persons and shall not represent the viewpoint of any social or national groups.

3. Sustaining members of SECOTOX are natural persons or legal entities, above all industrial firms, as well as public corporations and other governmental, academic, and international institutions which support the purposes of SECOTOX.

4. Honorary members are persons who take particular merits for SECOTOX.

4 Admission of Members

1. Full members and sustaining members will be admitted to SECOTOX upon written application.

2. Honorary members will be appointed to decision of the council with the approval of the assembly.

5 Termination of Membership

Membership terminates

a) in case of the death of the member

b) as far as legal entities, industrial firms, public corporations and other governmental, academic, and international institutions are concerned, with their dissolution

c) by a written withdrawal from SECOTOX, subject to a sixth months notice before the end of the year

d) in case a full member or sustaining member is behind with contribution of dues for more than one year

e) in case of expulsion by decision of the assembly with a two thirds majority, upon proposal of the council.

6 Contributions of the Members

- 1.** The annual contributions for full members and sustaining members will be fixed at the Assembly of the Members.
- 2.** Full members older than 65 years of age and honorary members are exempted from the payment of contributions.
- 3.** SECOTOX may, in additions, accept voluntary contributions or donations from full members, sustaining members, organisations, and even from non-members.

7 Organs of SECOTOX

Organs of SECOTOX are:

- a)** the assembly of the members
- b)** the council

8 The Assembly of the Members

- 1.** Duties of the assembly are:
 - a)** the acceptance of the report of the council on the last year
 - b)** the acceptance of the report of the treasurer
 - c)** the approval of the annual account for the last year
 - d)** the approval of the acts of the council
 - e)** the election of the president, the vice-president (president elect) and the other members of the council
 - f)** the decision on the admission of honorary members or the expulsion of full, sustaining, and of honorary members
 - g)** the decision on revisions of the statute of SECOTOX
 - h)** the decision on the dissolution of SECOTOX, which may be presented by the council or the membership.

- 2.** The assembly meets at least once a year.
- 3.** The meetings of the assembly are to be convened by written invitation of the full, sustaining, and honorary members by the secretary of the council at least four weeks before the date of meetings and possibly be held in conjunction with symposia or other gatherings calling upon participation of SECOTOX members. The invitation is to be accompanied by the agenda and by eventual motions in writing.
- 4.** Extraordinary meetings of the assembly are to be convened if the interests of SECOTOX so require or if a third of all full members requests it by letter to the secretary of the council, stating the same time the purpose and the reasons for the request. The invitation to extraordinary meeting of the assembly should be issued within one month after a request has been made.
- 5.** The president of the council shall preside over the assembly meetings. In case he is prevented from doing so the meetings will be presided by another member of the council in the order as outlined in § 9 of this statute.
- 6.** The assembly constitutes a quorum regardless of the number of members present. Decisions will be taken by simple majority of members present, in case of equality of votes the president has the casting vote. A two thirds majority, however, of the members present is necessary for a revision of the statute and of the purpose of SECOTOX as well as for the expulsion of members (§ 5). Each full member present has one vote. Full members, however, who are absent, may vote by proxy if they have authorised in writing another full member being present. No member, however, can accumulate more than three votes.
- 7.** A secretary appointed for this purpose by the president prepares and keeps the minutes of the assembly meeting which have to be signed by himself and by the president. Each full, sustaining and honorary member receives a copy of the minutes upon request.

8. For elections written balloting is necessary. The person who receives the majority of votes of the members present is elected. In case of a tie vote the president has the casting vote.

9 The Council

1. The council consists of:

- the president
- the past president
- the first vice-president (president-elect)
- the secretary
- the treasurer
- and at least four other members

2. The council is to be elected from among the full members by the assembly. They are elected in their personal capacities, representing a balance of regions and interested parties, i. a. science, governmental institutions and industry.

3. The term of office of the president is two years. The election of a president-elect in direct succession of the president and the presence of the past president as a council member will ensure the continuity of council functions.

4. The term of office of the members of the council is two years. Reelection is possible.

5. The council represents SECOTOX legally and extrajudicially. Any two members of the council are authorised jointly to represent SECOTOX, the president can solely represent SECOTOX.

6. The council handles the activities of SECOTOX. It may adopt rules of procedure.

7. The president may appoint committees consisting of members and/or members of the council in order to fulfil tasks which are of interest to SECOTOX. Organisation of conferences, symposia and other SECOTOX activities may

be authorised and handled within the interests of SECOTOX by local or regional committees in which the society shall be represented as outlined in § 9, 5 of this statute.

8. The members of the council handle the business of SECOTOX without financial recompense with the exception of the secretary and/or the treasurer who may be reimbursed for their work. Expenditures are to be refunded.

10 Organ of Publication

SECOTOX shall publish the periodical Ecotoxicology and Environmental Safety which shall contain speeches, lectures, the results of conferences and symposia, announcements, etc. organised by SECOTOX.

11 Dissolution of SECOTOX

1. The decision of the dissolution of SECOTOX can only be taken during a meeting of the general assembly which has to be convened especially for this purpose at least one month before the date of the meeting. At least 50 % of the full members must be present or represented at the meeting. Members absent may vote by proxy, if they have authorised in writing a member present.

2. The decision of the dissolution of SECOTOX requires a three fourth majority of the votes cast. In case there is no quorum because 50 % of all the full members are not present or properly represented a second meeting has to be convened.

3. The second meeting is a quorum regardless of the number of the members present.

4. The same assembly which decides upon the dissolution of SECOTOX shall decide upon the use of the assets of SECOTOX.

12 Place of Performance and Jurisdiction

Place of performance for any transaction resulting from this statute as well as the place of jurisdiction is Munich.