

# Nomination of 2 candidates for IFSW Europe Regional Executive

**Deadline - 4 May 2006**

To: Member Organisations of IFSW European region

CC: IFSW European Regional Executive

The IFSW European region will hold its next Delegate Meeting in Sofia/Bulgaria on May 26-28. At the Delegate Meeting, the 2 Executive members for the next term will be elected. This document provides guidance about the nomination process and information about the role of Executive Committee Members.

The IFSW Europe statutes provide that 4 people are elected by the European Delegates Meeting to serve on the Executive, in addition to the Vice President and the Member at Large who are elected at the global General Meeting by the member organisations in the European Region. **In 2004 two members of the Executive Committee were elected for two years; these two members are able to stand for election again in 2006.**

The European Delegates Meeting also every second year elects two deputy members for the Executive Committee for a two year term. **The two deputies are for election in 2006.**

**We are therefore calling for nominations to fill the two vacancies and the two deputies by an election to be held in Sofia. Whilst it will be possible to nominate people on the day of the election itself, the Executive encourages candidates to be nominated in advance so that information may be sent to member organisations in advance of the meeting.**

**Your organisation is hereby invited to send a nomination of a candidate who must be a member of your organisation.**

It is a convention that each association can nominate only one person. The member organisations are invited to send their nomination accompanied by the written consent of the nominee, CV and a short election statement [maximum 300 words in English, French or Spanish].

**Please send nominations, preferably by 4 May 2006, to Ana Radulescu [European Secretary]. We ask you to send nominations by e-mail if at all possible. However we will also require a formal signed nomination given at the time of the election or earlier.**

## **European Regional Executive**

### **Guidance for Member Organisations and Candidates**

According to the Statute of IFSW Europe, the Executive Committee consists of **six members**. The **Vice-President for Europe and the Member at Large** [representing Europe] elected at the global General Meeting are members.

The statutes state that there are **4 people elected by the European Delegates Meeting, 2 each to be elected in alternate years**.

2 members shall be elected onto the Executive in 2006.

In addition, there are **two deputy members** of the Executive Committee, elected at the Delegates Meeting in even years. The one with the highest number of votes is the first deputy member. Two deputies were elected in 2004 and the next election for deputies will be in 2006.

The statutes define the position of the deputies: If a member of the Executive committee is elected for Vice-President or member at large at the General Meeting, the deputy member takes the seat vacant. In case of an Executive Committee member's retirement or long-term absence, the deputy member shall take that member's place.

Deputies are these two candidates for the Executive Committee, who obtain the third and fourth highest number of votes. The one with the third highest number of votes is the first deputy member.

In case there is only two or three candidates for the Executive Committee. The Delegate Meeting can decide to call for extra candidates only for the deputy member position at the meeting.

#### **Term of office**

The term of office of Executive Committee members elected at the Delegates Meeting is **two years** (art. 14).

The statute states that two of the members of the Executive Committee are elected in even years and the two others in uneven years.

The Executive Members elected in 2006 will serve until 2008 and be eligible for re-election, subject to the constitutional rules.

The Vice President for Europe, David N Jones, will serve until the end of his term of office at the global General Meeting in 2008 and Monica Egan will continue as Member at Large until the global General Meeting in 2006. David Jones was re-elected as President of Europe in 2004 at the General Meeting in Adelaide for a four-year term. Monica Egan was elected as Member at Large in 2002 at the General Meeting in Geneva for a four-year term.

## **Executive Committee functions**

According to the Statute, the Executive Committee is the highest authority of IFSW Europe between the Delegates Meetings. It is responsible for implementing the action plan approved by the Delegates Meeting and for taking forward the work of the Region between Delegates Meetings.

**Members of the Executive will have responsibility for sections of the work plan and for taking forward areas of work agreed within the Executive. As the Region has no paid staff, Executive Members are expected to continue work between Delegates and Executive meetings.**

The Executive usually meets twice a year once, before Delegates Meetings and once between Delegates Meetings. Most work is undertaken by e-mail and more recently also in webchats.

## **Election Committee and the procedure of election**

The Vice President will inform the Delegates Meeting about the guidance and procedure for election. Member organisations are invited to submit nominations by 4 May 2006 and these will be distributed to member organisations in advance, but it will also be possible to submit nominations at the Delegates Meeting in Sofia.

In Limasol, the Delegates Meeting elected Herbert Paulschin as Election Officer. The Delegates Meeting also elected 2 tellers. In accordance with the By-Laws, these people will serve for two years and will have responsibility for overseeing elections in 2005 and 2006.

The Election Committee shall determine the eligibility for election of the persons nominated with prior approval of their member organisation

The Delegates Meeting elects the members for the new Executive Committee from the persons approved by the Election Committee. The election procedure will be confirmed at the meeting. Those elected will secure the greatest number of votes.

Voting will be in accordance with the global constitution, namely one vote for each country [co-ordinating body or member organisation].

The Election Committee will oversee the process of the election. Decisions of the Elections Officer will be final, unless overturned by three quarters of the organisations present in person or by proxy.

## **Financial assistance for Executive Committee Members**

There is limited financial assistance for Executive Members. This includes the cost of essential travel to meetings, such as airfares, trains and buses. Hotel costs are also paid. There are no funds to support office costs, but essential phone and fax calls can be paid. Receipts are required for all claims.

Deputies will receive expenses if they attend meetings of the Executive in the absence of an Executive Member and if they incur essential office costs approved in advance by the Honorary Treasurer.

**Further information**

Any member organisation or individual who wishes to discuss any matter arising from this briefing or to consider a nomination is invited to contact David N Jones - Vice President [Europe] by e-mail, Ana Radulescu - Honorary Secretary, Herbert Paulischin (election officer), or any member of the Executive. If you wish to have a phone conversation, please e-mail your request and phone number.

We wish to encourage nominations and are happy to discuss questions in advance.

David N Jones  
Vice President, Europe

Herbert Paulischin  
IFSW Europe Elections Officer

06 February 2006

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## NOMINATION FORM

Name of candidate .....

Country .....

Address .....

E-mail address .....

Nominating organisation .....

Positions held in home  
organisation .....

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### Candidate

I agree to be nominated for the post of Executive Member in IFSW Europe and confirm that I am a member in good standing of the IFSW member organisation which is nominating me

Signature .....

Date .....

### Nominating organisation

I hereby nominate the above individual for the post of Executive Member and confirm s/he is a member in good standing of this organisation. I am authorised to make this nomination on behalf of the organisation.

Signature .....

Position in IFSW member organisation .....

Organisation .....

Date .....

Please send a short election statement [maximum 300 words in English, French or Spanish]. This should be sent with this nomination form.

Nominations may be returned by e-mail but a formal, signed document must also be received by the end of the Delegates Meeting.