



COMMISSION INTERNATIONALE PERMANENTE D'ETUDES DES ORDRES DE CHEVALERIE

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR ORDERS OF CHIVALRY

THE SECRETARY GENERAL

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TO
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In accordance with the Articles I¹, II², V³, VI⁴, VII⁵, IX⁶ and on behalf of the Executive Committee I am charged to inform you of your appointment as Member/Commissioner of the International

¹ ARTICLE I – FORM

The International Commission for Orders of Chivalry is a strictly nonprofit making scientific organization, of private character, being completely autonomous. The Commission will not associate or enter into formal relations with any chivalric order or others bodies granting decorations or honours.

² ARTICLE II – PURPOSES

The purpose of the Commission is to constitute an international scientific and scholarly body for the study and research of bodies granting honours, distinction or awards irrespective of culture.

Specifically, the Commission periodically publishes the *Register of Orders of Chivalry*. This advisory document is published to assist the chivalric community, and is based on the evaluation of decorations by leading scholars and authorities in the field.

³ ARTICLE V - MEMBERS

The Commission is composed of Members, Fellows, and Patrons.

1. Members, constituted by a maximum of 75 specialists recognised for their competence, bring a qualified interest to the field of study of the Commission. They have the duty to submit to the Executive Committee possible revisions for the Register. They will receive, at least 3 months before the Register's publication, the proofs of the Annual Report so that they may submit their observations and comments on a consultative basis.

2. Fellows, being a maximum number of 10, are selected from among the Members, are part of the Executive Committee, and their vote is consultative.

3. Patrons are individuals who are selected because of their rank in international society, including Heads of State, Heads of Churches, or Heads or Members of Reigning or formerly Reigning Royal Houses.

⁴ ARTICLE VI – ADMITTANCE OF THE MEMBERS

The Executive Committee selects Members with respect to their scientific competence and standing in the international community and according to geographic distribution.

All the candidatures must be submitted by letter to the Secretary, and be proposed by a member of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee examines the candidature and determines admission.

The members will be part of the ICOC for a term of 2 years or until the issue of the ICOC Register, which they were chosen to prepare. The members may be confirmed for a further term by the Executive Committee by letter of confirmation to prepare the next ICOC Registers.

⁵ ARTICLE VII – RESIGNATIONS

Any Member may tender his resignation in writing by letter sent to the President/Chairman. The Executive Committee may decide, if need arises, to request the resignation of a Member without making known the reasons for its decision. All ICOC members will be forbidden to be part of or to participate in meetings organised by self styled chivalric orders, award systems, noble corporations, other nobiliary bodies, or ecclesiastical decorations etc. not listed in the ICOC Register. Article VII is to be approved in the following manner: "Any Member may tender his resignation by letter sent to the President/Chairman. The Executive Committee may decide, if need arises, to request the resignation of a Member

Commission for Orders of Chivalry for a term of 2 years or until the issue of the ICOC Register, which You were chosen to prepare as expert of Orders, Decorations, Medals and Awards of Kingdom of Hungary.

I also inform you about Article VII of the statutes in which it is said: "... all ICOC members will be forbidden to be part of or to participate in meetings organised by self styled chivalric orders, award systems, noble corporations, other nobiliary bodies, or ecclesiastical decorations etc. not listed in the ICOC Register". Article VII is to be approved in the following manner: "... all ICOC members will be forbidden to be part of or to participate in meetings organised by self styled chivalric orders, award systems, noble corporations, other nobiliary bodies, or ecclesiastical decorations etc. not listed in the ICOC Register. All those who are the legal representatives, or the highest officers or the officers with the most important decisional responsibilities in bodies which could be studied and in the future listed by the ICOC in the ICOC Register, cannot be part of ICOC, with the purpose of dismissing even the smallest suspicion that in ICOC there could be persons whose presence could indirectly influence the free decisions of the ICOC".

If you have any questions about the Commission please do not hesitate to write to me.

With my best wishes, I am

Yours Sincerely



Maria Loredana Pinotti

APPROVED:



Pier Felice degli Uberti
President/Chairman

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⁶ **ARTICLE IX – COMPETENCES**

The Executive Committee is the supreme authority of the Commission. It: 1) approves all the publications; 2) establishes its own procedures and conducts international relations; 3) discusses and decides every modification to the *Register*; and 4) appoints new Officers, Members and Fellows.

The Executive Committee may bestow on State Heralds the qualification of Honorary Fellow. An undetermined number of Honorary Fellows may be elected. They are neither part of the Executive Committee nor do they form part of the Commission's membership.