

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES AND INSTITUTES
FOR THE STUDY OF THE RENAISSANCE (FISIER)

STATUTES

Name. The organization is called: International Federation of Societies and Institutes for the Study of the Renaissance [FISIER following the French title].

Statutes. The statutes are written in English and in French, but the working languages of the Federation include all languages spoken by a member of the Federation, including Latin.

Amendments to the Statutes must be ratified by two thirds of the members of the Federation. A correspondence vote may be organized for this purpose.

Aims. The aim of the Federation is, on an international level, to encourage, promote and co-ordinate studies and learned research on all aspects of the Renaissance period. The Federation seeks to facilitate the exchange of information and publications, to encourage or to sponsor international congresses or more limited learned meetings, to promote the classification, reproduction and diffusion in all possible forms of original sources (texts, documents, musical and visual materials) from the Renaissance period, and to support individual and collective projects presented to it by member organizations, by other organizations or by individual researchers, and to encourage the publication of the results obtained.

Members. Membership of the Federation is open to all societies, institutes or other organizations, national or international, which devote all or part of their activities to research on the Renaissance.

Requests for membership must be sent to the President of the Federation, with a statement explaining the activities of the organization requesting affiliation. The President submits the request and the statement to the annual meeting of the Federation. Admission is granted if two thirds of the members present vote in favour.

Organization. The Federation is governed by a Council in which each institution is represented by its President, its Director, or its Representative. Each institution has one vote in the Council.

The Council holds at least one annual meeting. All decisions concerning the Federation are presented to this meeting, and must be approved by a majority of members present or represented. The number of proxy votes is limited to four per member present. For important matters, e.g. modifications to the statutes, elections to the Executive Committee, and other matters at the discretion of the President, a vote by correspondence is organized.

The Council may appoint temporary or permanent committees to oversee one or more learned projects.

Executive Committee. The Council elects an Executive Committee, consisting of eight members, from among its members, ensuring that a satisfactory international representation is achieved. One half of this Committee is renewed every three years. None of its members may exceed two three-year mandates. In the first Committee thus established, at the end of three years it will be decided by lot which of the members will stand down (apart from vacancies or resignations).

The members of the Committee distribute among themselves responsibilities, in particular those of Secretary and of Treasurer. The address of the Treasurer, during his period of office, is the official headquarters of the Federation.

Relations with other organizations. The Council is authorized to establish permanent or temporary links between the Federation and other learned organizations.

The Federation is affiliated to the International Committee of Historical Studies [CISH] and is represented at the general assemblies of the CISH by a delegate with voting rights and, if the Council so desires, by an assistant delegate without voting rights. These delegates are elected by majority vote in the annual meeting of the Federation. They represent the Federation, and have the right to nominate a replacement if they are unable to be present at the assembly of the CISH. Any scholar affiliated to one of the member organizations may be chosen to represent the Federation.

Finances. The annual Council meeting determines the membership fee payable by members of the Federation.

The Council is authorized to accept monies or other goods, from organizations, whether or not they are members of the Federation, or from individual donors, in the form of gift or of legacy, for specified or unspecified aims, and particularly for activities, projects and publications sponsored or approved by the Federation.

4 june 1998