



BYLAWS OF THE YOUNG INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE ON PREDICTIVE MODELLING IN FOOD (YICPMF)

Article 1 – Name and Purpose

The non-profit organization adopts the name Young International Committee on Predictive Modelling in Food, abbreviated as YICPMF, and it is open-ended. The YICPMF group aims are: (i) to foster collaboration and knowledge exchange among young scientists within the research domains of ICPMF; and facilitate contact with senior scientists; (ii) to create a young community for proposing and organizing activities, events, courses, workshops, etc., both within and outside the context of the biannual ICPMF meetings; (iii) to convey needs to ICPMF, and participate in the ICPMF Board meetings, when requested; and (iv) to collaborate in ICPMF communications via social media and website. The YICPMF group may actively advise the ICPMF Board on matters of interest to fulfill the mission of ICPMF; and may organize one or more events at the biannual ICPMF meetings, in the form of symposium, round table, workshop, networking event or similar.

Article 2 - Group structure

The YICPMF group is formed by at least 7 members from different organizations and/or universities around the world, including a Chair and a Secretary. The YICPMF is subordinated to the ICPMF Board, and the YICPMF Chair and Secretary should operate as a bridge between the two groups. Any member may resign at any time by giving written notice to the YICPMF Chair or Secretary. Any resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein, or, if the time is not specified, upon its acceptance by the YICPMF group.

Article 3 - Membership

To be eligible for the YICPMF, one shall be a Master or PhD student, a postdoctoral researcher or a young PhD (defined as someone who obtained the PhD degree maximum five years before the application or nomination date). The members' rights include being notified of meetings and voting for any topic under discussion. The members' responsibilities are to contribute to the YICPMF mission and the specific goals of any ad-hoc working group in which they are inserted. Members should regularly attend meetings and actively participate in discussions. Membership ends after four years; a membership can be prolonged with one additional term, if the member still fulfills the criterion for eligibility when the first term ends.

Article 4 - Meeting guidelines

The YICPMF group shall have (web-)meetings at least every six months for updates on the activities and their achievements. The meetings shall take place on the last week of the month, unless decided otherwise and agreed by the (majority of) the group members. A quorum shall consist of a majority of members present during the meeting, including the YICPMF Chair and/or Secretary. At any meeting of the group, a quorum is required for conducting the agenda. Any meeting that is adjourned may be continued without the presence of a quorum of the YICPMF group if all the members are given reasonable notice of the time such adjournment shall resume. The YICPMF Chair and Secretary shall be renewed every two years; and they will be elected by vote, for which a majority vote of all YICPMF group is required. Special meetings may be called by the YICPMF Chair or Secretary, or by any other two YICPMF members.

Article 5 - Conflict of interest policy

Members of the YICPMF shall not exchange sensitive information pertaining their host institutions. Supervisors or superiors must be first informed if there is a potential conflict of interest.

Article 6 - Amendments

These Bylaws may be altered or amended, and new Bylaws may be proposed by a majority of the entire YICPMF group at any meeting. Any proposal for new Bylaws for the YICPMF group shall be presented to the ICPMF Board for approval and shall be adopted immediately by the YICPMF group.

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