

Publication of the *Journal of the International Phonetic Association*

In November 2000, a contract was signed with Cambridge University Press to publish the *Journal of the International Phonetic Association*. CUP will begin production of the *Journal* in 2001 and will hold copyright on behalf of the IPA. Individual members of the IPA will continue to pay their dues to the Association's Treasury and will receive the *Journal* as a part of their membership. Life members of the IPA will also continue to receive the *Journal* as usual. Institutional subscribers, however, will now pay their subscriptions directly to CUP.

In September 2000, the Council of the IPA approved a resolution to amend the by-laws of the IPA to eliminate institutional membership as a category of IPA membership. The final paragraph of by-law 2, "Institutional members, who pay twice the current annual dues, and who receive the *Journal*, but are not otherwise entitled to the privileges of membership." is therefore deleted from the by-laws as of 1 January 2001. There is no change to the "Member," "Life member" and "Student member" categories of membership.

In April 2000, the Council of the IPA approved the proposal made by the Treasurer at the 1999 meeting of the IPA in San Francisco to increase individual membership fees in 2000 to UK£19 or US\$30, which brings the amounts closer in line with exchange rates. Student rates remain at 50%, and Life membership will increase proportionally to UK£285 or US\$450.

Change to the IPA By-Laws to incorporate ICPhS

After the 1999 meeting of the IPA in San Francisco, the Council of the IPA and the Permanent Council for the Organization of International Congresses of Phonetic Sciences (PC-ICPhS) both voted in favour of a union of responsibilities and the form which that association should take. Amendments were subsequently proposed and by February 2000, both Councils had approved changes to their by-laws/constitution consistent with the resolution to adopt the PC-ICPhS as a committee of the IPA. The text of changes is as follows:

In the 'By-Laws of the International Phonetic Association' (which deal with membership and elections), the following Section 4. is to be inserted and the present Section 4. to become Section 5.:

"To promote International Congresses of Phonetic Science, a standing subcommittee – The Permanent Council for the Organization of ICPhS' – is affiliated to the IPA Council. Tasks, membership and elections are defined in the appended By-Laws of the Permanent Council."

Then the following 'By-Laws of the Permanent Council for the Organization of ICPHS' are to be appended:

1. Functions

It is the function of the Permanent Council to safeguard the highest scientific standards in Phonetic Science. In fulfilling this goal it carries out two main tasks:

(a) it arranges for International Congresses of Phonetic Science by deciding the place, and appointing for each Congress an organization capable of assuming complete responsibility for that Congress in cooperation with the Permanent Council;

(b) it provides continuity between Congresses in an advisory capacity to the organizers of each Congress and in establishing relations with other scientific organizations in the field.

In connection with 1.(a), it helps to negotiate

- start-up funds to the organizers through the International Phonetic Association.
- maximum discounts on registration fees at the ICPHS for IPA members.

In connection with 1.(b), it promotes record keeping of and for the Congresses.

2. Meetings

Meetings of the Permanent Council have to be held at each Congress and may be held at other times.

3. Membership

- The Permanent Council will consist of members from countries in which there are active groups of phoneticians; a spread across countries is to be considered.

- The size of the committee will not exceed 25, with the following allocation of seats:

- There will be ex officio membership of the IPA President and Vice-President. (Group 1)

- 6 members will be nominated and elected by the IPA members in conjunction with the IPA Council elections every four years; this will take place for the first time in the elections preceding the 2003 ICPHS. (Group 2)

– For the remaining vacancies, up to the limit of the total of the Permanent Council, those members of the Permanent Council who are not ex officio members or who were not elected by the IPA will nominate candidates and elect members from among them, including one representative of the organizers of the next Congress. In the latter case, election will take place at the Permanent Council meeting after the decision for the next Congress site has been taken. In the other cases, it will be by mail ballot preceding the Permanent Council statutory meetings; this will take place for the first time in elections preceding the 2007 ICPHS. (Group 3)

4. Elections

– Election will be for two 4-year Congress periods, i.e., elected members will take office at the statutory Permanent Council meeting of the Congress in conjunction with which they have been elected and will resign before voting starts at the statutory Permanent Council meeting of the second Congress after that. This means that the Permanent Council will, in addition to the 2 ex officio members, consist of a maximum of 12 voting members elected by the IPA membership and of a maximum of 11 voting members elected by the other Permanent Council members. This composition will be reached in 2007.

– If Permanent Council members of any of the three membership groups vacate their seats between Congresses, they will be replaced in elections linked to the next Congress.

5. Voting

Decisions of the Council will be made by a simple majority, either of those attending a meeting, or, in between Congresses, of mail ballots returned on the basis of information gathered and circulated by the officers.

6. Officers

At its statutory meetings, the Permanent Council will nominate, from among its members, candidates for Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary, and elect these officers by a simple majority. Election will be for one term of 4 years with the possibility of reelection for a second term.

7. The Permanent Council can elect any of its past members to the status of non-voting emeritus member.