



# INDIAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

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## CONSTITUTION

1. The Society shall be called 'The Indian Society of Criminology and its headquarters shall be in Madras.
2. The objects of the Society shall be to advance the study and application of Criminology, Criminological Sciences (Criminal biology, Psychology, Sociology and Penology) and Forensic Sciences for the welfare of the society and to facilitate co-operation among persons interested in the study of the criminal phenomenon.
3. The Society shall consist of Fellows, Life members, Ordinary Members and Institutional Members. Persons of distinction who had contributed to the advancement of the study and the application of Criminology and allied sciences through the channel of the Indian Society of Criminology shall be eligible for election as Fellows and they are not required to pay any subscription. Persons interested in the study and application of Criminology and allied sciences shall be eligible for nomination as Life and Ordinary Members. Institutions interested in the study and application of Criminology and allied sciences shall be eligible for Institutional Membership of the Society.
4. The executive function of the Society shall be performed by a Council consisting of a Chairman, 6 Vice-Chairmen, Secretary, Treasurer and Sixteen members. The Officers and Members of the council shall normally be appointed for a period of two years by election to be held during the Annual General Meeting. The Officers and Members so elected shall hold office for a period of two years and shall be eligible for holding the same office not more than two terms consecutively. The official year of the Society shall be the financial year (April 1st to March 31st). Nomination for offices of the Council can be made by any two members at the Annual General Meeting whenever elections are held and must be accompanied by intimation from the nominee that he or she is willing to serve.
5. There shall be a President for the Society who shall preside over the annual conference. The President shall be appointed by election in the Annual General Meeting of the preceding year. The quorum for the Annual General Meeting will be one third of the members of the Society or 25 members whichever is less. The Annual General Meeting shall be held during the annual conference. Every Life Member and Ordinary Member is entitled for one vote while the Institutional Member is eligible for two votes to be exercised by the persons duly authorised by the institution.

6. The day-to-day business of the Society shall be conducted by the Council. In any matter concerning the interpretation of the rules, the decision shall rest with the Council. The Council shall decide in matters concerning the Society which are not explicitly covered by the rules. Four members of the Council shall constitute a quorum. The Chairman shall exercise his/her casting vote in case of a tie.

7. Members may propose for admission to the Society candidates of whom they have a personal knowledge and shall send to the Secretary the names and qualifications of these candidates on a special form provided for the purpose. Each nomination must be supported by at least two members. Any Association/Institution may similarly be proposed for the Institutional Membership of the Society. The granting of membership shall rest with the Council.

B. Each Ordinary Member shall pay an annual subscription of Rs.50/- and an admission fee of Rs.10/- The Life Member shall pay Rs.500/- in one instalment. The foreign members shall pay US \$150/- as life membership fee. The Institutional Member shall pay a life membership subscription of Rs.5000/- in one instalment.

9. No ordinary member shall be admitted to any of the privileges of Society until after payment of the first annual subscription. Any ordinary member whose subscription is six months in default and who has been duly notified of the fact shall, if the Council see fit, cease to be the member of the Society.

10. Resignation of membership shall be notified in writing to the Secretary and the member resigning shall be liable for payment of his / her subscription for the current year together with any arrears up to the date of tendering his/her resignation.

11. The Council of the Society shall consist of a Chairman, Six Vice-Chairmen, a Secretary, a Treasurer and Sixteen members. The Officers and Members of the Council shall be normally appointed by election to be held every two years at the Annual General Meeting. The Officers and Members shall hold the same office for two years. No Officer or Member of the Council shall hold the same office for more than two terms consecutively. Nomination for the offices of the Council can be made by any two members at the Annual General Meeting whenever elections are held and must be accompanied by intimation from the nominee that he or she is willing to stand.

12. If an interim vacancy arises the Council may co-opt a suitable member to fill up the vacancy.
13. The day-to-day business of the Society shall be conducted by the Council. In any matter concerning the interpretation of the rules, the decision shall rest with the Council. The Council shall decide in matters concerning the Society which are not explicitly covered by the bye-laws. Four members of the Council shall constitute a quorum for the meeting. The Chairman shall exercise his/her casting vote in case of a tie. In the absence of the Chairman, the senior Vice-Chairman present shall function as the Chairman for that meeting.
14. There shall be a President of the Society who will preside over the annual conference of the Society. The president shall be appointed by election at the annual general meeting of the preceding year.
15. The annual general meeting shall be held during the annual conference of the Society. Each Fellow, Life Member and Ordinary Member is entitled to one vote while the Institutional Member is eligible for two votes to be exercised by the persons duly authorised by the organisation concerned. Representatives of such organisations are not eligible to serve on the Council of the Society.
16. The quorum for the annual general meeting shall be one third of the members of the Society or 25 members whichever is less.
17. The annual conference of the Society shall be held at different centres of the country each year. The Organising Committee of the annual conferences shall render an account of the receipts and expenditure of the conference to the council of the Society. Twenty per cent of the amount collected as delegate fee shall be credited to the Society.
18. The Council may, whenever necessary, convene general meetings which shall be called Extraordinary General Meeting. The Council shall also convene an Extraordinary General Meeting on the request in writing of not less than 20 members to the Secretary. Such requests shall state the purpose for which the meeting is to be convened.
19. The conduct of any meeting of the Society, business or scientific, shall be in the hands of the Chairman approved by the Council.
20. The memorandum, constitution and bye-laws of the Society may be altered only at the annual general meeting after the issue of atleast a month's advance notice. No alteration shall be made unless two-thirds of those present vote in its favour.

21. Fifteen or more resident members of the Society in and around a city or a centre can form a local branch of the Indian Society of Criminology after obtaining the permission of the Council of the Society.

22. The local branch will organise lectures, symposia, workshops etc. on topics of criminology and allied sciences with a view to further the aims and objects of the Society and to facilitate mutual contact amongst members of the region.

23. The vice chairman or a member of the Council or a life member of the Society residing in that region will be the convenor of the local branch. He/She may co-opt two more members to assist him/her in the local committee.

24. The Council shall remit to each local branch of the Society a sum of Rs.20/- per new annual member and Rs.50/- per new life member at the time of his or her admission through the local branch. An utilisation certificate shall be submitted to the Society by the local branches for the amount received.

25. The Society shall publish a Journal. The Journal shall be edited by an Editor appointed by the Council of the Society. The editor of the Indian Journal of Criminology will be ex-officio member of the council.

26. The funds of the Society including donations shall be deposited in a scheduled bank nominated by the Council.

27. Investments of the funds of the Society shall be made

i) in a special account opened by the Society for the purpose in any other banking company as defined in the Banking (Regulation) Act, 1949 (Central Act X of 1949) or

ii) in "Units" issued by the Unit Trust of India; or

iii) in securities of undertakings of the State Governments or the Government of India.

28. The funds will be operated jointly by the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Society. An audited statement of accounts shall be produced by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.