

Aspergillus Genomes Research Policy Group Statutes

(approved 4/21/2004 at the First *Aspergillus* Meeting)

1. The Group shall be named the *Aspergillus* Genomes Research Policy Group (AGRPG)

The objectives of the AGRPG will include, but not be limited to,

- Provision of an educational and discussion forum for issues pertaining to *Aspergillus* genomics, in its widest sense, for the various *Aspergillus* research communities
- Influencing grant making bodies and other institutions on behalf of the various *Aspergillus* research communities
- Coordinating research activities internationally, as and when required, to further the science base of the *Aspergillus* genus.

2. Any researchers on any aspect of *Aspergillus* spp. may be an AGRPG member and be entitled to attend, speak and vote at the Annual General Meeting.
3. The executive committee will be responsible collectively for all the activities of the AGRPG and only members of the Committee may speak publicly (including any written communication) on behalf of the APGRC. Membership of the AGRPG Executive Committee will consist of 7 members drawn from at least 3 countries:

Chairman

Meetings Chair

5 other members (ideally representing different *Aspergillus* species and areas of research)

4. The executive Committee members will elect the Chairman and Meetings Chair from amongst the elected group.
5. All Executive Committee members will serve for a 3-year term except for 3 members of the committee elected in 2004 (to facilitate rotation). Committee posts falling vacant because of death, illness or resignation will be filled at the next Annual General Meeting. Temporary replacements may be made by the Executive Committee as necessary, by co-option. Committee members may serve for 1 or 2 terms in any one role, and up to another 2 terms in any other role, a maximum of 12 years continuously on the committee. The Chairman will serve one at the end of his term of office as Past-Chairman, in an advisory capacity. Re-election after a break off the Committee is acceptable.
6. An Annual General Meeting of the AGRPG will be held at the Fungal Genetics Conferences each year, if possible, and will be an open meeting. The quorum will be at least 4 members of the Committee and 10 other *Aspergillus* researchers (AGRPG members). In addition the Committee might organize other meetings and workshops as opportunities present themselves.
7. All Executive Committee members will be elected by a simple majority the Annual General Meeting. The ballot will be open, and held on the day of the Annual General Meeting, in a manner determined in advance by the Committee. The first Committee will be elected at the Inaugural Meeting of the AGRPG at the European Fungal Genetics Conference in Copenhagen in 2004. Nominations can be made prior to the meeting, or at the conference. Nominations require a proposer and seconder, and the consent of the person being proposed. A criterion for nomination will be publication of at least one research paper about *Aspergillus*.

8. The Chairman of the AGRPG will chair all meetings of the AGRPG Committee and Annual Meeting in his/her absence the Committee will appoint a deputy. The Chairman is responsible for co-ordinating the activities of the AGRPG. The Chairman (or in his/her absence his/her deputy) will have a casting vote in any situation when votes are tied.
9. The Meetings Chair will be responsible for organizing the Annual General Meeting of the AGRPG.
10. All expenditure decisions of the AGRPG require the approval of at least three members of the Committee including at least one of the Chairman or Meetings Secretary. The Committee will handle any funds received as they see fit, without recourse to the membership.
11. Meetings of the Committee may be held anywhere including by e-mail, telephone, video-conferencing and webcam, with 7 days notice to all Committee members. A quorum will comprise at least 4 members of the Committee.
12. Notices of meetings, minutes and other policy communications will be communicated on The Aspergillus Website and the Fungal Genetics Stock Center website, or alternate as determined by the Committee.