



INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE CULTIVATION OF SCIENCE  
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Code of Conduct for Life Members of the Association

Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (IACS) Kolkata, the oldest fundamental research Institute in Asia Continent, established in Kolkata in the wake of Bengal renaissance in 1876 under the Societies Registration Act 1860 providing leadership in science education and research at the highest level by the native people of India. IACS continues to provide a rich legacy till date having won the country's first and only Nobel Prize in science. Over a period of fourteen decades, thousands of scholars have performed research in this institution with high level of creativity. IACS today is a leading institution known globally for research in various facets of fundamental science. Being a Society under the Societies Registration Act, IACS is an august body of members, the greatest asset of a learned society. .

In its journey to excel its scientific education and research, IACS was favoured for the 1<sup>st</sup> time by the then colonial British Government with yearly grant sometimes from 3<sup>rd</sup> decade of twentieth century. Moreover, after independence, IACS has been brought after on the public fund and its assets and property are being acquired and maintained primarily from the fund provided by the Government of India. Presently the Government of India provides more than 90% funds and for thus financial rules and regulations of the Government of India is the guiding principle for spending each rupee of fund. The IACS Library is rich in its volume in the domain of science and it is regularly enriched with books, periodicals with online access to almost all scientific journals and periodicals. National Knowledge Resource Consortium (NKRC), a consortium of DST, GoI and CSIR Laboratories also provides funds to IACS Library and for thus it is solely a national property. Since Association have come a long way in its journey with the public funds for its well being, Association is in the process of framing of 'Library Rules and Regulations' to be followed by its staff, scholars and general body members also for the noble cause of maintaining and protecting of precious public asset.

The objective of the Society, as illustrated in its Memorandum of IACS are :-

- (1) To cultivate science in all its departments both with a view to its advancement by original research and to its varied applications to the arts and comforts of life.
- (2) To found, equip and maintain scientific laboratories and library or reading room for general use among the members or the students of the Association.
- (3) To establish and maintain collections of Natural History, Mechanical, scientific and philosophical inventions, instruments or designs.

- (4) To take all proper and necessary steps for diffusion and cultivation of science in all departments.

Regarding Association's Membership and Fellowship, the Regulations of IACS state as follows :-

*All persons of whatever origin or nationality would be eligible to become Members and Fellows, subject to approval of the Governing Council of the Association. The Council will be competent to prescribe minimum qualifications for persons intending to become members and fellows. These minimum qualifications would however not affect the existing members. Notwithstanding the above, the Council shall also be empowered to revise and reassess membership status at any point of time and bring about changes if it feels necessary.*

Rights and Privileges of Members and Fellows as per Regulations of IACS

1. The members and fellows of the Association shall have the right to attend all the meetings of the Association.
2. They would be eligible for and participate election to the Management Committee.
3. They would have reading access to the library and archives of the Association. However, they would be subject to the rules of the library or archive that be prevalent from time to time.
4. They would be eligible to participate in lectures and receive selected publications of the Association.
5. A member or fellow of the Association would abstain from voting on matters for which he or she might be a beneficiary and shall not be elected or nominated to the Council/Management except under special circumstances.

Removal of Members as per Regulations of IACS

The Council may consider removal of members of the Association under the following cases:-

1. A member who fails to give the subscription even after reminder by the Executive Secretary.
2. A member who has absented himself or herself on five consecutive Annual General Meetings.
3. A member whose activities are considered derogatory to the affairs of the Association.

Any member would stand removed, if the motion of his or her removal is passed by a majority vote in the Council. The names of such members would be reported in the next General Meeting. This would be confirmed in the next General Meeting.

The guiding rules as given in the Memorandum and Regulations of IACS have to be followed by the learned members of the General Body. The General Body Members will have to abide by the 'Rules and Regulations of Library', as approved by the Governing Council when they are to use IACS Library. Moreover, the learned members have to maintain the following code of conduct, while they are availing their rights as legitimated by the Governing Council for the General Body members. These are necessary to protect the government property and to ensure security and dignity of the individuals in the Institute.

- a) Members intending to attend the General Body meeting should maintain peace and tranquillity during the proceedings of the meeting of this august body.
- b) A Member entering into the premises of IACS for whatever may be the reason, s/he is expected to take care of the property of IACS, since the entire property of IACS is government property. Since the authority of IACS has been entrusted with the responsibility of the upkeep of these properties the Life members should extend their cooperation to the competent authority in this work.
- c) Members should not use IACS Logo and should not refer IACS for their personal gain. They should not approach to IACS authority to refer their cases elsewhere for submitted scientific papers, posters etc. They also should not approach for any type of support and service for referring their cases elsewhere.
- d) Members are to submit signed registration forms as made compulsory for all the students, researchers and employees in the Institute; otherwise they will not be allowed to avail institute resources any more.
- e) Any act of damaging property of the Institute, and/or denigrating the repute of the Institute in any manner, and/or any violation of standing rules and regulations and statutory norms including anti-ragging, Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 prevailing in the Institute, will be handled by CCS (CCA ) Rules, 1965, as applicable to the regular employees of the Institute. The Disciplinary Authority in such cases will be the Director and the Appellate Authority will be the Chairman of the Governing Council.