IASP: Process for development of policy positions

Questionnaire

Name…………………………………………………………………………….

Date…………………………………..

NOTE: A 'policy position' here refers to IASP's views on an issue that is relevant to its purpose and mission (e.g., euthanasia). Policy positions are used to guide the work of the Association; influence international organisations, national governments, other NGOs; and engage with the media. In this context 'policy' does NOT refer to internal governance arrangements (e.g., eligibility for membership).

Q1. The Executive Committee should *oversee* the process of developing policy positions for the organisation.

    1. Yes
    2. No

1A (If No to Q1) Which IASP body should oversee the policy position development process?

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Q2. The Council of National Representatives has a constitutional mandate "to propose and recommend policy and guidelines for the Association" (Article 8, Section 6e). Which other body/bodies should be able to *suggest the development of* a specific policy?

    (Tick all that apply)

- General Assembly
- Council of National Representatives
- Executive Committee
- Task Forces/Special Interest Groups
- Past presidents
- Individual members (all categories)
- International Expert Group (appointed by Executive Committee and/or General Assembly)

Q3. Which body/bodies should take responsibility for *drafting* a policy position for the organisation?

> (Tick all that apply)

- General Assembly
- Council of National Representatives
- Executive Committee (via its own efforts or delegated to another Association body)
- Task Forces/Special Interest Groups
- Past presidents
- Individual members (all categories)

Q4. Which body/bodies should be *consulted* on the draft version of the policy position?

> (Tick all that apply)

- General Assembly
- Council of National Representatives
- Executive Committee
- Task Forces/Special Interest Groups
- Past presidents
- Individual members (all categories)
- Partners/collaborators/stakeholders
- International Expert Group (appointed by Executive Committee and/or General Assembly)
- Other relevant international organisations (e.g., WHO, WFMH, etc)
- Others (specify) …………………………………………………………..

Q5. Which body/bodies should have *authority to approve* the final version of a policy position?

- General Assembly
- Executive Committee
- Other (specify)………………………………………………….

Q5A. (If 'Executive Committee' is selected for Q5) Should the Executive Committee decision to approve a policy position be subject to *ratification* by the General Assembly?

1. Yes
2. No

Q5B. (If 'General Assembly' is selected for Q5) Would approval have to be obtained by a vote at a biennial Congress or would it also be acceptable to seek approval by email vote?

1. Only at Congress
2. At Congress or by email.

Q6. Which body/bodies should be responsible for **establishing priorities** for developing policy positions?

- General Assembly

- Executive Committee

- Other (specify)………………………………………………….

Q7. The process for developing policy positions should be **incorporated into the organisation's constitution** (by means of a constitutional amendment).

1. Yes

2. No

Q8. List up to three **priority topics** for which policy positions could be developed over the next 2 years.

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