

# STATUTES



**INTERNATIONAL CROSSBOW-SHOOTING UNION**

**Internationale Armbrustschützen Union**

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**IAU**

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## I. NAME, FUNCTION & HEADQUARTERS

### Article 1

The **INTERNATIONAL CROSSBOW-SHOOTING UNION** was founded on June 24, 1956 in Landshut, Germany as the *Internationale Armbrustschützen Union*. The founding national federations were Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands and Switzerland. The organizations title in short form is **IAU**.

- a) The IAU shall be incorporated under the provisions of Article 60ff of the Swiss Civil Code. The Headquarters shall be located in Switzerland.
- b) For the time being the Headquarters of the IAU shall be domiciled at:  
  
**Les Vernets, P.O. Box 169, CH-2035 Corcelles, Switzerland**
- c) The IAU promotes and guides the development of the crossbow-shooting sports, without discrimination on political, racial or religious grounds, gender or disability and strengthens the bonds of friendship between crossbow-shooting associations of all nations.
- d) The IAU's Business Year shall be the calendar year i.e. January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. The IAU is a not-for-profit organization.
- e) The Official Languages of the IAU shall be English and German.

## II. PURPOSE

### Article 2

The IAU is an international organisation for all National target-shooting Federations. The IAU's objectives are:

- a) to support and promote crossbow target shooting on a world-wide basis;
- b) to assign and supervise the organisation of World and Continental Championships as well as other International Competitions;
- c) to cultivate traditional, as well as modern crossbow-shooting on a world-wide basis;
- d) to establish Technical and Competition Rules and Regulations for the sport of crossbow target shooting;

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- e) to administer the official IAU website, edit and distribute an email newsletter to Members and other interested parties (internet language - English);
- f) to publish Byelaws and Competition Rules in the English and German languages in all appropriate formats;
- g) to present awards to persons who have made extraordinary contributions to the sport of crossbow shooting or who have achieved outstanding success as an athlete;

**III. MEMBERSHIP**

**Article 3**

IAU recognizes the following classes of memberships:

- a) National Federations
- b) Honorary Members
- c) Associate Member Federations

Definitions: - National Federations are those organizations which are recognized by the IAU's Executive Committee or by the General Assembly or EGA as the body representing the crossbow shooters of the nation concerned.

- The category of Associate Member Federation allows the establishing/conserving contact with shooting sports Federations which do not at present have the means or the number of participants to justify full membership.

**Article 4**

Each nation may have up to two (2) Federations as members of the IAU provided that one Federation represents **Match** Crossbow-shooting and the other **Field** Crossbow-shooting. In such cases both National Federations are considered as having equal rights and therefore have the same voting powers in the General Assembly. Each Federation will pay the IAU annual Membership Fee.

- a) Applications for membership must be submitted in writing and must be supported by the documents listed in art. 5a and 5b, to IAU's Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall decide on the acceptance of new National Federations and Associate Member Federation. It may refuse a request without giving a reason.
- b) If a request for membership is refused by IAU's Executive Committee, the

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applicant may appeal in writing to the IAU Secretary General within 30 days of the official notification the National or Associate Member Federation concerned then has the right to be heard at the next GA or EGA. The decision of the IAU's GA or EGA is final.

**Article 5**

All Member National Federations and Associate Member Federations of the IAU are obligated:

- a) to give information about its founding and organizational structure;
- b) to send two (2) certified copies of its Statutes and Byelaws to the IAU;
- c) to pay regularly every year the IAU Membership Fee before March 31<sup>st</sup>, including, on first joining the IAU, the Membership Fee for the current year provided they are accepted as new Member before October 1<sup>st</sup>. If they are admitted as Members after October 1<sup>st</sup> they do not have to pay a Membership Fee for the year in which they are first accepted;
- d) to comply fully with IAU's Statutes and the decisions and instructions of the General Assembly, the Executive Committee and the IAU's Technical Committees.

**Article 6**

- a) In the case of a National Federation or Associate Member Federation not paying the IAU's Membership Fee before 31 March its rights as a Member are immediately suspended until the outstanding amount is paid in full.
- b) In the case of a National Federations or Associate Member Federations does not being paid for at least two (2) years the IAU has the right to expel such a Member by a simple majority vote of the Executive Committee (see Article 8 for the right to appeal).

**Article 7**

- a) Every Member Federation (Match or Field) may be represented at the General Assembly by one (1) Delegate and will have one (1) vote.  
An Associate Member Federation may be represented by one delegate, but without vote power.

**Article 7 continued**

- b) In the case of a Member Federation being represented by both crossbow-shooting disciplines (Match and Field) and it is accredited by the IAU accordingly, such Federations may be represented in the IAU's General Assembly by two Delegates having one (1) vote each.
- c) In the case a Member Federation being prevented from participating in the IAU's General Assembly it may authorise (in writing) another National Federation, being a Member of the IAU, to represent it by Proxy. No such Member is allowed to carry the Proxy vote of more than one other Member (maximum 2 votes per Member federation). Members of the Executive Committee cannot carry Proxy votes.

**Article 8**

A National Federation or Associate Member Federation may resign from the IAU at the end of a Business Year by sending a registered letter to the Executive Committee. Resignation from the IAU is conditional on all financial obligations towards the IAU being completely fulfilled.

The Executive Committee may expel a Member National Federation or Associate Member Federation if:

- a) the National Federation or Associate Member Federation fails to pay its due membership fees for two (2) consecutive years;
- b) the National Federation or Associate Member Federation is wilfully, or with gross negligence, disregarding the IAU's regulations or decisions of the Disciplinary Commission or an award of the **Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)**;
- c) the National Federation or Associate Member Federation is no longer fulfilling its financial obligations to the IAU;
- d) the National Federation or Associate Member Federation is harming the IAU's reputation or cooperation within IAU;

**An appeal against expulsion** must be submitted in writing to the IAU Secretary General within 30 days of the official notification the National Federation concerned then has the right to be heard at the next GA or EGA.

#### **IV. GOVERNANCE**

##### **Article 9**

The authority of the IAU shall be exercised by:

- a) the General Assembly;
- b) the Executive Committee;
- c) the Presidium;
- d) the Technical Committees (Match and Field);
- e) the Disciplinary Commission.

##### **Article 10**

#### **GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA) & EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLIES (EGA)**

- a) The IAU General Assembly GA is composed of the Delegates of the IAU Member National Federations, Associate Member Federations and the Members of the IAU Executive Committee. The Voting Members shall be the National Federations. The IAU Executive Committee shall have no voting rights during GA or EGA.
- b) The General Assembly will meet every four (4) years. As a general principle the GA shall take place during an IAU World Championships.
- c) Extraordinary General Assemblies EGA may be called in writing by the Executive Committee or on the written request of ten (10) eligible voting Member nations. The reason for the EGA must be stated.
- d) The quorum for general business of the General Assembly (or Extraordinary General Assembly) shall be ten (10) Member federations including proxies or one-fifth (1/5) of the total number of eligible voting Member federations whichever is the lesser.

##### **Article 11**

The General Assembly is the supreme authority of the IAU. The General Assembly shall:

- a) accept annual Reports from the Executive Committee members;
- b) accept the Budget and set the Annual Membership fees;
- c) accept the annual Financial Statements;

**Article 11 continued**

- d) discharge from duty the Executive Committee members and the Auditor;
- e) election of;
  - the President and Vice-President(s);
  - the Chairpersons and Members of the Technical Committees;
  - the Auditor;
  - the Disciplinary Commission;
- f) approve the Host Organisations who will organize forthcoming IAU crossbow championships;
- g) vote upon motions from the Executive Committee or the National Member federations;
- h) other business of which notice has been given;
- i) appointment of Honorary Members, on request of the Executive Committee;
- j) the revision of the Statutes;
- k) the expulsion of Members (Article 8);
- l) the dissolution of the IAU (Article 32).

**Article 12**

The GA may only deal with matters itemized on the Agenda as printed and distributed in accordance with these Statutes. All other matters shall be deferred for consideration by the Executive Committee or at the next GA or EGA as appropriate.

**Article 13**

**NOTICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLIES**

- a) The Invitation to the General Assembly GA or an Extraordinary General Assembly EGA must be sent to all Members at least three (3) months before the date of the GA or EGA. The reason for the EGA must be stated.
- a) In order to be included on the Agenda at the GA or the EGA, proposals from



**Article 13 continued**

Member federations must be received by the Secretary General (by letter, fax or email) in English or German language at least eight (8) weeks before the GA or EGA convenes.

- b) The final Agenda for the GA or EGA together with the periodic reports, the proposals and, in the case of elections, the nominations shall be sent to all Members four (4) weeks before the GA or EGA convenes.

**Article 14**

**VOTING DURING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLIES**

- a) All decisions at GA or EGA are made by open vote and shall require a simple majority, except when a secret vote is requested by at least one-quarter (1/4) of the voting Member federations present.
- b) Resolutions entailing changes of these Statutes shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those eligible voting Member federations present or represented by proxy. The dissolution of the IAU shall require a three-quarters (3/4) majority vote of those eligible voting Member federations present or represented by proxy.
- c) The IAU Executive Committee shall have no voting rights during GA or EGA except that, in the case of an equality of votes, the Chairperson shall have one (1) casting vote.

**Article 15**

- a) The General Assembly shall be chaired by the President. In his absence the meeting shall be chaired by the most senior Vice-President. In case of Vice-Presidents being of equal seniority, the eldest (in age) Vice-President shall Chair the GA or EGA.
- b) In the absence of the President and all Vice-Presidents the GA or EGA will elect a Chairperson from amongst the other Members of the Executive Committee. If none of these persons are present, then a voting Delegate shall be elected as Chairperson.

**Article 16**

- a) In exceptional circumstances where no postponement is practicable GA or EGA decisions may be resolved by Postal Voting and/or Electronic Voting, except in the case of a motion to dissolve the IAU. The President shall explain to all Members the points to be voted upon and invite the Members to vote accordingly in writing.
- b) In the case of a Postal or Electronic vote Members will be given due notice by the IAU Secretary General and the results will be declared in writing within 30 days of the closing date of the ballot.
- c) For a motion to be adopted in any such Postal or Electronic ballot requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority in favour (voting YES) from those Member federations eligible to vote.

**Article 17**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC)**

The Executive Committee EC, being elected by the General Assembly, is composed as follows:

- the IAU President
  - 1-5 Vice-Presidents (each being resident on a different continent)
  - the Secretary General (appointed by the President)
  - the Finance Chief (appointed by the Executive Committee)
  - the Chairperson of the Technical Committee Match
  - the Chairperson of the Technical Committee Field
- a) The EC shall meet at least once per year preferably during an IAU Championships event.
  - b) At meetings of the EC decisions shall be adopted by a simple majority vote of the EC Members present and entitled to vote. Any member of the Executive Committee holding more than one office, e.g. Secretary General and Finance Chief as combined duties, shall only have one (1) vote.
  - c) At General or Extraordinary General Assemblies the IAU Executive Committee shall have no voting rights except that, in the case of an equality of votes, the Chairperson shall have one (1) casting vote.
  - d) The Members of the Executive Committee are elected by the General

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Assembly for a term of four (4) years. After such terms they may be re-elected.

- e) The President shall appoint the IAU Secretary General.
- f) The Executive Committee may appoint the IAU Finance Chief.
  
- g) As a general principle the Executive Committee shall consist of people from different Member National Federations except for the Secretary General who preferably resides in the same country as the President.

**Article 18**

The Executive Committee EC of the IAU shall be responsible for the conduct of all the affairs of the IAU and executing the decisions of the GA. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for:

- a) the delivery of regular World and Continental Championships;
- b) deciding on the structure of the IAU (including website, domain name etc.), the sphere of activity and the power to sign;
- c) drafting, implementation and review of Byelaws;
- d) appointing of working- and project groups;
- e) appointing and managing of officers with special tasks e.g. Ambassadors, Press Relations; IAU Bulletin etc;
- f) granting of Honours (Article 26);
- g) cultivating friendly relations between Member National Federations and Associate Member Federations, National and International Authorities, International and Private Organisations;
- h) acceptance of new Member National Federations and Associate Member Federations;
- i) examination of the Motions and/or Proposals for the GA;
- j) supervision of activities leading up to World and Continental Championships;
- k) in an instance where the GA was unable to vote on such a proposal, appoint the host National Federation(s) to organize the next World or Continental

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Championships;

- l) granting permission for International Competitions;
- m) the appointment of temporary Continental Committees CC comprising of a maximum of three (3) persons per continent, until such time as a Continental Association CA (Article 25) for the continent concerned is officially recognized by the IAU. Such CC's shall be chaired by the IAU Vice President for that continent.
- n) to enter into agreements or affiliations with other international sporting bodies in order to develop the sport of crossbow shooting on a world-wide basis;

**Article 19**

The Executive Committee has the authority (within the IAU Budget as approved by the GA) to:

- a) purchase awards for World and Continental Championships;
- b) purchase budgeted office equipment for a term of four (4) years;
- c) pay appropriate budgeted travel expenses to the Members of the Executive Committee to meetings of the Executive Committee and the GA;
- d) pay extraordinary expenses (not being in the Budget) up to an amount of CHF 1'000.--, e.g. for gifts and honours per year.

**Article 20**

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEES (TC)**

The Technical Committees Match and Field shall each be composed as follows:

- 1 Chairperson
  - 3 to 5 Members
- a) The Members of the Technical Committees as well as their Chairpersons shall be elected by the GA for a term of four (4) years and may be re-elected.

**Article 20 continued**

- b) The TC will appoint their own Secretaries from amongst their Members: each Secretary will be responsible for the minutes of the meetings of the Technical Committee concerned.
- c) The IAU President has the right to participate in meetings of the Technical Committees; the President has a right to participate in discussions and to file motions but does not have a right to vote.

**Article 21**

- a) The Technical Committees are responsible for the preparation and dissemination of Competition Rules in each discipline (Match and Field); such Rules must contain regulations regarding Doping which must be referred to the **World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)** Code which is applicable.
- b) Before any changes to the competition rules can be put into force the Technical Committee concerned must submit them in writing to the Executive Committee for their approval. If there are no objections the rule changes may be put into effect on the date determined by the Technical Committee. In the case of EC objections, the Secretary General shall send written notice to the TC Chairperson concerned explaining the reasons to which a written reply must be given by the TC within six (6) months of the date of issue of the notice. If no agreement can be reached the proposed rule change shall then be submitted to the next GA or EGA for a decision.
- c) Further tasks of the Technical Committees are:
  - Scrutinize and recognize World and Continental Records;
  - Prepare and manage a list of World and Continental Records;
  - Recruitment and training of International Competition Judges;
  - Prepare Rules to acknowledge extraordinary shooting performances.

**Article 22**

- a) The Chairperson and three (3) members of an IAU Technical Committee (Match and Field respectively) shall constitute a Quorum for TC meetings.
- b) As a general principle Technical Committees will meet during an IAU World Championships but otherwise may make decisions by electronic voting.
- c) All Technical Committee decisions shall be by a simple majority vote.

**Article 23**

**AUDITOR**

- a) The General Assembly shall elect the Auditor for a term of four (4) years. The Auditor is required to have appropriate professional qualifications.
- b) The Auditor shall check the IAU Books of Account and report to the Executive Committee.

**Article 24**

**PRESIDIUM**

The IAU Presidium implements decisions of the General Assembly and/or the Executive Committee. The Presidium is composed as follows:

- the IAU President
  - the Secretary General
  - the Finance Chief
- a) As a general principle the Presidium will operate remotely except in the case of responsibilities which require a face-to-face meeting. Meetings of the Presidium will be chaired by the President.
  - b) The Secretary General will support the President and write the Minutes and undertake all correspondence for the IAU.
  - c) The power to Sign for the Presidium is as follows:
    - on all financial matters: The President and Finance Chief (2 Signatories)
    - on any other matter: The President and Secretary General (2 Signatories)

**Article 25**

**CONTINENTAL ASSOCIATIONS (CA)**

The IAU recognizes one (1) Continental Association CA for each of the following five (5) regions; Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, Oceania.

**Article 25 continued**

The European region shall be the responsibility of the IAU Executive Committee.

The responsibilities of the Continental Associations shall be:

- a) to promote and encourage crossbow shooting throughout the region in conformity with the IAU rules and regulations;
- b) to arrange for the organization of Continental Championships and International events in all IAU crossbow shooting disciplines (where possible);
- c) to confirm and maintain Continental Record scores and maintain complete lists of scores from Continental Championships;

The IAU Executive Committee may delegate additional responsibilities to these Continental Associations as it deems appropriate in the best interests of the IAU.

**V. HONOURS**

**Article 26**

**a) HONORARY MEMBERS:**

The General Assembly may, upon a proposal by the Executive Committee, grant the title of Honorary President or Honorary Member respectively to a retiring President or a retiring Executive Committee Member for their outstanding services to the IAU. They may attend the General Assembly, but do not have the right to vote.

**b) HONORARY DIPLOMA:**

The Executive Committee may Honour persons, Cities, communities and firms who, as organisers or sponsors of World or Continental Championships, have successfully supported the IAU, with the IAU Honorary Diploma.

**c) HONORARY PLAQUE (29 x 26 cm, mounted on wood):**

The Executive Committee may honour Member Federations and/or Organizing Committees of World or Continental Championships with the IAU Honorary Plaque.

**d) HONORARY MEDAL (with pin):**

The Executive Committee may honour persons who have distinguished themselves by their work for international crossbow shooting with the Gold, Silver or Bronze IAU-Honorary Medal with pin.

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Member National Federations may nominate people who have distinguished themselves by their work for international crossbow shooting to receive the IAU Silver or Bronze IAU Honorary Medal with pin.

Written nominations, signed by the President and the Secretary of the Member National Federation concerned, together with a detailed Citation, must be handed over to the IAU General Secretary at least six (6) months before the presentation date.

The Executive Committee shall decide on the awarding of Honorary Pins.

In case of acceptance the applicant Member National Federation has to bear the expenses and make the formal presentation during the course of one of its own events.

The IAU Secretary General shall maintain a register of all recipients of IAU Honorary Awards.

**VI. OFFICIAL BULLETIN & COMMERCIAL RIGHTS**

**Article 27**

- a) The Executive Committee shall publish an Official Bulletin containing official news, results and other reports.
- b) This Bulletin will be first published (in English) on the Official IAU Website.
- c) If the Bulletin is printed and mailed, every Member National Federation or Associate Member Federation, IAU Committee Member and Honorary Member will be entitled to one (1) copy free of charge. Additional copies can be obtained for a subscription fee.

**Article 28**

- a) The Official IAU Emblem (logo) and/or the IAU Flag may only be used with the written authorization of the Executive Committee.
- b) The Official IAU Medals (Individual awards) for presentation at World or Continental Championships, may only be produced with the written authorization of the Executive Committee.



**Article 29**

- a) Any commercial marketing of international Crossbow-shooting, especially events authorized by the IAU, may only take place with the written authorization of the Executive Committee.
- b) Rights and obligations are listed in the Byelaws which shall be issued by the Executive Committee.
- c) All income arising from the above agreements shall only be expended on internal advertising, the IAU Bulletin, special reproductions, brochures, promotions etc.

**VII. DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION & ARBITRATION**

**Article 30**

- a) The Disciplinary Commission consists of three (3) members, who may not hold any other function within the IAU.
- b) These members shall be elected by the Executive Committee for a term of four (4) years.
- c) The Disciplinary Commission is the only vehicle for enforcing discipline within the IAU.
- d) Referrals to the Disciplinary Commission DC can only be made by the IAU Executive Committee. In the case a referral arising out of a competitive event the Executive Committee shall be advised in writing by the Organiser and the Chairperson of the Competition Jury.
- e) The Disciplinary Commission can impose sanctions against IAU Members, functionaries and crossbow-shooters as well as members and licensees of the National Federations, if they infringe the IAU's Statutes, Regulations or Instructions.
- f) Such infringement may include unsportsmanlike behaviour, acting improperly, committing a criminal offence or otherwise infringing the Regulations of the IAU during any authorized event.
- g) The Disciplinary Commission can impose the following disciplinary measures:
  - A Warning verbally and in writing;
  - Fine up to an amount of CHF 5'000.– for any one offence;

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- Suspension from membership;
- Request of expulsion from the IAU by a General Meeting (EGA or GA).
- h) **Right of Appeal;** The affected party may Appeal against the decision of the IAU Disciplinary Commission to the **Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)** in Lausanne SUI, whose decision shall be binding on both parties.
- i) Any Appeal must be lodged within thirty (30) days of the IAU's ruling.
- j) Any disputes between members or between a member and the IAU which arise from these Statutes or decisions of the IAU Disciplinary Commission are all subject to clause 30h above.
- k) No such procedure may be referred to any Civil Court.

**VIII. FINAL CLAUSES & TEMPORARY PROVISIONS**

**Article 31**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES**

- a) Proposed amendments to these Statutes must be submitted in writing to the IAU Secretary General at least three (3) months before the General Assembly. Such proposals by Member Federations must be signed by the President and the Secretary of that Federation.
- b) Proposals by the Executive Committee shall require a majority decision.
- c) Any Proposal which arrives after the closing date (see clause 31a above) shall only be considered at the next General or Extraordinary General Assembly (whichever comes first).
- d) Amendments to these Statutes can only be adopted with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the GA or EGA.

**Article 32**

**DISSOLUTION OF THE IAU**

- a) The intended dissolution of the IAU shall require an Extraordinary General Assembly at which the proposed dissolution shall be the only item on the Agenda. The Proposal must be accompanied by supporting documentation and the submission must be received by the IAU President at least three (3) months before the proposed EGA is to be convened.
- b) Notice of intended dissolution must be circulated in writing to all Members at least two (2) months before the EGA.
- c) The dissolution of the IAU shall require a three-quarters (3/4) majority vote of those eligible voting Member federations present or represented by proxy.
- d) Any assets remaining after the dissolution of the IAU, shall after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, be applied to the furtherance of any objective(s) of the IAU as determined by the General Assembly at, or before, the time of dissolution. If effect cannot be given to the foregoing provisions, they shall be given to an international organization which is engaged in social or charitable projects. Under no circumstances shall they be paid to, or distributed among the Members of the IAU.

**Article 33**

**LIABILITY**

- a) The IAU shall maintain appropriate Insurance cover e.g. 'Directors and Officers Insurance' for the serving members of the IAU Executive Committee.
- b) The IAU shall in no circumstances accept liability for damages resulting from injury to spectators or to members of any Member Federation or from the damage to or loss of property while participating in or attending any championship, competition or other function organized, sponsored or recognized by the IAU.
- c) Host Organizing Committees shall indemnify the IAU and shall maintain appropriate Public Liability (Event) insurance cover.

**Article 34**

**OFFICIAL TEXT**

In the case of disagreement in the interpretation of the Statutes, General Regulations or rules and official documents of the IAU the English text shall prevail.

These Statutes were approved at the Extraordinary General Assembly in Ulan-Ude, Republic of Buryatia on August 23, 2015 and are immediately operative.

All preceding texts are hereby revoked.

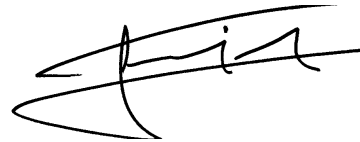
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Charles MÉCHIN

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IAU President

Yves LEJARD

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IAU Secretary General