

# AsiaFlux Bylaw

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## 1. Mission and Vision

- 1.1. AsiaFlux is a science community with a mission to bring Asia's key ecosystems under observation to ensure quality and sustainability of life on earth.
- 1.2. The AsiaFlux vision is 'thinking community, learning frontier' i.e., being the learning frontier of ecosystem science, service, and stewardship in Asia, where cross-disciplinary, contextualized, and culturally diverse knowledge is produced and practiced with resilience-based systems thinking to fulfill sustainability.

## 2. Infrastructure

- 2.1. AsiaFlux consists of the Advisory Committee (AC), the Scientific Steering Committee (SSC), and the core Workgroups (WGs).
- 2.2. The AC is composed of the former Chairs of the SSC and the present Chair and Vice-Chair of the SSC. The present Chair of SSC serves as the Chairperson of the AC. The AC is able to obtain outside professional advice and, if necessary, to invite outsiders with experience and reputation within the FLUXNET communities.

## 3. Function and Responsibility

- 3.1. The primary functions of the AC are to:
  - (1) guide the overall direction and development of the projects and activities in accordance with the AsiaFlux vision and goals and
  - (2) be responsible for the appointment of the Chair, Vice-Chair, and members of the SSC.
- 3.2. The primary functions of the SSC are to:

- (1) provide scientific guidance to and oversee the development, planning and implementation of the core projects that are officially acknowledged and approved by SCC;
- (2) encourage publication of results and activities with a pertinent form of acknowledgement of AsiaFlux;
- (3) promote wide awareness of AsiaFlux amongst their scientific and social communities;
- (4) demonstrate progress and achievements of the AsiaFlux goals and vision through monitoring and management of milestones and results;
- (5) persuade national and international funding agencies to support the implementation of core projects and programs of AsiaFlux;
- (6) inspire collaboration between the core projects (and WGs activities) and the national/international programs and agencies; and
- (7) recommend to the AC: (a) members, (b) a Chair, (c) a Vice-Chair for appointment by the AC, and (d) amendments to these terms as necessary

3.3. In undertaking these responsibilities, the SSC shall collectively:

- (1) meet at least once a year (e.g., during the annual workshop) to review progress in the development and implementation of the core projects and programs and to advise the Chair and the related leaders on the scientific developments needed to be initiated;
- (2) prepare and revise guidelines for conducting meetings, workshops and conferences designed to fulfill the AsiaFlux goals and vision;
- (3) develop guidelines for the preparation, publication and distribution of reports related to the AsiaFlux activities, individually and collectively;
- (4) devise a methodology for monitoring and assessing progress;
- (5) advise the leaders of the core projects and programs on the necessary actions required in support of the work of the SSC; and
- (6) consider other matters that are brought to their attention or consideration by the AC.

3.4. Members of the SSC serve in their individual capacities and are expected to:

- (1) attend in full, the meetings of the SSC;
- (2) provide the best possible scientific information and advice concerning their field of specialization related to the goals and vision of AsiaFlux;
- (3) represent the scientific interests of the AsiaFlux at relevant scientific meetings and other opportunities;

- (4) provide a written report to the SSC within one month of attendance at a meeting at the expense of the AsiaFlux or when requested by the SSC;
- (5) provide a two-way communication between the SSC and national and international research community;
- (6) keep the AsiaFlux office and Chair of the SSC fully informed of all actions related to the AsiaFlux activities and interests; and
- (7) assist in securing financial and other support for the execution of the research and service adopted and approved by the SSC.

3.5. The Chair of the SSC is expected to:

- (1) chair the meetings of the SSC;
- (2) undertake advocacy on behalf of the AsiaFlux projects and activities and also enlist wide international participation in these project;
- (3) work closely with the SSC members and WG leaders in implementing agreed activities between meetings of the Committee; and
- (4) report periodically to the AC on progress implementing the projects and seek the assistance of the AC in addressing difficulties encountered in the implementation.

3.6. The Vice-Chair of the SSC is expected to:

- (1) chair the meetings of the committee in the absence of the Chair;
- (2) undertake advocacy on behalf of the AsiaFlux projects and activities and also enlist wide international participation in these projects; and
- (3) assist the Chair, the SSC members and the WG leaders in implementing agreed activities between meetings of the Committee.

#### **4. Terms and Qualification**

4.1. The AC member shall serve for a term of 3 years and may be reappointed for additional terms.

4.2. The new SSC members are appointed by the AC on the basis of their evaluation and recommendation by the SSC and serve for a period of three years, with the possibility of up to two renewal periods, subject to conditions and evaluation.

4.3. The SSC recommends a candidate for a new member by submitting a recommendation letter along with the candidate's CV to the AC.

4.4. The SSC member candidate must have been an active, registered

member of AsiaFlux at least for 3 years, who is evidently a role model in ecosystem science, service and stewardship. The candidates must be those who will faithfully commit to and are capable of fulfilling the functions and responsibilities listed in Sections 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4.

## **5. Resignation**

- 5.1. Any member of the SSC (including Chair and Vice-Chair) can resign from his or her position upon the approval of the AC.
- 5.2. Upon resignation of Chair, the Vice-Chair serves as a Replacement Chair and the AC will appoint a new Vice-Chair. Replacement Chair shall be appointed to the remainder of the resigning Chair's term. If the term of the replacement Chair (or Vice-Chair) is less than one year, this term will not be included in the number of consecutive reappointments.
- 5.3. If an SSC member other than Chair (and Vice-Chair) resigns, the vacancy shall not be filled until the next election. However, this is not the case if the SSC appeals the necessity to the AC; the vacant position may be filled in the middle of the term.
- 5.4. Member of the AC may resign from the committee by notification to the Chair.

## **6. Miscellaneous**

- 6.1. These rules will take effect on 1 August 2010.
- 6.2. The terms of Chair, Vice-Chair and members of the SSC at the time of 1 August 2010 shall be until 31 March 2011.
- 6.3. These rules may be amended by the request of the SSC, which must be approved by the AC.

## **Revision History**

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- SSC request recorded based on the October 2024 SSC vote - Amendment to Article 4.2 (SSC term / renewal).
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