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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

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RELATIONS BETWEEN THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

APPLICATIONS FOR OBSERVER STATUS IN CODEX

1. The Executive Committee is hereby **invited**, in accordance with Rule IX.6 of the Rules of Procedure and the *Principles Concerning the Participation of International Non-Governmental Organizations in the Work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission*, to provide advice regarding the applications for observer status from the international non-governmental organizations neither having status with FAO nor official relations with WHO, as included in the Annexes. Other relevant information received from the applicant organizations will be made available to the Executive Committee in conference room documents.
2. The Directors-General of FAO and WHO will decide whether the applicant organizations are to be granted observer status, taking into account all relevant information received from the applicant and the advice of the Executive Committee.
3. This document contains the following applications:

Annex	Name	Additional information
Annex 1	AACC	CRD1
Annex 2	EFFCA	CRD2

ANNEX 1: AACC INTERNATIONAL

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AACC International is a non-profit organization of scientists who are specialists in the use of cereal grains in foods. The Association was previously known as the American Association of Cereal Chemists (AACC). In 2005, members of the Association approved changing the organization's name to AACC International in order to better reflect the direction of the Association and the grains industry as a whole.

The Association was founded by scientists who saw the need for developing standardized methods for the grain-based food industry. Today there are 22 Technical Committees within AACC Intl. developing analytical methods. The Association has been an innovative leader in gathering and disseminating scientific and technical information to professionals in the grain-based foods industry worldwide for nearly 100 years. Established in 1915, AACC Intl. publishes the journals [Cereal Chemistry](#) and [Cereal Foods World](#) as well as [books](#) on grain chemistry and food science. In addition to many other opportunities for professional interactions, the association holds an annual [meeting](#) with more than 300 scientific poster and paper presentations, provides [short courses](#) for food scientists taught by well-known experts in the field, and offers the online library of industry netcasts, the [Cereal Science Knowledge Database](#). AACC International has been instrumental in developing scientific definitions used widely by government and industry. AACC Intl also offers an international [check sample](#) and proficiency testing service, analytical sanitation certification as well as regional [sections](#) and subject matter [divisions](#).

AACC International provides a resource for timely technical information, significant research findings and opportunities for scientists to interact. AACC Intl regularly names ad hoc committees to address key scientific issues related to grains. Membership options include: individual, student, country with developing economy (CDE), life, and corporate.

Please see attached additional documentation: AACC Intl Bylaws.pdf, AACC Intl Constitution.pdf, and AACC Intl Vision Statement.pdf.

D. Member Organizations

AACC International supports several Sections which serve international populations. Section Officers are required to maintain membership in AACC Intl, but Section Members are not required to do so. This arrangement allows AACC International to further its mission to “advance grain science worldwide” by allowing participants to be involved on which ever level suits them best. Each Section possesses its own Bylaws, modeled after the Bylaws of AACC International. At present, AACC Intl includes thirteen geographic Sections, the details for each of which follow. None of the individual sections currently enjoy observer status within the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

Canadian Prairie Section

The Canadian Prairie Section is centered in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Presently chaired by Martin Scanlon, the Section has approximately eighteen active members.

Central States Section

The Central States Section is centered in the Central Midwest of the United States. Presently chaired by Barbara Heidolph, the Section has approximately forty-seven active members.

Cincinnati Section

The Cincinnati Section includes individuals from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, and parts of Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina. Additional members are from California, Georgia, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Washington. Presently chaired by James Janson, the Section has approximately sixty active members.

Downunder Section

The Downunder Section includes Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, and South Pacific Islands. Presently chaired by A.B. (Tony) Blakeney, the Section presently has approximately forty-five active members.

Europe Section

The Europe Section includes participants from all over Europe. Presently chaired by Peter Weegels, the Section has approximately 279 active members.

Japan Section

The Japan Section includes participants from throughout Asia, with meetings mostly held in Tokyo. Presently chaired by Kouji Takeya, the Section has approximately ninety-six active members.

Latin America Local Section

The Latin America Local Section includes Mexico and all central and South American countries. Presently chaired by Alicia De Francisco, the Section has approximately thirty-eight active members.

Manhattan Section

The Manhattan Section includes the Western portion of the Northeast corner of Kansas. Presently chaired by Richard Dempster, the Section has approximately sixty-nine active members.

Northern California Section

The Northern California Section includes Northern California and Nevada, except for the Southeast portion. Presently chaired by Jose Berrios, the Section has approximately seventeen active members.

Northwest Section

The Northwest Section includes North Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. Presently chaired by Renee Rosen, the Section has approximately sixty-nine active members.

Pacific Northwest Section

The Pacific Northwest Section includes Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Montana, and Wyoming. Presently chaired by Andrew Ross, the Section has approximately twenty-two active members.

Pioneer Section

The Pioneer Section includes Kansas, except for the Northeast corner. Presently chaired by Richard Kendrick, the Section has approximately eighty-nine active members.

Southern Africa Section

The Southern Africa Section includes all countries in Sub-Saharan Africa. Presently chaired by K. Gyebi Duodu, the Section has approximately forty active members.

E. Structure

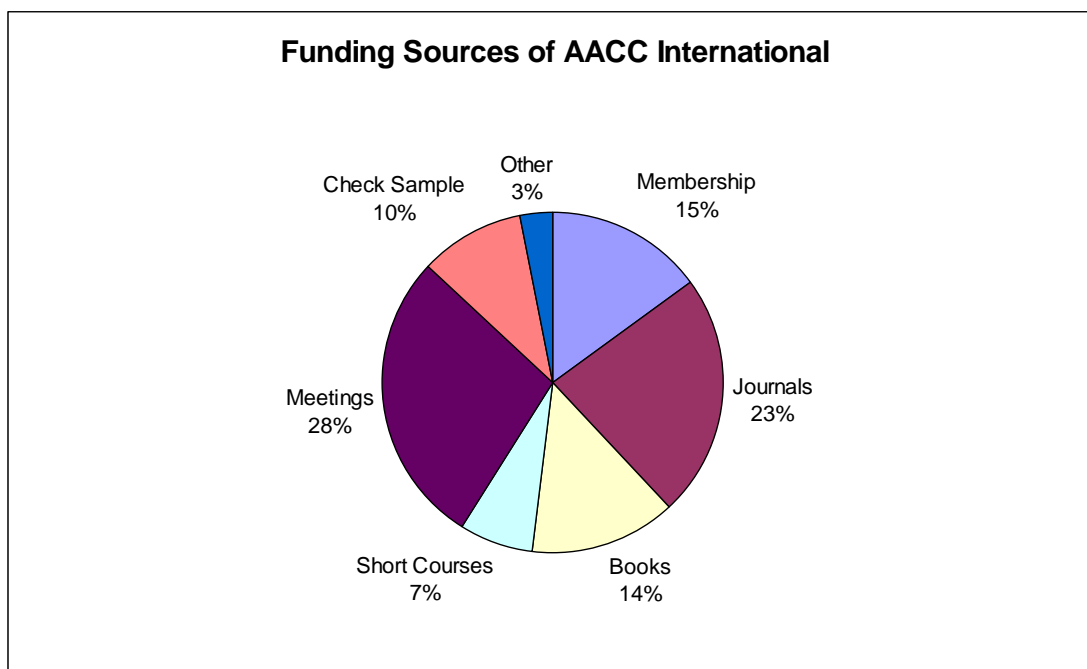
AACC International is governed by a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is comprised of the Society president, chair of the board, president-elect, treasurer, and six directors. The group oversees the activities and initiatives of the Society. The Board of Directors meets annually at AACC Intl Headquarters and during the AACC Intl Annual Meeting.

A number of Divisions are in place to administer initiatives of the Society. Active Divisions of AACC International exist to cover eleven topical areas of importance for the Society. Divisions include the Biotechnology Division, Carbohydrate Division, Education Division, Engineering & Processing Division,

Flavor & Food Ingredients Division, Milling & Baking Division, Nutrition Division, Protein Division, Rheology Division, Rice Division, and Student Division. Each Division has bylaws and an officer structure.

F. Sources of Funding

AACC International is funded by revenue generated through the Society's various activities. Meeting revenue and journal sales generate over half of the Society's annual revenue. Book sales and membership dues comprise nearly twenty-five percent of the revenue. The rest of the Society's revenue is generated through the Society's quality assurance program (Check Sample), short courses, and other revenue.



G. Meetings

AACC International holds an Annual Meeting in the fall of each year. Average attendance of the AACC Intl Annual Meeting is around 1000 people. Meeting attendees include Society members and non-members from nearly 400 organizations and universities representing thirty-two countries worldwide.

The 2009 meeting covered hot topics like Third-Party and Consumer Audits, as well as core topics like Biotechnology & Sustainability and Quality & Analytical Methods.

H. Relations with other international organizations

AACC International does not currently participate in the United Nations nor does it hold a consultative role for any of its organs. The Society is not a member of any other international organizations that might hold positions of observer status within the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

I. Expected contribution to the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme

As a leader in international quality standards, AACC International will contribute its expertise. By being granted observer status with the Codex Alimentarius Commission, will bring knowledge amassed over a period of almost ninety years as a resource to the Programme.

Requirements for the *AACC Intl. Approved Methods* are consistent with those set by AOAC International, AOCS, ISO, and the U.S. FDA's *Bacteriological Analytical Manual*. AACC Intl. and ICC continue to work on harmonizing grain based methods that are important internationally. The Approved Methods Leadership Committee chair participates in the International Codex meetings to ensure international compliance and acceptance. *AACC Intl. Approved Methods* are used in food and grain laboratories in Europe, South America and the Pacific Rim, the Middle East, North America, in addition to other international locations. AACC Intl. Technical Committee members include representatives from each of these regions.

J. Past activities

In the past, AACC International has had a relationship with the Codex Alimentarius Commission as a participant with observer status. This status lapsed voluntarily in approximately 1995, because the key scientist that had attended the Codex Alimentarius Commission's meetings and participated in Codex Alimentarius functions left the organization to retire. Unfortunately, the position went unfilled for a period that followed. Over the past few years, it has been filled again and the importance of obtaining observer status with the Codex Alimentarius Commission has once again become a focal point.

K. Requested areas of participation

AACC International seeks a position as an observer of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and its Committees as related to grain science. The specific Committees in which AACC International would like to participate include: Codex Committee on Contaminants of Foods, Codex Committee on Food Additives, Codex Committee on Food Hygiene, Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems, Codex Committee on Food Labeling, Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling, Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses, and Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues. AACC Intl would bring its years of scientific research from dedicated professionals from industry and academia and insights as the leading grain science Methods of Analysis authority.

L. Previous applications for observer status

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M. Language

AACC International requests that documentation and communication be sent in English.

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O. Signature

ANNEX 2: EUROPEAN FOOD AND FEED CULTURES ASSOCIATION (EFFCA)

a. official name: : EFFCA

In English: European Food and Feed cultures Association

In French: Association Européenne des Fabricants de ferments à l'usage agro alimentaire

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c. Aims

According to our Statutes (attached as required);

The objectives of this Association are:

To set up a forum in order to promote the cooperation between the economic operators of the sector,

To develop actions to promote the sector's image, its products and its companies,

To study all relevant matters relating to economic, legal, scientific and technical aspects concerning the sector,

To develop relations with European and international institutions and other partners, institutional or not.

d. Member organisation: 14 full members

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e. Structure:

General Assembly
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Communication working group
Permanent Secretariat:
Youri Skaskevitch – Secretary General
(see more on (b) and (n))

f. indication source of funding:

100% membership contributions

g. Meetings

General Assembly :every year, full attendance

Board : 4 times per year

Regulatory WG : 4 times per year

Communications WG: 4 times per year

h. Relations with other international organisations

EFFCA is working in a close co-operation with relevant organization operating globally, e.g. IDF (International Dairy Federation).

i. Expected contribution to the Joint FAO-WHO Food Standards Programme

CODEX COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR EUROPE

JECFA Activities

j. Past activities on behalf of, or in relation to, the Codex Alimentarius Commission

Issues related to food additives

k. Area of activity

Additives, Labeling

l. Previous applications for observer status

N/A

m. Languages:

English

n. Name, function and address

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