

THE ORGANISATION OF CIGRE

General

1. Cigre aims to:
 - Facilitate and develop the exchange of engineering knowledge and information.
 - Add value to the knowledge and information exchanged.
 - Involve managers, decision- makers, regulators and academia in the activities of Cigre.

2. Cigre achieves the above aims as follows:
 - It organises every two years a conference, known as 'Sessions', as set out in the 'General Rules for Sessions'.
 - In the years without a Session it organises 'Symposia' as set out in the 'Organisation of Cigre Symposia'.
 - It organises regional meetings as set out in the 'Organisation of Cigre Regional Meetings'.
 - Facilitates international investigations by Study Committees.
 - Collaborates with other international organisations.
 - Publishes proceedings of the Sessions and Symposia, a journal entitled 'Electra' and reports from the study committees.

3. It has three categories of members as follows;
 - Individual members.
 - Collective members - these may be public or private companies, universities, government departments, scientific or research associations, trade associations.
 - Honorary members.

4. The main bodies of Cigre are the Administrative Council, Executive Committee, Technical Committee, Study Committees and National Committees.

5. The members of Cigre shall normally meet in a General Assembly at each biennial Session. The Assembly receives the reports from the Administrative Council and Auditors, agrees the financial accounts, elects the Administrative Council, and sets the future subscription rates.

Administrative Council

6. The operation of Cigre is carried out by an Administrative Council comprising :
 - The President.
 - Up to 48 members elected by the General Assembly.
 - The President of the IEC.
 - Past Presidents of Cigre.

- Chairman of the Technical Committee.
- The Chairman of the Council is the President of Cigre elected from among the Council members.

7. The Council stays in office from the time of its appointment until the following General Assembly. It has all the powers of management and administration of Cigre. The Council meets at least once a year.

President

8. The Administrative Council shall elect from its Members a Chairman who will be the President of Cigre. The Term of Office is 2 years, renewable not more than once. The President will preside at meetings of the General Assembly, Administrative Council and Executive Committee.

Executive Committee

9. The Executive Committee is appointed by the Administrative Council. The Committee is responsible for all decisions that may be necessary between the meetings of the Council and for recommendations on any matter that needs decision by the Council.
10. The Executive Committee comprises:
 - The President.
 - The Treasurer.
 - Chairman of the Technical Committee.
 - 12 other members appointed by the Administrative Council for a term of 2 years extendable not more than twice and there shall not be 2 members from the same National Committee.

Treasurer

10. The Administrative Council shall elect a Treasurer from their members, the term of office is 4 years renewable for a further 2 years. The Treasurer is responsible for the financial policy and direction of Cigre.

Secretary General and Central Office

11. The Administrative Council shall appoint a paid Secretary General who has full authority for operational matters including:
 - Administration of finances and budgets.
 - Process for the election of officers.

- Liaison with National Committees and Regions and directly with members where there is no National Committee.
- Liaison between Cigre and other international organisations.
- Publication of Electra.
- Preparations for the meetings of the Administrative Council, Executive Committee and General Assembly.
- Relations with the media.
- Organisation of biennial Sessions and Symposia.
- The day to day administration of Cigre with the help of central office staff.

Technical Committee

12. The Technical Committee is appointed by the Administrative Council and comprises:
- The Chairman of the Technical Committee.
 - 2 members of the Administrative Council.
 - Chairman of the Study Committees.
 - The Secretary General.

The Technical Committee is responsible for the overall management/co-ordination of the technical activities of CIGRE and the meetings of the Sessions/Symposia, all conducted through the Study Committees.

Study Committees

13. The Study Committees are responsible for the study of all subjects within their terms of reference and for the organisation and control of their meetings during the Sessions. They comprise of individual members of Cigre who are elected by the Administrative Council on recommendation by National Committees. The Chairmen of Study Committees are appointed by the Administrative Council for a term of four years extendable for a further 2 years.
14. The Study Committees comprise a maximum of 24 regular members and 12 observer members. Other members can be invited to participate at the discretion of the Study Committee Chairman ie experts, young engineers etc.

National Committees

15. The members of Cigre in any one country or grouping of countries in an area may set up a National Committee which is to be recognised and accepted by the Administrative Council. A National Committee is set

up to make Cigre better known and further its interests in the country concerned. Its functions cover:

- Act as an agency for the collection of subscriptions from its members for forwarding to Central Office.
- Propose papers for presentation at Sessions.
- Encourage members to represent their country at Sessions and Symposia.
- Recommend members for Study Committees and encourage support for the work of Study Committees.
- Encourage the organisation of regional meetings.
- Nominate members for election to the Administrative Council.

Regions

16. National Committees from a group of countries may set up a region which is to be recognised and accepted by the Administrative Council. The regions are set up to make Cigre better known and further its interest in particular geographic areas and its functions will include:
 - Organise regional meetings.
 - Encourage Study Committees to address regional issues.
 - Co-ordinate with industry within the region.