

RESOLUTIONS

R. Michaud, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, proposed the following resolutions:

1. CONSTITUTION

It is recommended that a committee be established by the Continuing Committee of the International Grassland Congress to review the Constitution based on the numerous suggestions made to date and present the draft new constitution to the XIX Congress in Brazil for adoption.

[Secounded by E. Piano, Italy]

Resolution: CARRIED

2. GRASSLAND-RANGELAND CONGRESS

It is recommended that Continuing Committee of the International Grassland Congress select a small committee to make a representation to the Continuing Committee of the International Rangeland Congress on the possibility of a joint meeting of the Congresses three years after the Brazil Congress and to put together a resolution for an eventual amalgamation of the two Congresses.

[Secounded by Professor L. R. Humphreys, Australia]

[Amendment proposed by R.J. Wilkins, UK, secounded R.R. Hart, USA]

The last sentence should be: *and to consider the possibility of an eventual amalgamation of the two Congresses.*

The amended resolution is: It is recommended that Continuing Committee of the International Grassland Congress select a small committee to make a representation to the Continuing Committee of the International Rangeland Congress on the possibility of a joint meeting of the Congresses three years after the Brazil Congress and to consider the possibility of an eventual amalgamation of the two Congresses.

Amended resolution: CARRIED

3. SEED MONEY

It would be desirable that the Organizing Committee of a Congress make available a short term loan to the incoming Organizing Committee for the purpose of initiating the early business activities of the next Congress.

[Secounded by Lloyd Davies,]

Resolution: DEFEATED

4. FAO SUPPORT TO FORAGE PROGRAMMES

Recognizing the role of grasslands in the sustainability of food production and in the improvement of environmental systems, especially through the capture of carbon dioxide and the maintenance of biodiversity, it is recommended that the Congress requests the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to increase its support to grassland forage programmes, particularly to combat degradation leading to desertification and to maintain production in the arid and semi-arid zones of the world where the poorest communities live.

The Congress also urges United Nations specialized agencies e.g. FAO, UNESCO, UNSO-UNEP, and other agencies to facilitate the participation of grassland workers from developing countries in future congresses.

[Secounded by Professor J. Hodgson, New Zealand]

Resolution: CARRIED

5. XIX INTERNATIONAL GRASSLAND CONGRESS

In order to reduce the costs and stimulate wide attendance of grassland scientists to the XIX International Grassland Congress, it is recommended that the Brazilian Organizing Committee give consideration to:

- i) holding the International Grassland Congress within about a one-week-period while maintaining a mid-congress break, and that the minimum publication required for each poster be a one page abstract.
- ii) trying, as far as possible, to incorporate regional diversity in the main Congress program and explore possible liaisons with other countries of South America to arrange pre- or post Congress tours.

[Secounded by P. McCaughey, Canada]

[Amendment proposed by R.J. Wilkins, UK, secounded by B. Coulman, Canada]

It is proposed to remove the last part of the sentence under i) *and that the minimum publication...*

The amended resolution is: In order to reduce the costs and stimulate wide attendance of grassland scientists to the XIX International Grassland Congress, it is recommended that the Brazilian Organizing Committee give consideration to:

- i) holding the International Grassland Congress within about a one-week-period while maintaining a mid-congress break,
- ii) trying, as far as possible, to incorporate regional diversity in the main Congress program and explore possible liaisons with other countries of South America to arrange pre- or post Congress tours.

Amended resolution: CARRIED

THE MEMBERS OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

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