



# Instruction Congress Working Groups

At the LYMEC Congress in Vienna a resolution was adopted on changing the Congress proceedings. Since the LYMEC Congress in Tallinn (2016) these changes were implemented by introducing working groups. These were initiated to ensure better discussions on the resolutions, and smoother proceedings during the plenary sessions. This text provides a short instruction on the Congress Working Groups, to ensure anyone can participate in them constructively.

## Preparation

Before the Working Group, and the Congress as a whole, it is necessary to have the resolutions prepared. This includes having read them, (maybe) proposed amendments and defined a position (for or against). Having done such a preparation will ensure a productive discussion during the Working Group.

## The Working Group Process

Working Groups take place on Friday before the Congress. There may be one or more Working Groups simultaneously, in case many resolutions have been submitted to the Congress. During every Working Group a number of resolutions are discussed.

The resolution is discussed as a whole, after which the Working Group will shortly go through the amendments. This is an opportunity for MOs to retract “double” amendments, or form compromises before the discussion is proceeded to the Plenary. Movers of the resolution can also accept amendments at this point. This will mean that the amendment that are accepted by the mover, are not discussed in the plenary *unless* any member of the Congress requests to revisit the amendment for discussion.

At the end of the discussion on the resolution, a voting will take place in which every person present at the Working Group has 1 vote. This voting will be presented during the plenary, solely as a *recommendation*, either to adopt the resolution as a whole or to vote against it.

## Plenary Congress Sessions

After the Working Groups the plenary sessions of the Congress will discuss the resolutions in detail. The order in which the resolutions are discussed are voted on at the start of the Congress. For every resolution, the following procedure is used:

- Mover shortly comments on the resolution as a whole.
- Congress Chair summarizes the discussion in the Working Group and the resulting recommendation.
- Amendments are debated chronologically and voted on. Amendments that have been accepted by the mover prior to the debate are not discussed, unless a member of the Congress requests to open the debate on it.
- After the debate on the amendments, the debate on the resolution as a whole will be opened. This will result in a vote on the resolution as amended. Resolutions which are adopted, will be added to the LYMEC Resolution Book after the Congress.