



IAP

International Association of Prosecutors

IAP Funding Protocol; attendance at Executive Committee meetings

The Executive Committee of the International Association of Prosecutors intends that its members should be drawn from as wide a constituency as possible. At present the membership comes from Africa, North and South America, Asia, the Pacific, Europe and the Middle East. Its members are drawn from developed and developing countries and from prosecution services, associations of prosecutors, crime prevention organisations and the individual membership. The Executive Committee meets twice a year, once on the day before the Annual Conference and once during the Northern Spring.

In general, members of the Executive Committee are funded for attending meetings and conferences by their organisations but two areas of difficulty have arisen:

- Members from developing countries do not have the same possibilities for financial support available to them as do colleagues from more prosperous countries;
- Some individual members have to attend meetings at personal cost.

In both cases this tends to affect attendance in particular at the Northern Spring meeting. The IAP has a duty to husband its resources responsibly and will not incur unnecessary expenditure. However, the Executive Committee is the primary decision-making body of the Association. As such it needs to be representative of the IAP membership and also needs its members to come from all parts of the world and from all constituencies within the Association.

To make this possible the Executive Committee has decided that limited assistance should be made available to certain of its members to enable them to attend its meetings.

For the avoidance of doubt the following guidelines shall apply to funding for the attendance of members at meetings of the Executive Committee and at Annual Conferences :

1. It will be assumed that members of the Executive Committee will normally be responsible for covering their own costs of attendance at meetings and conferences.
2. Funding may, however, be made available to:
 - a. individual members of the IAP who are members of the Executive Committee and do not receive travelling and subsistence expenses from their organisations;
 - b. members of the Executive Committee who are representatives of organisational members from countries which, as assessed by the Secretary-General, would normally receive support from the Granting program;
 - c. members of the Executive Committee who are representatives of organisational members which, although they are based in developed countries, are small and do not have sufficient resources to support a member of the Executive Committee.

3. The maximum amount of funding will be:
 - a. for the Northern Spring Meeting, the cost of an economy return air fare;
 - b. for the Annual Conference, the cost of an economy return air fare and a 50% rebate on the cost of the conference registration fee;
 - c. in exceptional circumstances for both meetings, the cost of two nights' accommodation at a hotel to be agreed with the Secretary-General.

4. The grants thus made will be in the sole discretion of the Secretary-General who will report to the Executive Committee on all grants made. The Executive Committee will also review the program at each Annual Conference meeting and reserves the right to cancel it should it be seen to be unduly costly. The Secretary-General will also report on this expenditure in the Annual Report.

5. The grants will be paid by bank transfer only.

6. The protocol does not extend to substitute.



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