

Proposed revision of the Scientific Committee Rules of Procedure: on Invited Participants

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Rationale

An issue has been identified in our current RoPs concerning the procedure used for Invited Participants. In particular, some wording in Rule A.6.h is inconsistent with Rule A.6.b.

Rule A.6.b states that:

[...]

At the same time as (b) a letter will be sent to the government of the country where the scientist is domiciled for the primary purpose of enquiring whether that Government would be prepared to pay for the scientist's participation. If it is, the scientist is no longer an Invited Participant but becomes a national delegate.

Rule A.6.h appears to contradict the last part of Rule A6b, by stating the following:

After an Invited Participant has his/her participation confirmed through the procedures set up above, a Contracting Government may grant this person national delegate status, thereby entitling him/her to full participation in Committee proceedings, without prejudice to funding arrangements previously agreed upon to support the attendance of the scientist in question.

Solution

In order to avoid any potential misinterpretation of these two rules, we propose the following amendment to Rule A6h:

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