



Election Vice-Chairs & ECRs

Guidelines for Commission Chairs regarding the election of Commission Vice-Chairs and ECRs

1 Nomination process

Each Commission Chair must write to the Official Members of the Commission no later than 15 January 2026 inviting nominations for the position of incoming Vice-Chair and ECR to be sent to the Chair by 1 March 2026. The Chair (or designate) may also solicit nominations, and should do so if the number of qualified candidates is insufficient. Each nomination must be supported by a curriculum vitae, according to the template given at Annex 1 (Vice-Chair) and 2 (ECR).

2 Duration of the appointment of an Early Career Representative

The ECR from each Commission will remain in the position for 6-years but at every GASS a new representative will be elected. Consequently, in steady state there will be two representatives from each Commission, thereby ensuring that knowledge is passed on to the following representatives.

	2021-2023	2023-2026	2026-2029	...
ECR xx				
ECR yy				
ECR zz				
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The ECRs will:

- be responsible for ensuring that the Commission activities are attractive for the early career scientists;
- become a member of the ECR Committee which will meet at the GASS, AP-RASC and AT-RASC meetings, and which will report directly to the President and Secretary General.

3 Restrictions for ECRs

Those applying for the position of Early Career Representative should:

- be under the age of 36 at the date of the GASS;
- be present at the GASS and Commission Coordinating Activity meetings.

4 Selection of short list for Vice-Chairs and ECRs

From the list of nominees, the Chair (or designate) may use whatever method is acceptable to the Commission (e.g. using a nominating committee composed of previous Commission Chairs) to select a slate of at least two, but not more than four candidates for both Vice-Chair and ECR. These 2 slates must be sent to the URSI Secretariat by 1 April 2026.



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5 The voting process

Instructions on how to use the voting tool will be provided by the URSI Secretariat.

The Secretariat will send both slates of candidates and instructions with respect to the voting process to the Official Members shortly after 1 April 2026.

- The Official Members will be asked to express first and second choices of candidates through the voting tool provided by the URSI Secretariat preferably no later than 1 June 2026.
- If the Official Member cannot or is not willing to vote him/herself, he/she can appoint a proxy. The Secretariat needs to be informed about this proxy.
- Only votes cast by the official member or designated proxy (and of which the secretariat has been notified) will be counted. Votes cast by other persons will be disregarded.
- Only votes cast through the online voting tool will be considered. Votes cast by mail or e-mail will not be considered.

The URSI Secretariat will inform the Commission Chair about the status around 15 June 2026.

6 Closure of the voting process

The online voting tool will remain open during the 1st Commission Coordinating Activity meeting during the GASS 2026, which means that the Official Member or the appointed proxy may alter their vote until the closure of the online tool at the end of the 1st Commission Coordinating Activity meeting during the GASS 2026.

Following the Commission Coordinating Activity meeting and prior to the appropriate Council Meeting, the Secretariat will inform the Chair about the ranking of all candidates, their point totals and the number of Member Committees voted.

7 Approval by Council

To ensure better geographical distribution of Commission officers, Council reserves the right, in extraordinary circumstances, to select the Vice-Chair and not be bound by the ranking.



ANNEX 1

CANDIDACY FOR COMMISSION VICE-CHAIR

Please provide a pdf version of this form to the Secretariat (info@ursi.org) by the deadline. Late nominations will only be considered under exceptional circumstances.

1 Name

Name	
Title	
Commission	
Nationality	
Country (where you are working and living)	
Date of Birth	
E-mail address	

2 Present occupation

Position	
Organization	
Other details	

3 Employment History. Present position first, limit to one page; extend table as required.

From (year)	To (year)	Name of Employer	Position and Responsibilities

4 Education. Honorary degrees denoted by H; extend table as required.

Educational Institution	Location	Degree	Year



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5 Honours, awards, professional society memberships, extend table as required.

Citation Body	Professional Citation

6 Professional, government or international committee memberships; extend table as required.

Date	Name

7 Ten most significant publications, patents etc.

	Title and reference	Comment
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Appointment	Notable achievements in role

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10 Will the candidate attend the GASS in Poland?

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I confirm my willingness to stand.

11 Signature

Date	Signature



ANNEX 2

CANDIDACY FOR ECR

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