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The Principle of Freedom and Responsibility in Science

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The IMU is a member of the International Science Council (ISC), see Article 2(a) in the IMU Statutes. As such, we subscribe to Article 7 of the ISC Statutes, namely *The Principle of Freedom and Responsibility in Science*, which reads:

The Principle of Freedom and Responsibility in Science: *the free and responsible practice of science is fundamental to scientific advancement and human and environmental well-being. Such practice, in all its aspects, requires freedom of movement, association, expression and communication for scientists, as well as equitable access to data, information, and other resources for research. It requires responsibility at all levels to carry out and communicate scientific work with integrity, respect, fairness, trustworthiness, and transparency, recognising its benefits and possible harms.*

In advocating the free and responsible practice of science, the Council promotes equitable opportunities for access to science and its benefits, and opposes discrimination based on such factors as ethnic origin, religion, citizenship, language, political or other opinion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, or age.

It is important to the IMU that everyone engaged in activities in the name of the IMU is aware of this *Principle of Freedom and Responsibility in Science*, and agrees to abide by it in all activities. Hence the IMU Executive Committee decided at its meeting in February 2022 to have everyone engaged in IMU activities to agree in writing to abide by this principle.