

The Indian Pollinator Initiative (InPollin)

By-laws

1. InPollin is an initiative run by academicians and scientists involved in research and conservation of pollinators and basic and applied pollination ecology.
2. InPollin's webpage www.inpollin.com is managed by the Executive Council of the Initiative
3. The aims of the initiative are:
 - A) to advance and promote studies on pollinators and pollination
 - B) to provide a platform to exchange findings, ideas, methods, and concepts for collaborative efforts to study biology and ecology of pollinators in India and other countries in this region.
 - C) to encourage and promote education on topics related to pollination biology and pollinators in academic institutions in India.
4. Membership to the initiative is open to all citizens of India. Individuals of foreign origin who work/ collaborate with an Indian institutions (governmental or non-governmental) for any term or period can be an honorary member. Minimum age for seeking membership shall be eighteen years.
5. Memberships can be either Ordinary membership, Associate membership, or Honorary membership
6. It is proposed to fix the following subscription charges after the InPollin is registered. Ordinary memberships are paid subscription-based and require an application (Annual membership=Rs. 800/; Lifelong membership=Rs. 5000); Associate memberships are by invitation and can include Indians as well and people of eminence and from foreign citizens working/ studying in an academic institution outside India (Annual Membership fee= Rs. 2000; Lifelong membership=Rs. 10000); Honorary memberships are non-paid memberships by nominations of existing members and subsequent election in the annual general bodies and executive council.
7. Ordinary student membership fees shall be reduced with a certificate of non-availability of research fellowships or funds, and shall be restricted for a period of two years.

8. Memberships shall be annual or lifelong, but on different membership rates. Annual Ordinary memberships can be renewed within a period of three months from the expiry date. Failing to do so shall make the membership nonfunctional until the dues are cleared.
9. Ordinary and Honorary members have the right to vote at all meetings for any purpose the general body convened for.
10. All members shall receive electronic copies of all publications brought out by the initiative periodically.
11. All members shall have the right to send materials for consideration of the Executive Council to publish in its various handles, such as publications, websites, YouTube or Twitter handles or any other social media handles the Initiative runs from time to time.
12. All members shall exhibit their memberships to the Initiative as affiliations, wherever they desire to.
13. The initiative publishes a quarterly newsletter, "InPollin Buzz", which shall be published every quarter. Articles to this publication shall be selected by the submission, invitation, and further editorial processing by the team of editors/ editorial board. The editorship shall be rotational, and the editors will be selected in the annual general body meeting. The inconvenience if any for the service shall be communicated to the Executive Council at least a month before the date of an upcoming issue. The service of editorship shall be voluntary. However, the editor/s of a concerned issue shall be exhibited on the first page of the newsletters.
14. The Initiative shall use the subscription amounts for meeting the cost of various publication/ copy-editing services, meetings, web-hosting, dissemination of materials, communication, and any other requirements the Executive Council advised for.
15. The Initiative shall conduct annual general body meetings in the month of December and will be made open to all members both physically and online mode, wherever feasible.
16. The Executive Council shall have a President-elect, the out-going President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor of the Newsletter, and four councilors elected in the general body meetings. The quorum for any of its meetings and decisions shall be six. The period of the Executive Council shall be for a period of two years.
17. The treasurer shall prepare the annual financial report, present, and get approval from the Executive council during the general body meetings.

The account of the Initiative shall be maintained as a Savings Bank account in the name of the Initiative. The president is the signing authority of the cheques, while the treasurer shall be the authority for all electronic transactions, but with the approval of the President.

18. The Executive Councils shall invite the office-bearers of other reputed chapters of pollinator initiatives across the world or international pollinator initiative to AGM.
19. All elections to the Executive Council shall be done in the annual general body meetings and will be controlled by the presiding officer, who is a nominated member of the EC. The members can vote physically or by online mode.
20. The secretary shall record the proceedings of all the meetings of the Initiative and present to Executive Council meetings and annual general body meeting.
21. The Initiative shall celebrate the World Bee Day on May 20 in a befitting manner. All members shall be encouraged to conduct programs under the banner of Indian Pollinator Initiative, with or without the monetary or in-kind support from the Initiative. The Initiative shall also seek sponsorships from legal Indian institutions for such celebrations or meetings.
22. The initiative shall conduct one major seminar (two-day long physical seminars or weekly meeting for a period of 4-8 weeks on online mode) under the banner “InPollin YR”, such as InPollin 2021. The members can host this meeting by securing own/ institutional funds to run the program, but with limited monetary or in-kind support from the Initiative. The host can seek funds from sponsorship form legal Indian institutions, companies, and NGOs. This meeting shall be conducted in the months of June-August. The host in consultation with the Executive council shall propose the invited speakers (if any). The detailed program of its annual seminar shall be discussed in the preceding annual general body meeting.
23. The initiative shall also conduct student-centric seminars/ workshops in physical or online mode. If the host wishes to run the program as a program of the initiative shall present the nature of the program and intended resource persons at least two months prior to the program.
24. The members in the initiative, with the approval of the Executive council, can use the name of the Initiative in the banners for the programs they

conduct for educating and disseminating knowledge on pollinators and pollination to farmer communities.

25. The initiative shall have its own savings bank account in a nationalized bank for managing donations and memberships.