

APPENDIX I

October 29, 1983

Amended 04-04-09:12, 08-07-06:17, 07-16-04, 10-18-03

(Refer to Act 19-431)

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FUND POLICY

The International Cooperation Fund

The surplus from the Eighth International Congress of Speleology, and additions to that, hereafter called the International Cooperation Fund, will be used to (1) Establish a program of grants to support international speleological partnerships and (2) to support International Speleological Participation, according to the following policies, and within the terms of the agreement between the National Speleological Society and the National Speleological Foundation for the management of the International Cooperation Fund. The principal of the fund shall be held and invested by the National Speleological Foundation. Annually, the NSS may withdraw up to 5.5% of the value of the fund for the grants described below. Principal may be used to support NSS sponsorship of International meetings and the bidding process for such meetings.

Grants to Support International Speleological Partnerships

Grants will be made to support International Speleological Partnerships to encourage speleological research that involves cooperative international endeavor. The grants will be administered by the International Secretary. It is the responsibility of the International Secretary to announce the availability of the grants (available only to National Speleological Society Members), to develop application procedures which include a written application form, and to announce grant recipients and projects in the NSS News. Review of written applications shall be made by the International Secretary in conjunction with the President of the National Speleological Society.

Grant recipients shall agree to write a report giving results of the research in publications of the National Speleological Society and/or the International Union of Speleology, with copies to the NSS Library.

The selection criteria for the International Speleological Partnerships grants will include:

1. Joint Planning - the degree to which the project would be jointly planned and implemented by American and foreign speleologists.
2. Mutual Benefits - the ways in which the project would benefit simultaneously American and foreign speleology through expansion of future research opportunities and publications.
3. Continued Support - the probability of continued support for the project from both American and foreign sources.
4. Durable Linkages - the potential for creating durable linkages for speleological research between the Partnership participants.

5. Speleological Merit - the speleological merits of the project will be used in judging the application.

A report on the results of the research must be published in an NSS and/or an International Congress publication, and copies deposited with the NSS Library.

Applicants must be members of the National Speleological Society.

Announcement of the availability and amount of the grant, application procedures, deadlines, reviewing of grant applications, and the announcement of grant recipients and projects in the NSS NEWS will be the responsibility of the International Secretary.

Grants to Support International Speleological Participation

Grants will be made in support of international speleological participation, administered by the International Secretary. It is the responsibility of the International Secretary to announce the availability of the grants, to develop application procedures which include a written application form, and to announce grant recipients in the NSS News. Review of written applications shall be made by the International Secretary and the President of the National Speleological Society.

Grant recipients shall agree to write a report of their activities under the grant for publication in the NSS News.

The selection criteria for the International Speleological Participation grants will include:

1. Mutual Benefits - the degree to which the project would be beneficial to both the NSS and foreign speleology.
2. Durable Linkages - the potential creation of durable linkages for the exchange of speleological information and techniques between the NSS and speleology in the participant's country.
3. Speleological Merit - The speleological merit and value of the foreign participation will be evaluated.

A report on the results of the International participation must be published in an NSS and/or International Congress publication and copies deposited with the NSS Library.

Announcement of the availability of grants will be made in the NSS NEWS and will be the responsibility of the International Secretary.