

## ORGANIZATION

The organizational structure of the Federation includes the Council and the Executive Committee. The Council is the highest authority of the Federation. It shall make all policy decisions, in particular concerning the aims and scopes of the Federation. It submits any important issue to the member societies of the Federation for discussion and decides on the basis of the returned proposals. It shall act upon proposals submitted to it by the Executive Committee. The Council is composed of the members of the Executive Committee, one or two Representatives from each Member Society or Group, and four additional members. The members of the Executive Committee are: the President, the President-Elect, the Past-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Publication Officer. The Executive Committee implements the policy and decisions approved by the Council

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# International Federation of Classification Societies



## GENERAL AIMS

The IFCS is a federation whose members are scientific societies or well-defined groups of such societies. The IFCS is a scientific organization with non-profit and non-political motives. Its purpose is to foster interchange of views among researchers interested in scientific principles, numerical methods, and practice of data analysis and classification.

Classification is a fundamental human activity as old as the emergence of descriptive language. The categorization of phenomena and perceptions into classes lies at the bottom of every attempt to systematize knowledge. The IFCS and its member societies care for research on classification principles and methods, general and trans-disciplinary, but also connected to various specific disciplines such as, but not limited to, biological taxonomy, pattern recognition in artificial intelligence and market segmentation. Mathematical and statistical methods for data analysis are a core interest. This comprises methodology for supervised and unsupervised classification (cluster analysis), analysis of similarity and also more general methodology for making sense of data and its application. Research on systematization and organization, for example in library science, linguistics and database management is also prominently represented in the IFCS and its member societies.

## ACTIVITIES

1. to promote mutual communication, co-operation and interchange of views among all those interested in scientific principles, numerical methods, and practice of data analysis and classification in a broad sense and in as wide a range of applications as possible
2. to serve as an agency for the dissemination of technical scientific information related to these areas of interest
3. to prepare international conferences
4. to publish journals and other publications

## PAST IFCS CONFERENCES

IFCS organizes a biennial international conference. Thirteen conferences have held at: Aachen, Germany (1987), Charlottesville, USA (1989), Edinburgh, Scotland (1991), Paris, France (1993), Kobe, Japan (1996), Rome, Italy (1998), Namur, Belgium (2000), Cracow, Poland (2002), Chicago, Illinois (2004), Ljubljana, Slovenia (2006), Dresden, Germany (2009), Frankfurt, Germany (2011), Tilburg (2013), Bologna (2015), Tokyo (2017), Thessaloniki (2019).

## NEXT IFCS CONFERENCE

Porto, Portugal, 24-28 August 2021

## SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS

**ADAC** *Advances in Data Analysis and Classification*

<http://www.springer.com/statistics/statistical+theory+and+methods/journal/11634>

**JOC** *Journal of Classification*

<http://www.springer.com/statistics/statistical+theory+and+methods/journal/357>

## BRIEF HISTORY

International Federation of Classification Societies (IFCS) was founded on July 4, 1985, by 6 Societies who approved the statutes.

The fast evolution of the broad domain of classification and data analysis and the positive development of the Federation are underlined by the fact that more and more national societies joined the IFCS in the sequel such that the number of IFCS Member Societies increased from six in 1985 to fourteen in 2013.

Colored countries are included in the Federation currently. In orange are the founding members, while in blue are the other countries entered in the Federation up to 2020.



## LIST OF CURRENT MEMBERS

- . Associação Portuguesa de Classificação e Análise de Dados (CLAD)
- . British Classification Society (BCS)
- . The Classification Society (CS)
- . Gesellschaft für Klassifikation (GfKI)
- . Ελληνική Εταιρεία Ανάλυσης Δεδομένων (GSDA)
- . Irish Pattern Recognition and Classification Society (IPRCS)
- . Japanese Classification Society (JCS)
- . Korean Classification Society (KCS)
- . Sekcja Kasyfikacji i Analizy Danych PTS (SKAD)
- . Sociedad Centroamericana y del Caribe de Clasificación y Análisis de Datos (SoCCCAD)
- . Società Italiana di Statistica (SIS-CLADAG)
- . Société Francophone de Classification (SFC)
- . Vereniging voor Ordinatie en Classificatie (VOC)

## JOIN IFCS – NEW MEMBERS

The IFCS is open to new membership requests. The Council may accept the nomination of an existing scientific Society or an organized Group as a new Member subject to the condition that the Society have at least 30 members who declare themselves to be interested in the IFCS. To accept a new Member, a majority of two-thirds of the members of the Council must be in favor.

## IFCS LOGO



The logo of IFCS may be used upon preventive authorization of the Executive Committee for scientific patronage of a national or international scientific activity.