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IFM-SEI can play a significant role in influencing policy related the thematic areas on which the organisation works and can be a global player to influence wider child and youth networks on our areas of expertise from the socialist perspective. IFM-SEI has many opportunities to participate in the activities and bodies on many external networks and organisations, however there are not currently the structures to effectively facilitate this process. This International Committee recognises the need for a structure to facilitate the active representation of IFM-SEI at external activities and bodies.

This International Committee notes that IFM-SEI Strategy and Work Plan mandates the creation of an External Representation Strategy for the current mandate:

‘IFM-SEI has developed a name on the international level in the last three mandates in the fields of non-formal education and children’s rights in particular. However IFM-SEI’s external representation would benefit by being more cohesive than it is at present as part of a larger strategy. The Presidium and Secretariat will develop an external representation strategy to increase the impact of our work externally. This will involve the input of member organisations to share information about their existing participation in networks to date and will look strategically at which platforms IFM-SEI could influence to spread our key messages and ideals. The new external representation strategy should emphasise our unique contribution as the socialist educational international.’

The IFM-SEI Presidium proposes that IFM-SEI establishes a Pool of Representatives to be launched in September 2018.

This International Committee recognises that many representation opportunities, especially in Europe, are very last minute so there is not enough time to do a comprehensive, wide call in the membership. Therefore many representation roles are either not filled or need to be taken up by the IFM-SEI Secretariat.

The Pool of Representatives would offer a structure where the shortlisting of representatives in conducted in advance of opportunities arising, where groups of volunteers are identified for a finite number of thematic areas. This pool will serve as a pre-application process for opportunities with short deadlines.



To join the Pool of Representatives, members must be an active member of an IFM-SEI organisation, have an in-depth understanding of IFM-SEI and its structures, be able to be a positive ambassador for IFM-SEI externally and be aged 18-30 (the standard age limit for the majority of youth opportunities).

In order to apply to join the pool, the member must go through a process where they:

- Complete an application form, which asks for the thematic areas they would like to work on and requires them to give examples of their expertise
- Submit a reference letter from their IFM-SEI member organisation (up to two pages of A4)
- Submit a motivation letter to join the Pool of Representatives (up to two pages of A4)
- Submit a copy of a recent CV using the Europass format

In the application, a finite number of thematic areas will be outlined that link to areas of representation, e.g. sustainable development, children's rights, SOGIE issues, climate change. Applicants must choose up to two areas of expertise in ranked order. Applicants must have tangible expertise on a topic, as they will likely be attending an activity on their own and they must be able to be a strong ambassador for IFM-SEI and its work.

This resolution commits to the creation of the Pool of Representatives to be launched in September 2018. The Pool of Representatives will be reviewed after two years at the International Committee 2020.

Submitted by IFM-SEI Presidium

