The study of extremophiles is a rapidly expanding field and there is a growing need for a forum in which investigators can exchange information. During the International Congress for Extremophiles 2000 in Hamburg, many members of the editorial board of our journal ***Extremophiles*** asked the Chief Editor to launch a society with ***Extremophiles*** serving as its official journal. As the chief Editor of the journal, Koki Horikoshi has been working to set up and launch the society in January 2002, and he can serve as acting president until a regular president is elected at the Naples Congress in September 2002.

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The Society is called "**The International Society for Extremophiles**".

2. OBJECT

To advance for the worldwide benefit of people, the science of extremophiles, particularly, life under extreme environments, their applications to the health, environment, agriculture and industry.

3. MEETINGS

The Society shall hold meetings; the dates and places of which shall be decided by the Committee. A general meeting shall be held once in every two years.

4. JOURNAL, NEWS LETTER and AWARDS

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