

**COOKIE POLICY**

**INFORMATION ABOUT OUR USE OF COOKIES**

Our website uses cookies to distinguish you from other users of our website. This helps us to provide you with a good experience when you browse our website and also allows us to improve our site.

A cookie is a small file of letters and numbers that we store on your browser or the hard drive of your computer if you agree. Cookies contain information that is transferred to your computer's hard drive.

We use the following cookies:

- Strictly necessary cookies. These are cookies that are required for the operation of our website. They include, for example, cookies that enable you to log into secure areas of our website, use a shopping cart or make use of e-billing services.
- Analytical/performance cookies. They allow us to recognise and count the number of visitors and to see how visitors move around our website when they are using it. This helps us to improve the way our website works, for example, by ensuring that users are finding what they are looking for easily.
- Functionality cookies. These are used to recognise you when you return to our website. This enables us to personalise our content for you, greet you by name and remember your preferences (for example, your choice of language or region).
- Targeting cookies. These cookies record your visit to our website, the pages you have visited and the links you have followed. We will use this information to make our website and the advertising displayed on it more relevant to your interests. We may also share this information with third parties for this purpose.

**Cookies we use**

Cookie name	Purpose	Additional information
Google Analytics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stores Google Analytics tracking numbers.</li> <li>• Google uses this to track a user's progress through the website, and as a unique key when storing information about that user (on its own systems, not in the cookie) such as their location.</li> </ul>	<a href="https://developers.google.com/analytics/devguides/collection/analyticsjs/cookie-usage">https://developers.google.com/analytics/devguides/collection/analyticsjs/cookie-usage</a>
.NET session ID cookie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contains a unique identifier for each user of the website.</li> <li>• Is used as part of the security when logging a user into the website (such as an admin).</li> <li>• Is also used to hide the age verification popup after it has been filled in, so that</li> </ul>	<a href="https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/dotnet/api/system.web.sessionstate.httpsessionstate?view=netframework-4.8">https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/dotnet/api/system.web.sessionstate.httpsessionstate?view=netframework-4.8</a>

	it doesn't reappear on every page for the duration of that visit.	
Small Screen cookie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stores a value of 'true' or 'false'.</li> <li>• Used to indicate to the website whether the user is looking at the site on a small (mobile sized) or large (tablet, desktop sized) screen.</li> </ul>	

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Except for essential cookies, all cookies will expire when the browser is shut down or after 20 minutes of inactivity.

The General Secretary and the Webmaster & Digital Adviser are collectively responsible for overseeing this policy. You should contact the Society's Administrator if you have any questions about this policy.

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