

Capstone Institute for Theoretical Research

Article 1

The Capstone Institute for Theoretical Research (CITR) is a non-profit association governed by the present statute. It is neutral politically, non-military and non-denominational. Its interests are purely scientific, non-philosophical and exclude issues of ethical sensibility.

Article 2

The association shall be of unlimited duration.

Purposes

Article 3

The association shall pursue the following aims:

1. Production of original scientific research in the field of natural and life sciences;
2. Promotion of independent and collaborative work involving its members;
3. Publication of scientific results in public archives and peer reviewed journals;
4. Presentation of scientific results in conferences, workshops and all other occasions of relevance;
5. Organization of conferences, workshops and any other scientific event;

Resources

Article 4

The association's resources come from donations and any other resources authorized by the law. The funds shall be used in conformity with the association's aims. No salaries can be corresponded by CITR to its members. There are no membership fees.

Members

Article 5 - Members categories and duties

The Association comprises:

1. founding members;
2. regular members;
3. honorary members (e.g. University Professors).

All members shall, with the exception of honorary members, all considering the priority of their professional and personal engagements:

1. include their affiliation to CITR in all their publications;
2. guarantee the quality of their work before any submission;
3. constantly keep up to date and participate in the institute's activities;
4. promote collaborations, spontaneously providing other members with updates on the development and open problems of their projects;
5. support, whenever useful, the inclusion of other members in the development of their projects;

6. actively suggest interesting publications appearing in the literature;
7. promote the name of CITER and act in the best interest of CITER and its members.

Only the assets of the Association may be used to meet commitments. Members have no individual responsibility.

Article 6 - New memberships

Necessary conditions for the approval of new members are:

1. to be in possession, or about to obtain, a doctoral degree;
2. to have published no less than two scientific publications in peer reviewed international journals. Conference proceedings and publications in journals that require the payment of any fee from the authors' side will not be considered.

Requests to become a member must be addressed to any member of the General Assembly.

In any case new memberships will have to be approved by a majority vote of the General Assembly with no quorum.

Article 7 - Termination of membership

Membership ceases:

1. on death;
2. by written resignation notified to the General Assembly;
3. by exclusion voted by the General Assembly. Appeals must be lodged within 30 days. Founding members cannot be excluded.

Members who have resigned or who are excluded have no rights to any part of the Association's assets.

Organs

Article 8 - The General Assembly

The sole Association's organ and supreme authority is the General Assembly. It is composed of all the members, with the exclusion of honorary members.

The General Assembly is permanently convened via the CITER internal forums (simply "forums" in the following), accessible and visible to members only through authentication.

Article 9 - Responsibilities and duties

All matters pertaining the administration and the activities of CITER are discussed by General Assembly. All official discussions are carried on via the forums.

In particular the General Assembly:

1. approves new memberships and the expulsion of members;
2. approves expenses and all financial activities;
3. decides on any modification of statutes and additional regulations.

Decisions of the General Assembly shall be taken by a majority vote on the forums.

The vote is public.

Decisions concerning the amendment of the Statutes must be approved by a two-third majority of the members who explicitly casted a vote.

Once a year the General Assembly is asked to discuss:

1. the annual report on activities;
2. approval of the budget;
3. approval of accounts;
4. other business.

Article 10 - Expenses and finances

All financial activities and proposed expenses shall be discussed and approved by the General Assembly on the forums.

Once approved all members will be asked to participate in a voluntary fashion and according to their possibilities to the collection of the required sum.

A member's decision of not contributing to a specific expense shall be briefly motivated to the General Assembly via the forums.

Article 11 - Accounts

CITR's Accounts shall be publicly available on the forums at all times.

All transactions shall be accompanied by corresponding documentation.

Article 12

The financial year shall begin on 1st of January and end on 31st of December of each year.

Article 13

In the case of the association being dissolved, the assets should be allotted to a non-profit organisation pursuing goals of public interest similar to those of the organisation benefiting from tax exemption. The goods cannot be returned to the founders or members, nor be used to their own profit.

The present Statute has been approved by the Constituent General Assembly of the Capstone Institute for Theoretical Research on 5 November 2013

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