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STATUTES OF THE STATE RESEARCH INSTITUTE CENTRE FOR PHYSICAL SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The State Research Institute Centre for Physical Sciences and Technology (hereinafter referred to as the Centre) is a state research institute, the legal form of which is a public institution. The Centre is a non-profit public legal entity with limited civil liability that carries out long-term research and experimental development (hereinafter referred to as R&D) in the fields specified in these Statutes, which are of importance to the State, society, international co-operation and economic entities, and that creates innovations.

2. The Centre was established by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania. The owner of the Centre is the Republic of Lithuania. The rights and obligations of the State as a member (owner) of the Centre are exercised by the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Lithuania, except where, pursuant to legislation or other legal acts, those rights and obligations are exercised by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania. The competence of the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport as the institution exercising the rights and obligations of the State as a member (owner) of the Centre is defined in the Law on Science and Studies of the Republic of Lithuania, the Law on Public Institutions of the Republic of Lithuania and other legal acts governing activities of research institutes. The Centre operates in the areas of education and science management assigned to the Minister of Education, Science and Sport, and in the areas of metrology, innovation and technology management assigned to the Minister of Economy and Innovation.

3. The official name of the Centre in Lithuanian is *Valstybinis mokslinių tyrimų institutas Fizinių ir technologijos mokslų centras*; the name in English is State Research Institute Centre for Physical Sciences and Technology; the acronym is FTMC.

4. In its activities the Centre is guided by the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania, the Civil Code of the Republic of Lithuania, the Labour Code of the Republic of Lithuania, the Law on Science and Studies, the Law on Public Institutions, other legal acts governing activities of research institutes, and these Statutes.

5. Public notices, documents and other information about the activities of the Centre are provided to members and the public in the electronic publication "Public Notices of Legal Entities" issued by the State Enterprise Centre of Registers and on the website <http://www.ftmc.lt>.

6. These Statutes govern the objectives, areas and types of activity of the Centre; its rights and obligations; its management; the bodies of the Centre and their competence; the procedure for their constitution (appointment) and removal (dismissal); the rights, obligations and liability of employees; sources of funding; the procedure for the use of assets and funds; and other provisions related to regulation of the Centre's activities.

7. The Centre has the freedom of action, initiative and decision-making as established by the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of Lithuania, its own seal bearing the coat of arms of the State of Lithuania and its name, its own logo and other insignia, as well as bank accounts.

8. The duration of the Centre's activities is unlimited.

9. The financial year of the Centre is the calendar year.



10. The Centre is both a recipient and a provider of support.

CHAPTER II

FUNCTIONS, OBJECTIVES, AREAS AND TYPES OF ACTIVITY, AND SCIENTIFIC FIELDS OF THE CENTRE

11. The objectives of the Centre's activities are the following:

11.1. to ensure, concentrate and develop purposefully scientific and technological resources in order to address the challenges of modern society at international and national level, while meeting the needs of the national economy, culture, healthcare, societal continuity, and development through the highest-level scientific research, R&D, research, technological development and innovation (hereinafter referred as RTDI) activities, and training of highly qualified scientists in the natural and technological sciences;

11.2. to capitalise on scientific knowledge through a purposefully and systematically developed two-way interface between science and business, aimed at creation of innovative products and technologies;

11.3. to educate a society receptive to education, science and technology, capable of making effective use of science and innovative products and of competing in the market for high-level technologies, high-added-value goods and services;

11.4. to ensure international recognition of national standards of measurement units and to transfer the metrological traceability chain to the Lithuanian economic entities.

12. In pursuit of the objectives set out in Article 11 of these Statutes, the Centre shall perform the following functions:

12.1. shall conduct the highest-level scientific research in the fields of natural and technological sciences, shall create and develop new technologies, transformative innovations and innovative products, and shall carry out long-term scientific research, R&D and RTDI activities in the fields of natural and technological sciences that are of importance to the national economy and society;

12.2. shall participate in Lithuanian and international research, R&D and RTDI programmes;

12.3. shall cooperate with representatives of business, government and society, and with other Lithuanian and foreign scientific institutions; shall carry out commissioned R&D work; and shall provide methodological, methodical and other consultancy services and services promoting development of high-technology industry;

12.4. shall conduct expert evaluations of R&D and RTDI projects and programmes and other matters falling within the Centre's competence; and shall provide scientific consultancy;

12.5. shall establish companies creating high-added-value products and services; shall create conditions for their incubation and growth; and shall contribute to formation of a high-added-value innovation ecosystem;

12.6. shall conduct doctoral studies together with universities; shall participate in training of highly qualified specialists to meet the needs of society, the State and business;

12.7. shall disseminate scientific knowledge to the public; shall contribute to development of a knowledge-based economy and a knowledge-intensive society; shall participate in implementation and application of scientific knowledge in specific economic sectors or areas of social relations;

12.8. shall perform the functions of the National Metrology Institute as specified in Article 9(4) of the Law on Metrology of the Republic of Lithuania.

13. The areas of activity of the Centre are the following:

13.1. scientific research;

13.2. experimental development;



- 13.3. innovation;
 - 13.4. training of specialist;
 - 13.5. economic activity and service provision related to the scientific areas, fields and research topics referred to in Article 15 of these Statutes;
 - 13.6. other activities not contrary to the legislation of the Republic of Lithuania and the objectives of the Centre.
14. The types of activity of the Centre are the following:
- 14.1. fundamental and applied scientific research in the fields of natural and technological sciences;
 - 14.2. scientific research, R&D, RTDI, and creation and development of technologies;
 - 14.3. doctoral studies conducted together with universities;
 - 14.4. provision of scientific, technological and engineering services;
 - 14.5. consultancy and expert activity;
 - 14.6. establishment and science and technology parks and coordination of their activities;
 - 14.7. establishment and incubation of start-ups and business clusters;
 - 14.8. creation and maintenance of national standards of measurement units and development of infrastructure of their conformity assessment.
15. The Centre develops research in the scientific fields of physics, chemistry, materials engineering, and electrical and electronic engineering within the natural and technological sciences, as well as related interdisciplinary research, including but without limitation to the following research topics:
- 15.1. optoelectronics, laser and other photonics technologies;
 - 15.2. environmental science and environmentally friendly technologies;
 - 15.3. energy conversion and storage technologies;
 - 15.4. safety of nuclear power facilities and radioactive waste management technologies;
 - 15.5. development and application of spectrometry methods;
 - 15.6. organic chemistry and bionanotechnology;
 - 15.7. chemical engineering and technologies;
 - 15.8. electrochemical materials science and technologies of functional materials;
 - 15.9. electronics, electrical engineering, smart systems, devices and sensors for industry, environmental science and medicine;
 - 15.10. metrology and measurement technologies;
 - 15.11. smart and functional technologies of textile and clothing.

CHAPTER III

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE CENTRE

16. The Centre shall have the right to:
- 16.1. determine its own structure, internal work procedures, number of employees, their rights and obligations, terms and conditions of remuneration, job requirements, and the procedures for organising recruitment competitions, and for hiring, dismissing, appraising and attesting of employees, in accordance with legislation and other legal acts;
 - 16.2. conduct fundamental and applied scientific research in the fields of natural and technological sciences; to create and develop R&D and RTDI technologies; to initiate, to direct purposefully and to promote the use of results of scientific research, R&D and RTDI in the areas of economy, social and cultural life;
 - 16.3. train the highest-qualified scientists together with universities in accordance with the procedure established by the Law on Science and Studies; to assist in training of specialists;
 - 16.4. establish accredited laboratories;



16.5. conduct expert evaluations; to provide consultancy in scientific research, R&D and RTDI; to provide services in the areas of its scientific research;

16.6. enter into cooperation, joint venture and other agreements with Lithuanian and foreign scientific, study and other institutions, and with legal and natural persons on matters of study, science and other matters; to join national and international associations;

16.7. upon receipt of the relevant licences, to carry out licensed activities related to the scientific fields developed at the Centre;

16.8. engage in economic commercial activities not prohibited by law that are related to the objectives of the Centre's activities;

16.9. manage, use and dispose of assets in the manner prescribed by legislation;

16.10. establish branches, representative offices, science and technology parks and other legal entities in the Republic of Lithuania and in foreign states, to coordinate their activities and to participate as a member in other legal entities, in accordance with the procedure established by legislation, where this is related to the objectives of the Centre's activities;

16.11. manage independently scientific, publishing, economic and financial matters in compliance with legislative requirements;

16.12. publish its R&D results by any means of its choice; to publish scientific and other literature; to organise conferences and other events;

16.13. provide and receive support in the manner established by the Law on Charity and Support of the Republic of Lithuania, upon obtaining the status of a support recipient;

16.14. initiate cooperation between companies, research institutes and higher education institutions;

16.15. establish an International Advisory Board composed of distinguished scientists and/or representatives of international high-technology business in order to identify and assess the strategic scientific research directions of the Centre. The composition of the International Advisory Board and its work regulations shall be approved by the Scientific Board upon the proposal of the Director of the Centre;

16.16. acquire and have other rights and obligations not contrary to legislation, these Statutes and the objectives of the Centre's activities, in the manner established by legislation.

17. The obligations of the Centre are the following:

17.1. to conduct R&D work and disseminate scientific knowledge;

17.2. to carry out R&D and RTDI projects linking business, science and studies in the fields of natural and technological sciences;

17.3. to inform the founder, the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport and the public about quality assurance measures for scientific activities, use of State-allocated funds, financial and economic activities, and received and provided support;

17.4. to submit timely official information (statistical data and substantive information) required for management and monitoring of the science and studies system to the authorities authorised by the Government;

17.5. to ensure academic freedom for members of the academic community;

17.6. to prepare an annual activity report and a set of financial statements of the Centre. The activity report must be presented to the public and published together with the set of financial statements by the 1st of April of each year.

17.7. to create conditions for students to acquire work experience; to organise retraining of specialists;

17.8. to fulfil other obligations established by the Law on Science and Studies, the Law on Public Institutions and other legal acts.

18. The Centre shall conduct a self-assessment of its scientific activities.

19. The results of scientific work carried out at the Centre and funded from the State budget of the Republic of Lithuania and other sources shall be made publicly available, to the extent



that this does not conflict with legislation governing protection of intellectual property and trade or State and official secrets.

CHAPTER IV

MEMBERS OF THE CENTRE; PROCEDURE FOR A PERSON TO BECOME A NEW MEMBER; PROCEDURE FOR SALE (TRANSFER) OF MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS TO OTHER PERSONS; PROCEDURE FOR TRANSFER OF MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PUBLIC INSTITUTION

20. A member of the Centre is a natural or legal person who has transferred a contribution to the Centre in the manner established by the Law on Public Institutions and these Statutes and holds the membership rights established by the Law on Public Institutions and these Statutes, as well as a person to whom membership rights have been transferred in the manner established by legislation or these Statutes.

21. The following persons may become new members of the Centre: the persons who submit a written application to the General Meeting of Members, obtain the consent of the General Meeting of Members of the Centre and make contributions to the capital of the Centre, or a person to whom membership rights are transferred in the manner established by these Statutes or by the laws of the Republic of Lithuania. Members' contributions may be monetary funds or tangible and intangible assets appraised in accordance with the Law on Fundamentals of Asset and Business Valuation of the Republic of Lithuania. The assets shall be appraised at the expense of the person seeking to become a member.

22. New members acquire all property and non-property rights and obligations from the moment their contribution to the capital of the Centre is registered in the prescribed manner. A new member must make a contribution to the capital of the Centre within 30 (thirty) calendar days of the date on which the General Meeting of Members adopts the decision on their becoming a member. Members' contributions are transferred to the Centre as follows:

22.1. monetary contributions shall be deposited into the Centre's account;

22.2. tangible and intangible assets shall be transferred to the Centre by drawing up an asset transfer and acceptance deed. The deed shall be signed by the person transferring the assets (the founder, member, or person wishing to become a member) and the Director of the Centre or a person authorised by the Director. The assets being transferred shall be accompanied by an asset valuation report.

23. A member of the Centre shall have the right to transfer membership rights to other persons:

23.1. monetary contributions of new members shall be deposited into the Centre's account and supporting documents shall be submitted. Tangible and intangible assets shall be transferred in the manner prescribed by legislation by signing an asset transfer and acceptance deed;

23.2. members of the Centre and value of their contributions shall be recorded in the Centre's documents, and a document confirming the value of their contributions shall be issued to a respective member. If a member of the institution makes additional contributions to the Centre, the records in the Centre's documents and the documents confirming the value of their contributions must be updated accordingly;

23.3. the rights of the State and/or municipality(-ies) as a member (owner) of the Centre may be sold or transferred to other persons in the cases and by the means established by the Law on Public Institutions and legislation governing management, use and disposal of State and municipal assets;

23.4. the membership rights of other persons in the Centre may be sold as follows:

23.4.1. a member of the Centre intending to sell their membership rights must notify the Director of the Centre in writing (indicating the sale price of the membership rights);



23.4.2. within 5 (five) working days of receiving the notification from the member of the Centre, the Director shall inform other members of the Centre thereof in the manner specified in Article 29 of these Statutes (indicating the member who is selling the membership rights and the sale price) and shall convene a General Meeting of Members in the manner established by these Statutes to adopt a decision on which member of the Centre will purchase the membership rights being sold;

23.4.3. if it becomes apparent at the General Meeting of Members of the Centre that none of the members of the Centre wishes to purchase the membership rights at the established price, the member intending to sell may sell the membership rights to another person;

23.4.4. if the Centre has only one member, the membership rights shall be sold to a natural or legal person chosen by that member, without carrying out the actions specified in subparagraphs 23.4.1-23.4.3 of these Statutes.

CHAPTER V

BODIES OF THE CENTRE, THEIR COMPETENCE, AND THE PROCEDURE FOR THEIR CONSTITUTION (APPOINTMENT) AND REMOVAL (DISMISSAL)

24. The bodies of the Centre are the following:

24.1. the General Meeting of Members;

24.2. the Director of the Centre as a sole management body;

24.3. the Scientific Board as a collegial management body.

25. Where a member (owner) of the Centre is a single person (the Republic of Lithuania), their written decisions shall be equivalent to decisions of the General Meeting of Members.

26. The competence of the General Meeting of Members (owner) is established by the Law on Science and Studies and the Law on Public Institutions.

27. All members shall have one vote each at the General Meeting of Members, except for the institution exercising the rights and obligations of the State as a member of the Centre, which shall have three votes at the General Meeting of Members.

28. Decisions of the General Meeting of Members shall be adopted by a simple majority of votes of the members present at the meeting, except for the following decisions, which shall be adopted by at least two-thirds majority of the votes of the members present:

28.1. a decision on reorganisation of the Centre and approval of the terms and conditions of reorganisation;

28.2. a decision to restructure the Centre;

28.3. a decision to liquidate the Centre or to revoke its liquidation.

29. The Director of the Centre shall notify the members of the Centre of a convened General Meeting of Members in writing, by sending a notification by electronic communications means, at least 14 (fourteen) days before the scheduled General Meeting of Members of the Centre.

30. The Director shall act on behalf of the Centre and shall represent the Centre. The Director of the Centre is appointed to and dismissed from the post by open competition in the manner established by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania or an institution authorised by it. The term of office of the Director of the Centre is 5 (five) years. The same person may be appointed as a Director of the Centre for no more than two consecutive terms, and not earlier than 5 years after the end of the last term, if the last term was the second consecutive term.

31. The Director of the Centre shall perform the following functions:

31.1. shall implement the decisions of the General Meeting of Members of the Centre; shall carry out the assigned tasks related to the objectives of the Centre's activities;



31.2. shall organise the activities of the Centre in pursuit of the objectives set out in these Statutes; shall manage the Centre and assume responsibility for its activities and the quality thereof;

31.3. shall ensure organisation of the Centre's bookkeeping, timely preparation, submission and publication of the set of financial statements, and preservation of accounting documents;

31.4. shall manage, use and dispose of the assets and funds of the Centre in accordance with the laws and other legal acts of the Republic of Lithuania, these Statutes and the decisions of the General Meeting of Members of the Centre;

31.5. shall enter into employment, authorship and other contracts necessary for performance of the Centre's activities;

31.6. shall represent the Centre before State authorities, governance and law enforcement institutions and in companies, institutions and organisations and in relations with other third parties;

31.7. shall report on the activities of the Centre to the General Meeting of Members of the Centre once a year;

31.8. shall submit the annual set of financial accounts and the activity reports for the preceding financial year to the General Meeting of Members of the Centre;

31.9. shall prepare and present the annual activity report of the Centre to the Scientific Board;

31.10. shall approve the regulations of the structural units of the Centre and job descriptions of employees; shall hire and dismiss employees in the manner established by the laws of the Republic of Lithuania; shall determine employees' remuneration; shall reward employees and organise investigations into breaches of work duties;

31.11. shall approve the internal work rules of the Centre, the regulation of the Scientific Board election, the remuneration system and other internal legal acts;

31.12. shall issue orders, organisational, administrative and informational documents within the scope of its competence;

31.13. shall notify the General Meeting of Members of the Centre and the Scientific Board of material events relevant to the activities of the Centre;

31.14. shall maintain relations with institutions of other States and international organisations;

31.15. shall act on behalf of the Centre and shall grant powers to employees of the Centre to perform functions within their competence;

31.16. shall submit the following to the Scientific Board for consideration and approval:

31.16.1. the structure of the Centre and any changes thereto;

31.16.2. the strategic activity plan of the Centre and any amendments and/or revisions thereto;

31.16.3. revenue and expenditure estimates, reports on their implementation, and other related documents;

31.16.4. proposals for amendments to the Statutes of the Centre;

31.16.5. candidates for heads of structural (scientific) units;

31.16.6. documents governing operation of the Centre's open-access laboratories and scientific research conducted at the Centre, as well as internal rules relates to ownership of intellectual activity results;

31.16.7. proposals for establishment of permanent or temporary commissions related to coordination of R&D activities and preparation of relevant projects;

31.17. shall ensure implementation of resolutions adopted by the Scientific Board;

31.18. shall ensure accessibility of the information about the activities of the Centre to the public;

31.19. shall appoint heads of structural (scientific) units of the Centre in the manner established by these Statutes;



31.20. shall announce ordinary and extraordinary attestations of scientific employees and competitions for posts;

31.21. shall approve regulations of the structural units of the Centre;

31.22. shall organise self-assessment of the Centre's activities and, where necessary, shall propose to carry out an expert evaluation of the Centre's activities;

31.23. following approval by the Scientific Board, shall submit proposals on amendments to the Statutes of the Centre to the General Meeting of Members (the institution exercising the rights and obligations of the owner);

31.24. shall perform other functions assigned to heads of institutions by the legislation of the Republic of Lithuania and established in the job description of the Director of the Centre.

32. The Director of the Centre shall be responsible for the following:

32.1. organisation of accounting in accordance with the Law on Accounting of the Republic of Lithuania;

32.2. preparing and submitting of the annual set of financial statements and the activity report together with the auditor's report (in cases where an audit of the financial statements has been carried out) to the Register of Legal Entities and to the General Meeting of Members, and publishing them on the Centre's website;

32.3. submitting the data specified in Article 2.66 of the Civil Code to the Register of Legal Entities;

32.4. creating conditions for third parties to review the annual set of financial statements, the activity report and the auditor's report (in cases where an audit of the financial statements has been carried out) at the registered office of the Centre;

32.5. convening the General Meeting of Members;

32.6. notifying members of events that may affect continuity, nature and scope of the Centre's activities;

32.7. maintaining the register of members of the public institution;

32.8. providing information about the activities of the Centre to the public and publishing of public notices;

32.9. performing other duties of the head as provided for in the Law on Science and Studies, the Law on Public Institutions and these Statutes.

33. The Director of the Centre may, by order, delegate part of his or her rights, obligations and functions to the Deputy Directors and other employees of the Centre, with the exception of those which are mandatorily assigned to heads of institutions by the laws of the Republic of Lithuania.

34. The Scientific Board shall perform the following functions:

34.1. on the proposal of the Director of the Centre, it shall consider and approve:

34.1.1. the structure of the Centre and any changes thereto;

34.1.2. the strategic activity plan of the Centre and any amendments and/or revisions thereto;

34.1.3. revenue and expenditure estimates, reports on their implementation, and other related documents;

34.1.4. proposals for amendments to the Statutes of the Centre;

34.1.5. candidates for heads of structural (scientific) units;

34.1.6. documents governing operation of the Centre's open-access laboratories and scientific research conducted at the Centre, as well as internal rules related to ownership of intellectual activity results;

34.1.7. permanent or temporary commissions related to coordination of the Centre's R&D activities and preparation of relevant projects;

34.2. shall prepare and approve the procedure for attestation of scientific employees and organisation of competitions for posts;



34.3. shall consider and approve the scientific directions of the Centre's activities, and opening or closing of research topics;

34.4. shall consider and submit proposals to the Director of the Centre regarding the Centre's cooperation with science and study institutions, international organisations, other natural and legal persons, as well as regarding R&D activities;

34.5. shall consider the annual activity reports of the Centre presented by the Director and shall evaluate how the Centre is implementing its objectives and tasks;

34.6. shall consider and approve documents governing R&D at the Centre, as well as the Centre's emeritus regulations;

34.7. shall prepare and submit the Academic Ethics Code to the Director of the Centre for approval;

34.8. shall adopt decisions on conferring the title of scientist emeritus on employees of the Centre;

34.9. shall approve its own work regulation;

34.10. shall perform other functions specified in legal acts and these Statutes.

35. The Scientific Board is constituted for 5 (five) years from scientific and administrative employees, as well as representatives of other institutions, companies and organisations interested in implementation of the Centre's objectives and mission as set out in the Centre's documents.

36. The Scientific Board shall be constituted according to the following principles:

36.1. the Scientific Board shall consist of 17 (seventeen) members, of whom at least 5 (five) are persons not employed at the Centre;

36.2. elections to the Scientific Board shall be announced and organised by the Director of the Centre in accordance with the election regulation of the Scientific Board approved by the Director; the information shall be published on the websites of the Centre and the Research Council of Lithuania at least 2 (two) months before the date of election;

36.3. candidates shall be nominated by the scientific and administrative employees of the Centre and by legal entities interested in the implementation of the Centre's objectives and mission; the Director of the Centre, Deputy Directors and Scientific Secretary may not be nominated as candidates for membership of the Scientific Board;

36.4. members of the Scientific Board shall be elected by secret ballot of the scientific employees of the Centre; all nominated candidates shall be included on the ballot papers.

37. The mandate of a member of the Scientific Board shall terminate in the following cases:

37.1. upon resignation of the Scientific Board's member from their post;

37.2. upon death of the Scientific Board's member;

37.3. where the Scientific Board's member who was elected to the Scientific Board from among the scientific and administrative employees of the Centre terminates their employment relationship with the Centre;

37.4. where the Scientific Board's member who was elected from among delegates of legal entities interested in implementation of the Centre's objectives and mission terminates their employment relationship with the institution that has delegated them;

37.5. upon recall of the person it has delegated by a legal entity interested in implementation of the Centre's objectives and mission.

38. The work of the Scientific Board shall be led by the Chairperson of the Scientific Board, who is elected from among the members of the Scientific Board by secret ballot by a simple majority of votes, when at least two-thirds of the members of the Scientific Board are present. The same person may be elected as a Chairperson of the Scientific Board for not more than 2 (two) consecutive terms. The Deputy Chairperson(s) and the Secretary of the Scientific Board shall be elected from the candidates proposed by the Chairperson of the Scientific Board by open



vote by a simple majority of votes of the members of the Scientific Board, when at least two-thirds of the members of the Scientific Board are present.

39. Meetings of the Scientific Board are open to the public. The Scientific Board may resolve to hold a closed meeting. Members of the Scientific Board shall be notified of a convened meeting and its agenda at least 5 (five) working days before the meeting. The Chairperson of the Scientific Board, the Director of the Centre or at least one-third of the members of the Scientific Board shall have the right to convene a meeting. The meeting shall be chaired by the Chairperson of the Scientific Board, or, in the absence of the Chairperson, by the Deputy Chairperson.

40. Meetings of the Scientific Board shall be legitimate if at least half of all the members of the Scientific Board are present.

41. Resolutions of the Scientific Board shall be deemed adopted if more than half of all the members of the Scientific Board present at the meeting vote in favour, except in the cases specified in Articles 42 and 43 of these Statutes. In the event of a tied vote, the Chairperson of the Scientific Board shall have the casting vote.

42. The Scientific Board may reject submissions of the Director of the Centre in the cases referred to in sub-paragraphs 31.16.1–31.16.3 of these Statutes by a majority of more than two-thirds of the votes of the members of the Scientific Board present at the meeting.

43. Resolutions of the Scientific Board to confer the title of emeritus scientist shall be adopted by not less than a two-thirds majority of the votes of all members of the Scientific Board.

44. The Centre shall have structural units (departments and agencies) approved by the Scientific Board. By way of exception, a laboratory may be accorded the status of a structural unit and not incorporated into a department.

CHAPTER VI

EMPLOYEES OF THE CENTRE, SCIENTISTS EMERITUS, THEIR RIGHTS, OBLIGATIONS AND LIABILITY

45. The personnel of the Centre consist of scientific employees, other researchers, administrative staff and other employees.

46. The posts of scientific employees are as follows: chief research fellow, senior research fellow, research fellow, junior research fellow, and research trainee. Their qualification requirements are established by the Scientific Board of the Centre, in accordance with the Law on Science and Studies and resolutions of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania and the Scientific Board of Lithuania.

47. For exceptional contribution to science, the title of scientist emeritus may be conferred on chief research fellows who have been actively engaged in scientific work at the Centre and have trained scientists.

48. A scientist emeritus shall be provided with conditions to participate in the scientific and other activities of the Centre: a workspace shall be provided; the possibility of using scientific information resources available to the Centre's employees shall be made available; the scientist emeritus may participate in events intended for the Centre's employees and, within the scope of their competence, participate in discussions on scientific activities and in decision-making on scientific activity planning.

49. The scientist emeritus undertakes to promote the name of the Centre and its scientific achievements; to indicate the affiliation with the Institute in prepared scientific publications; to comply with the Academic Ethics Code of the Centre and the Centre's internal work rules.

50. The Scientific Board shall prepare and approve the Centre's emeritus regulations, setting out the conditions and procedure for conferring the title of emeritus and guarantees of participation in the Centre's scientific activities.



51. In accordance with the procedure approved by the Scientific Board of the Centre, the scientist emeritus may be paid a monthly allowance.

52. The composition of the administrative staff of the Centre shall be approved by the Director of the Centre.

53. Employees of the Centre shall have the following rights:

53.1. to participate in examination and resolution of all matters related to their competence, duties or work;

53.2. to participate in competitions to implement scientific programmes; to obtain support from science and study funds; and to manage the received funds;

53.3. to participate in competitions for placements in the Republic of Lithuania and abroad;

53.4. to obtain from State institutions information needed for their scientific work (where such information constitutes a State or official secret, it shall be provided and used in the manner established by legislation);

53.5. to participate in consideration of proposals for amendments to these Statutes and the draft strategic activity plan of the Centre;

53.6. to participate in various trade unions and associations, including those based abroad;

53.7. to work independently or to form creative groups, without infringing the lawful requirements of the Centre and its internal rules;

53.8. to publish their scientific work, without infringing the lawful requirements of the Centre and its internal rules.

54. All rights and social guarantees established by legislation and other legal acts shall be ensured for employees of the Centre, and working conditions meeting occupational safety and health requirements shall be provided.

55. Employees of the Centre must:

55.1. develop their professional qualifications; scientific employees must develop their scientific qualifications in the areas of scientific activity specified in these Statutes;

55.2. perform the duties and functions established by these Statutes;

55.3. comply with the Academic Ethics Code;

55.4. comply with legislation, other legal acts, these Statutes, internal work rules, internal legal acts of the Centre, the terms of the employment contract, the regulations of the structural unit in which they work, the requirements set out in the job description, and the motivated instructions and directions of the direct or superior manager;

55.5. avoid conflicts of interest and reconcile public and private interests;

55.6. comply with requirements related to confidential information.

56. Employees of the Centre shall be liable for their activities in the manner established by the Labour Code of the Republic of Lithuania, the Law on Science and Studies and the legal acts implementing them or other legal acts.

57. The provisions of Article 89 of the Law on Science and Studies shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the rights of the Centre and its employees to the results of intellectual activity.

CHAPTER VII

SOURCES OF FUNDING OF THE CENTRE, PROCEDURE FOR USE OF ASSETS AND FUNDS, AND FINANCIAL CONTROL

58. The funds of the Centre comprise the following:

58.1. base funding from the State budget of the Republic of Lithuania;

58.2. State budget funds for doctoral studies;

58.3. funds from State investment programmes and State investment projects;

58.4. income from R&D, commercial activities and provided services;

58.5. funds received as programmed competition-based R&D funding;



- 58.6. money from the State funds;
- 58.7. funds allocated by international and foreign funds and organisations;
- 58.8. funds received as support under the Law on Charity and Support;
- 58.9. other lawfully received funds.
59. State budget appropriations for the Centre are allocated on a separate budget line.
60. Base funding from the State budget shall be allocated to the Centre for:
- 60.1. scientific research and experimental development (R&D);
- 60.2. . administration and operations;
- 60.3. maintenance of complex infrastructure facilities;
- 60.4. performance of the functions of the National Metrology Institute;
- 60.5. other needs.
61. The income of the Centre received from scientific, commercial activities and provided services shall be used independently to implement the objectives established in these Statutes.
62. The assets owned by the Centre may, where this is related to the objectives of the Centre's activities, be used to establish and liquidate legal entities.
63. The assets owned by the Centre shall be managed, used and disposed of in accordance with legislation and other legal acts governing management, use and disposal of assets.
64. The assets of the Centre comprise assets owned by the Centre, assets owned by the State, and assets held on trust and managed under loan for use and lease arrangements.
65. The assets owned, used and disposed of by the Centre under the right of ownership are:
- 65.1. State-invested assets;
- 65.2. income received from economic, scientific activities and provided services;
- 65.3. funds and other assets received as support under the Law on Charity and Support;
- 65.4. other monetary funds, except State budget funds;
- 65.5. donated assets;
- 65.6. inherited assets;
- 65.7. property rights arising from the results of intellectual activity (scientific or art works, objects of industrial property rights, namely, patents for inventions, designs, trademarks and topographies of semiconductor products and other intellectual property objects);
- 65.8. property rights of a participant in a legal entity;
- 65.9. income, assets or other benefits received from management and disposal of the funds or other assets referred to in sub-paragraphs 65.1-65.8 of this Article;
- 65.10. other lawfully acquired assets.
66. The Centre shall plan and use funds in the manner established by legislation.
67. Financial control of the Centre's activities shall be exercised by authorised institutions and agencies in the manner established by legislation.

CHAPTER VIII

PROCEDURE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF BRANCHES AND REPRESENTATIVE OFFICES AND TERMINATION OF THEIR ACTIVITIES

68. Branches and representative offices of the Centre shall be established, and their activities shall be terminated by decision of the General Meeting of Members in accordance with the Civil Code.
69. The Centre shall be liable for obligations of its branch or representative office; a branch and representative office shall be liable for obligations of the Centre.

CHAPTER IX



PROCEDURE FOR PROVIDING MEMBERS WITH DOCUMENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTRE

70. Upon receipt of a request from a member or a person authorised by a member, the Centre shall provide the information or documents specified in the request in writing within 10 (ten) working days.

71. Copies of documents provided to a member must, where specified in the request, be duly certified. Where specified in the request, documents and other information may be provided by e-mail or other electronic communication means.

72. Documents of the Centre, copies thereof or other information shall be provided to members free of charge.

CHAPTER X PROCEDURE FOR PUBLISHING NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

73. All notices and announcements which, pursuant to the Civil Code and the Law on Public Institutions, must be published publicly, shall be published in the electronic publication “Public Notices of Legal Entities” of the State Enterprise Centre of Registers. The Centre shall also have the right to publish this information additionally in another publication of its choice.

74. Notices and announcements must contain all information required to be provided by the Civil Code, the Law on Public Institutions and other applicable legislation governing the procedure for public notices and announcements.

75. The Director of the Centre shall be responsible for publication and content of notices and announcements and shall sign them.

CHAPTER XI PROCEDURE FOR PROVIDING THE PUBLIC WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTRE

76. The activity report of the Centre, as well as other information to be provided to the public as determined by the General Meeting of Members, with the exception of data on natural persons which may not be made public in the manner established by legislation, shall be published on the Centre’s website; information may also be provided at the registered office of the Centre during its working hours. The activity report of the Centre shall be submitted to the Register of Legal Entities and published on the Centre’s website not later than 5 working days after the ordinary General Meeting of Members.

77. The Centre shall also provide the public with other information about the Centre’s activities as determined by the General Meeting of Members. For this purpose, the Centre may use various communication and technical means.

CHAPTER XII FINAL PROVISIONS

78. The Statutes of the Centre and any amendments thereto shall be approved by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania.

79. The draft amendments to the Statutes of the Centre shall be submitted to the Government of the Republic of Lithuania by the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport in the manner established by legislation.



80. The Centre shall be reorganised, liquidated and restructured on the grounds and in the manner established by the Civil Code, the Law on Science and Studies and the Law on Public Institutions.





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