

Pursuant to the Article 11 of the Law on Associations ("Narodne novine" No. 88/01 and 11/02), Founding Assembly of the Croatian Society for Fundamental Physics (hereinafter the Society) at its meeting held on 2nd February 2011 year, has brought this

STATUTE

CROATIAN SOCIETY FOR FUNDAMENTAL PHYSICS

I GENERAL ORDINANCES

Article 1

This Statute is the basic general act of the Society. Other issues important to the Society's activities are regulated by ordinances, rules, or other regulations of the Society, which are made in the manner provided by this Statute.

The Statute shall regulate the issues of:

name, headquarters, representing; objectives and activities to achieve the objectives; achieving the publicity of the Society's activity; membership and membership fees, rights and obligations of the members; internal organization, the Society's bodies, their composition, authorities, decision making, conditions and manner of election and revocation, the duration of the mandate and responsibilities of the members; assets, asset acquisition and disposal with the possible earning; winding up and distribution of the property in the event of termination of the Society.

Article 2

The Society is a nongovernmental, nonpartisan, nonprofit and voluntary association of citizens, acting in accordance with the Law on Associations. The Society is a legal person with rights, obligations and responsibilities set forth by the Law and this Statute.

Article 3

The name of the Society is: Hrvatsko društvo za fundamentalnu fiziku.
The abbreviated name of the Society is: HDFF
The name of the Society in English language is: Croatian Society for Fundamental Physics.

Article 4

The Society is headquartered in Zagreb.

Article 5

The Society is active on the territory of Republic of Croatia.

Article 6

The Society has its own logo. The logo is a stylized form of letters H D F F above which is a symbol of the atom within the shaded ellipse.

Article 7

The Society has its own seal. The seal is circular with a diameter of three centimeters. The seal contains the words at the edge of the circle: Hrvatsko društvo za fundamentalnu fiziku. In the middle of the seal is logo of the Society.

Article 8

The Society is represented by the President, Vice President and Secretary.

II OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIETY

Article 9

Basic objectives of the Society are to promote, develop and improve understanding of fundamental phenomena of the universe and the promotion of fundamental physics.

Article 10

In achieving its objectives the Society is guided by the general principles of humanity, tolerance, solidarity and nonviolence.

Article 11

The forms of activities to achieve the objectives of the Society are planning and implementing organizational, theoretical and practical work in the field of fundamental physics and the philosophy of science of the universe, as follows:

- Elaboration of physical and philosophical foundations of the science of the universe,
- Encouraging research and critical analysis of fundamental questions about the universe,
- Critical analysis of existing theories,
- Collection of new scientific proposals on the universe,
- Organizing seminars about the universe in the field of fundamental physics,
- Organization of thematic courses, lectures, symposia and congresses on the universe,
- Organization of popular lectures for the public,
- Carrying out workshops, experiments and demonstration exercises,
- Organizing the competition of youth in the field activities,
- Selection of projects in the field of fundamental physics and award prizes and medals,
- Developing national programs and international cooperation on fundamental issues,
- Publishing of books, brochures, magazines and scholarly articles in the field of activity,
- Informing the public on the activity of Society.

Article 12

The Society is open to the public. The public work of the Society is realized in ways specified in this Statute, namely:

- By timely reporting of the members of the Society and by significant events, written reports, at special meetings,
- By public announcements or in other appropriate manner.

III MEMBERSHIP

Article 13

Membership in the Society is individual. Member of the Society may be any legally competent Croatian citizen as well as any foreigner who temporarily resides in Croatia. Legal persons may also be members of the Society. Persons under 18 years old and another person without business capability or with limited business capability may be members without the right to participate in the work of the Society's body.

Article 14

Members of the Society are:

- 1st regular,
- 2nd supporters,
- 3rd honorary.

Any citizen who actively pursues in activities of the society can become a regular member of the Society by voluntary joining.

Supporting member may become the one who pays a contribution, donates things or the rights of value established by the Board of the Society.

One can become an honorary member based on the decisions of the Board, and the selection is done among the citizens of Zagreb and other persons that have acquired special merits for the Society.

Foreign citizen can also become a regular, honorary and supporting member, under the Terms of the Law and this Statute.

The Board of the Society makes decisions on membership.

Application for membership can be submitted in a written form with CV and area of the work for which the person is interested, including the data necessary for evidence of membership. One becomes a member of the Society by filling out the application form that contains a statement of understanding and acceptance of the Statute and the Program basis, by paying membership dues for the current year, with the decision of the Board of receipt and by registration in the register of members governed by the secretary of the Society.

Membership card is issued to the members of the Society, with appearance, content and method of issuance regulated by the Board.

The Board of the Society decides on the amount of membership fees.

The Board of the Society may decide to release from payment of the membership fees for secondary-school pupils and students, and for individuals who provide adequate justification in a written form.

Article 15

The rights of members are

- Participation in the work and decision-making on the sessions of Assembly of the Society
- Access to all activities of the Society and participation in the activities of the Society
- Access to expert, informational and other materials produced by the Society.

Article 16

The duties of the members are

- Adherence to the Statute
- Standing for the objectives and the program basis of the Society
- Safekeeping the reputation of the Society
- Fulfillment of assumed commitments within the operations of the Society
- Payment of membership fees in the first quarter of the year, for regular members and legal persons.

Article 17

Termination of membership in the Society is realized by

- Voluntary withdrawal
- Non-payment of dues and
- Exclusion.

The member may resign by written statement addressed to the Board.

List of members is revised on 30 June each year, considering that the members are deleted from the list of those who have not settled their dues for the previous year.

The Board will exclude a member from the Society for breach of the Obligations Regulated By The Statute.

Article 18

Request to initiate the procedure to establish responsibility of the member of the Society for breach of the Obligations Regulated by the Statute, can be initiated by 3 (three) members of the Society. The request in a written form with explanation is directed to the Board. The Board is obliged to consider the request and in the process of decision-making must hear both sides.

Article 19

If responsibility of the member is established, the Board may impose disciplinary measures, warning or exclusion from membership.

Article 20

The decision of the Board can be appealed to the Assembly within 15 days of receipt of the decision. Assembly decision is final.

IV ASSOCIATION AND THE FORMS OF CONSTITUTION

Article 21

The Society may merge or join in the domestic and international alliances, communities or associations.

The Assembly, at the proposal of the Board, establishes a decision on joining or membership.

Article 22

For work in specific areas of the Society, the Assembly or the Board may establish sections, permanent or temporary commissions and other working bodies.

Decision on the establishment of the commission or working bodies determines their composition, duty, time to which they are established and accountability for performing the activity.

Article 23

The Board may decide on the establishment or dissolution of branches. The goal of establishing a branch can be easy and efficient solution of problems for specific population of members or to organize activities established by the Statute of the Society. Branches are the constitutional forms of the Society and do not have the status of a legal person. The initiative for founding the constitutional forms of the Society can be given by at least five (5) regular members of the Society. Decision on the establishment of a branch shall contain an ordinance about the name, address, organization and person authorized to represent the branch.

Article 24

The Association will encourage the establishment of the Institute for Fundamental Physics.

V THE BODIES

Article 25

The main bodies of the Society are:

- The Assembly
- The Board
- The President

The Assembly

Article 26

The Assembly is the highest governing body of the Society, and it consists of all the businesslike capable members of the Society, and of one representative of each legal person that is the member of the Society.

Article 27

Assembly in its scope:

- Adopts the Statute of the Society and certain other acts determined by this Statute,
- Brings the Society's development plan, work program and determines the business policy,
- Brings a financial plan, adopts the business reports and annual accounts,
- Elects and recalls the members of the Board,
- Elects and recalls the President and Vice President,
- Decides on status changes of the Society,
- Decides on the end of work of the Society,
- Decides in second instance on appeals against decisions of the Board,
- Discusses all issues relevant to the development and benefit of the Society and makes decisions, conclusions or recommendations on them to the other authorities, when decision making on these issues falls within their scope,
- Adopts the Rules of the Assembly,
- Discusses and decides on other matters within its jurisdiction based on the Law and other Regulations, this Statute or other acts of the Society.

Article 28

The Assembly regularly meets once a year and usually in the first quarter of the year. Every two years, the elective session of the Assembly will be held.

Article 29

The Board regularly convenes the Assembly on its own initiative or at the request of the President or one-third of the members of the Society.

If the Board fails to convene the Assembly within 15 days of receipt of the request, the Assembly may be convened by the proponents.

The call for holding of the Assembly is signed by the President of the Society based on the decisions of the Board. The members must be notified on the session of the Assembly by a written call with a proposal of the agenda, date and place of holding of the Assembly, at least eight days before the session.

The Board decides on the proposal of agenda.

At the exceptional session of the Assembly, only the matters for which it is convened are discussed and decided, which are determined by the proponents of the first paragraph of this Article.

Article 30

Assembly validly decides if the majority of the Assembly members are present.

If the Assembly has not reached majority of the more than a one-half of the members, the Assembly is postponed for half an hour. The Assembly then holds session with the present number of members.

Decisions are made in both cases by a majority of the more than a one-half of the members present. Mode of the work of the Assembly is defined by the Rules of Procedure accepted by the Assembly at the beginning of the session, based on the proposal of the Board.

The Governing Board

Article 31

The Governing Board of the Society performs executive functions and other duties regulated by this Statute.

Article 32

The Board consists of three (3) members: President, Vice President and Secretary. The Board is the executive and operative collegial body. Chairman of the Board shall convene and manage the work of the Board.

Article 33

The Board in its scope:

- Elects and appoints the Secretary of the Society,
- Elects and appoints the Treasurer of the Society,
- Convenes the Assembly of the Society,
- Determines the proposal of the Program of Work and the Statute to the Assembly for consideration and adoption,
- Prepares proposals of the program activities and work plans,
- Cares of the execution of the adopted Program and the decisions of the Assembly of the Society,
- Manages the assets of the Society,
- Reports on the work to the Assembly of the Society,
- Appoints the Scientific Counsel , scientific groups, committees and similar working bodies as appropriate, and defines their tasks and evaluates their work;
- Approves the publishing of books, brochures and scientific articles in the field of activity,
- Decides on the award of medals,
- Performs other duties under the Statute and other general acts of the Society,
- Decides on establishment or dissolution of a branch,
- Appoints and dismisses the secretaries of branches,
- Decides on a change of address of the Society.

Article 34

The President of the Society convenes the session of the Board.

Decisions of the Board shall be by a majority vote of all members of the Board.

Board meetings are held as necessary as decided by the President, and shall be held at least once every three months.

Article 35

For its work, the Board is responsible to the Assembly.
Presidency submits an annual report on its work to the Assembly.
Mandate of the Board members is for two years.

The President

Article 36

The President of the Society performs executive functions and other activities established by this Statute and the decisions of the Assembly.
President of the Society is elected for a term of two years by the Assembly, with a restriction on the choice of the same person to at most two terms.
In a case of absence of the President, the Vice President replaces him.

Article 37

The President in his scope:

- Represents the Society,
- Convenes and presides over the meetings of the Board,
- Manages the work of the Board and the Society as a whole,
- Manages the assets of the Society,
- Supervises the material and financial operations of the Society,
- Submits the plan of work and proposal of the financial plan to the Assembly,
- Submits annual report on the work and financial report to the Assembly.

The Vice President

Article 38

The Vice President of the Society performs tasks specified in this Constitution and the decisions of the Assembly.
The Vice President shall be elected by the Assembly for a period of two years, with the possibility of repetition of the mandate.

Article 39

Vice President in his scope:

- Replaces the President in his absence,
- Organizes the realization of the program of work and the decisions of the Assembly and the Board,
- Controls the work of committees, scientific groups and other working bodies,
- Takes care of informing the public on the work of the Society,
- Performs other duties under the Statute and other general acts of the Society.

Article 40

The President, the Vice President and the Board are responsible to the Assembly.

The Secretariat

Article 41

The Secretariat of the Society consists of the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Secretaries of particular branches.

The Board appoints the members of the Secretariat for a term of two years, from among the members of the Society.

The Secretariat is responsible to the President and to the Vice President.

Article 42

The Secretary in his scope:

- Represents the Society in the absence or inability of the President or the Vice President, as authorized by the Board,
- Prepares the sessions of the Assembly and the Board,
- Organizes the administrative, professional, technical and other tasks, and coordinates the work of employees in the association or the working groups entrusted with carrying out certain tasks,
- Coordinates the work of the Secretariat,
- Manages a register of the members.

VI FINANCIAL OPERATIONS AND ASSETS

Article 43

Assets of the Society consists of funds , real estate, movable property and other proprietary rights and obligations.

The Society acquires assets by :

- Membership fees,
- Voluntary contributions and gifts of individuals and legal persons,
- Grants,
- Sponsorships,
- Donations,
- Publishing activities, in accordance with the Society's activities,
- From other sources in accordance with the Law.

Article 44

The President is responsible for financial (material) operations of the Society.

Article 45

The Board brings decisions about the purchase, sale, transfer or other decisions relating to the property, as well as the disposal of prospective profits.

VI THE END OF WORK OF THE SOCIETY

Article 46

The Society will cease to exist in the Cases As Specified By The Law.

In the case of the end of work of the Society, the property of Society becomes the property of its founders. In the case that the founders are not alive, the assets of the Society will be submitted to the society or societies engaged in science, social and health care, in accordance with the decision of the Assembly.

In the case of the end of work pursuant to the Assembly decision, the same brings the decision on the end of activity by the two-thirds majority of votes of all the members of the Assembly.

VIII TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL ORDINANCES

Article 47

This Statute shall come into force upon adoption by the Assembly. The Statute is submitted to the competent administrative body for registration in the Register of Associations.

Article 48

The Statute of the Society is adopted by the Assembly by majority of votes of the total number of members of the Assembly, after the discussion.

A commission appointed by the President of Society proposes amendments to the Statute and proceeds with it to the Assembly for consideration and adoption.

Article 49

The President, the Vice President and the Secretary of the Society are signatories of the Society.

Article 50

The Secretary of the Society gives the Interpretation Of The Ordinances of this Statute, and in the case of disagreement, the Assembly gives it.

The Secretary of the Society gives the interpretation of other acts of the working bodies of the Society.

In Zagreb, 2nd February , 2011

President of the Society

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