

Statute of the Society of Slovenian doctoral students and early-career researchers – Young Academy of Slovenia

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

The Society of Slovenian doctoral students and early-career researchers – Young Academy of Slovenia (hereafter referred to as the Society) is a non-profit, voluntary association of doctoral students and early-career researchers.

In its activities, the Society uses a shortened name, Young Academy of Slovenia.

The Society's activities are based on the principles of free association of researchers with the goal to promote research and cooperation in all areas of scientific activity and to create conditions for the development of science. In their work, the members of the Society abide by the ethical principles of research activities.

The Society operates according to the principles of democracy and with the highest possible transparency.

The Society owns a logotype, which includes two stylized depictions of owls and the Society's shortened name.

The Society operates with a stamp. The stamp is equivalent to the logotype and has the name of the Society written beneath the logotype.

Article 2

The Society is a legal person governed by private law.

The Society's headquarters is in Ljubljana at the address Jamova cesta 39, 1000 Ljubljana.

The change of the Society's address is decided upon by the Society's Management Board.

Article 3

The Society can connect and cooperate with other organizations in the Republic of Slovenia that are active in the fields of higher education, science, technology, innovations, development, and related areas.

The Society can autonomously cooperate and associate with foreign or international organizations that have similar aims and goals.

In order to attain its objectives, the Society can also cooperate with enterprises.

Article 4

The Society's activities are public; it is the responsibility of the President to ensure the public nature of the Society's activities.

The Society informs its members of its activities through e-mail and the public through the announcements on the Society's website.

II. PURPOSES, OBJECTIVES, AND TASKS OF THE SOCIETY

Article 5

The purposes and objectives of the Society are to bring together doctoral students and early-career researchers; in other words, the youth active in research and higher education in Slovenia and Slovenians active in these areas abroad. The Society also provides education on research and research-related topics, and represents the interests of its members in the public sphere and as a stakeholder in co-creation of Slovenian research and higher education policies.

The Society's tasks are as follows:

- striving for quality doctoral research and a high level of research activity, and their relevance for society and economy;
- popularizing basic and applicative research and innovation activities;
- organizing professional and social meetings;
- striving to establish meritocratic criteria of work, rewards, and promotions in all areas of higher education and research activities;
- connecting and cooperating with similar organizations at home and abroad;
- representing the interests of its members in the public sphere;
- striving for the research and higher education policy in Slovenia that will be inter-generationally responsible and have a long-term focus.

III. MEMBERSHIP

Article 6

Membership can be regular or exceptional.

A regular member of the Young Academy of Slovenia can be any doctoral student or an early-career researcher up to 12 years after the thesis defense or up to the age 40 who is active in Slovenia or is a Slovenian citizen, and who consents to the Society's statute.

Exceptional members are former regular members of the Society who do not fulfil the criteria for regular membership anymore and have expressed a wish for further active collaboration with the Society. Exceptional members can also be other persons active in the areas of research and higher education on the condition that their membership is confirmed by the Society's Management Board.

The Society's Management Board confirms the acceptance of new members on the basis of a completed accession statement of the candidate. The Assembly is informed about this by the Management Board.

Article 7

Regular and exceptional members have the following rights:

- to contribute to the Society's activities;
- to use the joint achievements and results of the Society's activities in accordance with the agreed rules;
- to be informed about the Society's program, work, and operation.

Regular members also have the following rights:

- to elect and be elected to the Society's bodies;
- to participate in the Society's bodies.

Members have the following obligations:

- to contribute with their work to the realization of the Society's tasks,
- to respect the statute and other files, rules, and agreements of the Society's bodies,
- to provide the Society with the information necessary to perform the agreed joint tasks,
- to protect the Society's reputation.

Article 8

Membership in the Society terminates through:

- a withdrawal after giving a statement to the Management Board,
- a suspension based on an order of the Supervisory Board,
- death of the member,
- a termination of the Society's activity.

Regular membership terminates and exceptional membership enters into force when:

- a member no longer fulfils the criteria for regular membership, which are defined in the second paragraph of Article 6 of the Society's statute.

IV. ORGANIZATION OF THE SOCIETY

Article 9

The Society comprises the following bodies:

- the Assembly,
- the Management Board (MB),
- the Supervisory Board (SB).

Article 10

Assembly

The highest body of the Society is the Assembly, which consists of all the Society's members and elects all other Society's bodies.

The Assembly can be performed "live" or by correspondence (e-mail, videoconference).

The Assembly can be regular or exceptional. The regular Assembly is convened by the President upon the decision of the Management Board, generally once per year. The exceptional Assembly is convened by the Management Board upon its own decision, or upon the demand of ¼ of the

Society's members, or upon the demand of the Supervisory Board. The Management Board is obliged to convene the Assembly no later than two months after receiving the demand. Otherwise, the Assembly is convened by the body that posed the demand.

The exceptional Assembly decides only about the issue for which it has been convened.

Article 11

The Society's members must be informed about the convention of the Assembly and its agenda at least 14 days before the convention.

There shall be a quorum in the Assembly when at least $\frac{1}{4}$ of its members or at least 20 members are present.

The Assembly adopts a conclusion through the majority vote of the Society's members who are present at the convention. When the Assembly decides about changing the Society's statute or terminating the Society's operation, the decision must be supported by the votes of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Society's members who are present at the convention.

As a general rule, voting is by open ballot, unless the members decide for a secret ballot.

Again as a general rule, voting on the Society's bodies is by secret ballot.

Article 12

The Assembly:

- discusses and decides about the agenda of the convention,
- passes and changes the statute and other Society's files,
- passes the Society's work program,
- passes the Society's financial plan and confirms its final bill,
- elects and resolves the MB and SB,
- decides, as the second-level body, about the decisions of the MB, SB, and other Society's bodies,
- decides about the financial and material means for the Society's operation,
- decides about the Society's involvement or joining with other related organizations,
- decides about other matters suggested by the Society's members and bodies,
- decides about the termination of the Society's activity.

Individual suggestions to be discussed by the Assembly must be sent to the MB at least 8 days before the Assembly's convention. A record of the Assembly's work is made, which is signed by the chairperson and one certification authority.

Article 13

Management Board

The Management Board (MB) is the executive body of the Assembly, which performs organizational and professional/technical tasks and leads the Society's work in the period between two Assembly's conventions according to the program and decisions accepted by the Assembly. The MB is accountable to the Assembly for its work.

The MB consists of 6 members who must be regular members of the Society.

The MB consists of 3 doctoral students and 3 early-career researchers.

The MB is elected by the Assembly. The call for suggestions of new MB members is announced together with the convention of the Assembly where the election of new MB members will be held. The Society's members must be informed about this at least 14 days before the convention.

The President and Vice-President of the MB are elected by the members of MB among themselves for the period of 2 years, but not for longer than the mandate of the majority of the MB members.

In the absence of the President, the MB is led by the Vice-President of the MB.

The MB meets as necessary, but at least twice a year. The mandate of a MB member lasts for 2 years with a possibility of re-election.

Article 14

The tasks of the MB are as follows:

- to convene the Assembly,
- to provide the execution of the Society's program directions,
- to prepare the suggestions of the Society's files,
- to prepare a suggestion of the financial plan and provides the financial and material operation of the Society,
- to elect and demote the President and the Vice-President of the Society,
- to elect and demote the Secretary of the Society,
- to elect and terminate individual committees and working bodies,
- to perform other duties that originate from the Society's files or for which it is authorized by the Assembly.

Article 15

The MB usually operates at sessions called by the President or, in the absence of the President, the Vice-President or the Secretary.

Individual sessions, except twice a year when the MB convenes in person, can be performed by means of technical accessories (e-mail, videoconference, etc.).

The decisions of the MB are accepted if they are supported by at least 4 of the 6 MB members.

Article 16

Supervisory Board

The Supervisory Board (SB) monitors the work of the MB and other Society's bodies and supervises the financial/material operation of the Society. The NS is accountable to the Assembly for its work.

The SB consists of 3 regular members of the Society, whose mandates last for 2 years.

The SB is elected by the Assembly. The call for suggestions of new SB members is announced together with the convention of the Assembly where the election of new SB members will be held. The Society's members must be informed about this at least 14 days before the convention.

The President and Vice-President of the SB are elected by the SB members among themselves. The decisions of the SB are accepted if they are supported by at least 2 NS members.

The SB members are invited to the MB sessions without the right to vote or are informed about all the decisions of the MB.

For the purpose of disciplinary offence procedures, The SB convenes as necessary according to the demands of the Society's bodies or members. The demands must be solved within a period of 30 days.

Article 17

A disciplinary offence of a Society's member is defined as a major disrespect of the statute and the decisions of the Society's bodies, and any other action that affects the Society's interests and reputation.

The offences are predominantly:

- infringements of the provisions of the Society's statute and files,
- a negligent and reckless execution of accepted assignments and functions in the Society if such an execution harms the Society or its reputation.

Article 18

At the first level, the disciplinary offences are discussed by the SB.

The appeal body for complaints is the Assembly. The period for filing an appeal is 15 days upon receiving the order of the SB.

Article 19

The SB can apply the following measures to the Society's members:

- reprimand,
- suspension.

Provisions of the Criminal Procedure Act are reasonably used for the disciplinary procedure.

Article 20

President

The President of the Society is the President of the MB.

The President represents the Society before the national authorities and other national and foreign organizations, and before third parties.

The President is responsible for the legal operation of the Society and for its operation in accordance with the statute. The President is accountable to the Assembly and the MB for his or her work.

In the absence of the President, he or she is replaced by the Vice-President of the Society.

Article 21

Vice-President

The Vice-President of the Society is the Vice-President of the MB.

The Vice-President replaces the President in his or her absence.

The Vice-President is elected by the MB among its members upon the suggestion from the President.

Generally, the Vice-President is a doctoral student if the President is an early-career researcher. If the President is a doctoral student, then the Vice-President is an early-career researcher.

Article 22

Secretary

The Secretary is elected by the MB upon the suggestion of the President to do professional/technical work and to coordinate the Society's bodies.

V. FINANCIAL AND MATERIAL MANAGEMENT

Article 23

The Society's income is:

- the income from its own activities,
- other kinds of income.

Article 24

The Society has at its disposal financial means in accordance to its program and yearly financial plans, which are passed by the Assembly. The final bill – report is discussed and passed at the yearly convention of the Assembly.

Article 25

The Society's assets consist of all movable and immovable property that is registered in the inventory register as the Society's possessions. The Society's assets are managed by the MB.

The Society can establish funds, whose property is an integral part of the Society's assets. The funds are managed by the MB.

Article 26

Financial and material operations must comply with the principles for the operation of societies and with applicable regulations.

Financial records are made according to the principles of accounting operations. The Society must maintain a record of cash receipts and cash payments (accounting log), whereas other data for the annual report are collected by a yearly census and evaluation.

The way of material and financial operation and the way of data presentation is defined by a special rule book.

Financial operation of the Society is performed through a business account.

Article 27

Financial and material documents are signed by the President, whereas they can also be signed by the Vice-President or the Secretary on the basis of the President's written authorization or the authorization via e-mail.

The MB can hire an accountant to help with the management of financial and material issues.

The Society's financial and material operations are public for all its members.

Article 28

The Society's members can receive payment for organizational, technical, and business activities that exceed a certain extent of work.

The payment is defined by a special statement of costs or a decision of the MB.

The Society can conclude a contract with an individual for permanent work that exceeds the scope of a non-professional approach.

VI. TERMINATION OF THE SOCIETY

Article 29

The Society is terminated by:

- a decision of the Assembly with the $\frac{2}{3}$ -majority of the members present at the convention, if the conditions and reasons for the establishment of the Society are no longer valid,
- an order of the competent administrative authority.

In the case of the Society's termination, its assets are transferred to another society with a similar activity, which is chosen upon a suggestion of the MB at the final convention of the Assembly with a $\frac{2}{3}$ -majority.

VII. TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 30

This statute was passed by the Assembly on July 7, 2016. The statute enters into force right after the confirmation at the convention of the Society's Assembly.

President:

Signature: