

CONSTITUTION

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Note: This is a shortened translation of the German version, the latter is legally binding.

§ 1

iMOSS is officially registered as a non-profit organization (charity) in Freiburg, Germany.

§ 2

iMOSS supports science and research, in particular scientific exchange, e.g. via organization of scientific meetings. The society is a non-profit organization.

§ 3

iMOSS has

- a) regular members
- b) honorary members

a) Regular members have all rights and duties of the constitution.

b) Honorary members are announced due to special merits. They have to be nominated unanimously by the board and will be appointed by the iMOSS members assembly.

§ 4

The executive board decides on member admission.

§ 5

The withdrawal of a member has to be announced in writing to the executive board. Withdrawal until September 30th is effective for the current year.

§ 6

The board may decide on exclusion of a member due to

- a) violation of the goals of the society or board regulations,
- b) harming the society's authority or respect,
- c) discreditable conduct and
- d) failure to pay the membership fee after being reminded.

Before the exclusion, the member has to be heard. The decision is final and cannot be appealed to the assembly.

§ 7

All regular members have to pay an annual member fee and possible other fees (e.g., admission fees) that have been decided upon by the full board. Honorary members do not pay the annual member fee.

§ 8

The society is a non-profit organization; money of the society is only permitted to be used in agreement with the goals stated above.

§ 9

The society is not liable for material or immaterial harm and losses that occur by actions of the society.

§ 10

Structure of the society includes:

- a) member assembly
- b) full board (encompassing c)
- c) executive board
- d) extended board

a) All members may vote in the assembly.

b) The full board consists of:

president
vice president
treasurer

In case of equal votes the president decides. The full board is elected every two years at the members' assembly.

c) The executive board consists of the president and vice president who represent the society. The vice president shall act only if the president is unable to do so.

d) By nomination of the board (full and extended), the member assembly might elect additional members to become part of the extended board. The board decides on distribution of labor. Members of the extended board might attend board meetings but are not allowed to vote.

§ 11

Past Presidents can be elected to become honorary presidents, who may attend board meetings but are not allowed to vote. They have to be elected by 2/3 of the member assembly.

§ 12

Disputes are to be resolved by the board.

§ 13

Two cash auditors, who are not board members, will be elected for two years by the member assembly. They have the right and the duty to control cash flow. They will report to the member assembly.

§ 14

The president calls for the annual member assembly. The invitation has to be announced at least one week in advance by e-mail or letter and has to state the agenda, which has to contain:

- a) business report of the board
- b) cash report
- c) report of the cash auditors
- d) ratification of the boards actions
- e) election of board, extended board and cash auditors after two years
- f) permission of budget
- g) changes of the constitution, if required
- h) etc.

The president guides the assembly; a written protocol has to be generated and signed by her/him. Decisions (by simple majority) have to be stated in the protocol. In case of equal votes, the president decides.

§ 15

The president can call for an extraordinary member assembly within one week. Such an assembly has the same rights as the annual assembly. The president has to invite an extraordinary assembly if 40% of the members request it, stating a reason.

§ 16

Changes in the constitution have to be affirmed by the assembly with 75% of the members present at the assembly. For changes to § 2 or § 17, a total of 25% of the members have to be present at the assembly. In case where no decision can be reached a new assembly has to be called, which will be allowed to come to a decision regardless of the number of members present.

The board is entitled to carry out editorial changes to the constitution, or changes requested by the authorities, upon majority vote of the board.

§ 17

Should the assembly decide upon liquidation of the society, 75% of the members present have to agree.

§ 18

In the event of liquidation of the society all valuables will be passed on to another charity having a similar goal.

§ 19

Salvatory clause.