

Articles of Association of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Basic Sciences

Chapter One: Generalities

Article 1. The Institute for Advanced Studies in Basic Sciences which is referred to in this Articles of Association as the "Center" is an education and research institute and is governed according to the regulations of this Articles of Association and is located in Zanjan.

Article 2. The Center is affiliated to the Ministry of Culture and Higher Education from the viewpoint of education, research and university management, is a legal entity, and has financial independence. The funding of the Center is procured through donations and is excluded from the Government Accounting Law and all its financial affairs and transactions shall be performed by observing financial and transaction regulations enacted by the Board of Trustees.

Article 3. The goal of the Center is to establish an education and research environment in which education shall be at its highest scientific level and fundamental and applied research are carried out on cutting edge topics in basic sciences.

Note: By Sciences, herein referred to as "Sciences", it is meant physics, chemistry, mathematics, biological sciences, geological and environmental sciences, and those advanced technologies in which research is closely bound to the mentioned fields.

Article 4. The organs of the Center are :

- Board of Trustees,
- Director of the Center, and
- the Scientific Council.

Article 5. The composition of the members of the Board of Trustees and their duties shall be as per enactments of meetings 181 and 183 of the Supreme Council of Cultural Revolution on Feb. 28, and March 14, 1989.

Article 6. The Director of the Center shall manage the Center according to the bylaws of Managing Universities and Higher Education Institutions and provisions of this Articles of Association. The Director of the Center shall be appointed for a 4-year term by the order of the Minister of Culture and Higher Education.

Article 7. Duties of the Director of the Center:

- Overseeing the proper execution of education and research plans and programs approved by the Center.
- Establishing connection and coordination between the Center and other education and research centers inside and outside the country in line with the goals of the Center.
- Preserving the assets, properties, documents, and financial instruments of the Center.
- Executing all enactments of the Board of Trustees.

- Drafting and concluding all contracts, signing financial instruments, and opening bank accounts.

Note: the Director of the Center may appoint persons as his/her representative to conclude contracts and sign financial instruments and declare their signatures valid within the framework of enacted regulations.

- Representing the Center in all administrative and judicial bodies with the right to hire attorneys in order to vindicate the rights of the Center.
- Submitting the annual budget of the Center to the Board of Trustees.
- Preparing and adjusting the detailed budget of the Center and presenting it to the Board of Trustees.
- Reporting and presenting the Center's annual accounts and balance sheets to the Board of Trustees.
- Appointing and dismissing all the personnel of the Center according to the organization of the Center.
- Recommending financial, transactions and administrative bylaws to the Board of Trustees. Reporting the annual activities of the Center to the Board of Trustees.
- Recommending the holding of extraordinary meetings to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees when necessary.

Article 8. The members of the Scientific Council of the Center are as follows:

- Director of the Center,
- Education and Research Deputy, and
- Five faculty members with the rank of Associate Professor.

Note: The Scientific Council should have at least 7 members and as long as it is not possible to observe this limit using the faculty members of the Center, faculty members will be appointed from other scientific centers and universities in the country by the recommendation of the Director of the Center and the approval of the Minister of Culture and Higher Education and by the order of the Director of the Center. These individuals should at least have the Associate Professor rank and will be appointed for 5 years as a member of the Scientific Council.

Article 9. The duties of the Scientific Council of the Center include the following :

- Recommending an overview of the strategy of the Center to the Board of Trustee.
- Drafting and approving the bylaws of the Council.
- Overseeing the quality of execution of research projects and offering ways for their proper execution.
- Adopting and approving the education and research policies of the Center.
- Adopting and approving student admission criteria.

- Adopting the development plans of the Center within the framework of the approved budget and presenting them to the Board of Trustees.
- Adopting the internal rules of procedure for the employment and promotion of faculty members within the framework of the general regulations for recruiting university faculty members.
- Recommending the granting of honorary ranks and titles to Iranian and foreign personalities.
- Reviewing and approving short-term and long-term education and research courses and scientific seminars according to the national higher education criteria and regulations.

Article 10. The Center has an International Consulting Council whose members are selected from among pioneers in science and technology in higher education and research inside and outside the country. The members of the Consulting Council are selected by the recommendation of the Scientific Council of the Center and the approval of the Board of Trustees.

Article 11. The financial resources of the Center include the following:

- Fundings that come under the title of donations in the government budget every year.
- Fees that the Center obtains for its scientific and research services.
- Gifts and donations of real and legal persons.

Article 12. The educational degree levels of the Center will mostly be at the Master's and Doctoral levels.

Article 13. The Center shall award its graduates with a Graduation Diploma at each degree level. This diploma will be official and approved by the Ministry of Culture and Higher Education.

Article 14. The dissolution of the Center shall take place upon the recommendation of the Scientific Council, confirmation of the Board of Trustees, and approval of the Higher Education Development Council. Decisions concerning the assets of the Center after its dissolution shall be made by the Ministry of Culture and Higher Education.

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