

REGULATIONS - STATUTES

EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR THEORETICAL STUDIES IN NUCLEAR PHYSICS AND RELATED AREAS - (ECT*)

FOUNDATION BRUNO KESSLER

PREAMBLE

The European Centre for Theoretical Studies in Nuclear Physics and Related Areas (ECT*) was established by the Board of Directors of the Foundation Bruno Kessler (FBK) on October 17th, 2008 as a natural continuation of the initiative undertaken by ITC on December 17th, 1992 and established on January 1st, 1993. This document updates the statutes of ECT* in order to make them compatible with the rules of the FBK which administer the Center.

By appointment of the European Science Foundation, ECT* is an institutional member of ESF-Expert Committee NuPECC (Nuclear Physics European Collaboration Committee). Its membership in, and representation on, NuPECC is governed by the Terms of Reference of NuPECC.

The Centre carries out autonomously the activities scheduled in the multi annual programme enacted by the FBK Board of Directors (CdA), making efforts to act coherently in the framework of the general goals of the Foundation.

Art. 1 GOALS

The ECT* is European in conception and operates in a context of European Universities and Laboratories. The goals of the ECT* are:

- a) to promote in-depth research on topical problems at the forefront of contemporary developments in theoretical nuclear physics;
- b) to foster interdisciplinary contacts between nuclear physics and neighbouring fields such as particle physics, astrophysics, condensed matter physics and the quantal physics of small systems;
- c) to encourage talented young physicists by arranging for them to participate in the activities of the ECT*, by organizing training projects and establishing networks of active young researchers;
- d) to strengthen the interaction between theoretical and experimental studies.

To attain its objectives the ECT* relies, amongst other things, upon:

- a) the creation and expansion of a specialised library;

- b) the creation of computer facilities linked to the national and international computing centres;
- c) such actions and undertakings as to facilitate an efficient linkage of the ECT* with the other scientific institutions, European and worldwide;
- d) such actions and undertakings as to facilitate short-, middle- and long-term research and/or teaching activities at the ECT*;
- e) the publication of documents on the ECT*'s activities;
- f) whatever other undertaking is deemed to be in line with the ECT*'s objectives.

Art. 2 DIRECTOR

The Director is responsible for the operation of the Centre. The Director is identified by the ECT* Scientific Board and appointed by the CdA with a three-year mandate with the possibility of a single renewal.

The Director of the ECT* is not a member of the ECT* Scientific Board.

The Director represents ECT* on NuPECC and is a full member of NupECC.

The Director implements the scientific programmes defined by the Scientific Board on an annual or multi annual basis, as described in the following article 4.

Besides the widest autonomy of decision making to foster the scientific activities of the Centre, as approved by the Board, the Director has authority, duties and responsibilities regarding the handling of the budget of the Centre, the use of the respective facilities, and the coordination of the personnel.

In this role, the director presents to the CdA of the Foundation projects and objectives, and the corresponding budget. The Director maintains contacts with the National, European and International Organizations connected with the ECT*. The Director submits an annual report on the state of the ECT*. The Director is responsible for public information regarding the ECT* and for the publication of reports on its scientific activities.

The Director will act according to the Statutes and the FBK administrative regulation, with the possibility to authorize expenses for services and supplies signing the corresponding contracts- and to assign professional tasks within the limit of thirty thousand euro.

The Director of the Centre is responsible for organizing the activities so as to attain the security standards imposed by the laws.

Art. 3 VICE DIRECTOR

The Director designates to the CdA a vice-director, who can replace him in case of absence or impediment and carries out such duties as have been delegated to him by the Director. The vice-director may not be a member of the ECT* Scientific Board.

Art. 4 SCIENTIFIC BOARD

The ECT* Scientific Board is composed of 6 to 9 eminent scientists. Up to 8 members are identified as follows: first, the acting Board consults the Body of Associates of ECT* for suggestions; next, the Board considers the suggestions and makes a proposal which is then endorsed by the European Science Foundation through NuPECC. One additional member of the Board is identified by NuPECC to serve as liaison member. After the approval by ESF-NuPECC, the Director communicates the names of the members of the Scientific Board to the CdA for appointment.

Members serve on the Board for periods of 3 years non-renewable starting on the day of nomination by the CdA.

The Board elects a Chairman from amongst its members, who calls the Board to session and presides over it. The mandate of the Chairman is two years.

The Board meets at least twice a year and resolutions are decided by a simple majority of the members present at a session. The Chairman has a casting vote. A session of the Board may also be called upon the request of two or more members; for a session of the Board to be valid, at least 2/3 of the members must be present.

The Board is an inner body of ECT* and its own functions do not interfere with those of the Scientific Committee of the Foundation.

In particular, the functions of the Board are:

- to endorse on a yearly basis the programme of scientific activities with their expected overall cost and personnel requirements
- to establish research projects and long-term programmes
- to approve whatever changes in programmes and their relative budgets that are proposed by the Director
- to take the initiatives necessary to obtain, from National and European Scientific-administrative Institutions, additional financial resources
- to identify the Director and propose him to the CdA for appointment.

Art. 5 BODY OF ASSOCIATES

Associates are all scientists that have positions in Universities or Laboratories worldwide involved in scientific activities within the scope of ECT*, and who have registered at ECT*.

Associates are consulted for advice concerning the scientific programmes of the Centre and identification of scientists as Board Members.

Membership in the Body of Associates of ECT* is renewed on a tri-annual basis.

Art. 6 EVALUATION

In the framework of the FBK activities, the evaluation of the research holds a central position; the Director of the Centre is asked to make available the data which are necessary for the CdA and the other FBK bodies.

ECT* will also inform the FBK of the results of the additional evaluations that may be requested in the framework of its agreements with external funding agencies.

Art. 7 COORDINATION WITH THE STRUCTURE

The present Regulation of the Centre is meant to be automatically modified whenever changes in the laws, in the statutes or in the administrative regulation of FBK necessarily occur.