

Statutes of the

Circle of Friends and Donors of the ZiF

Unofficial English Summary

The Circle of Friends and Donors is a non-profit making body and pursues no economic interests of its own. Its aim is to promote science, in particular the research undertaken at ZiF, a supraregional institution, thereby maintaining and consolidating the Center's importance as an 'international meeting-place of the sciences'. This is to be achieved by

1. giving financial assistance in fulfilling the day-to-day tasks of ZiF,
2. maintaining good relations with former members of ZiF Research Groups,
3. consolidating and furthering co-operation with similar institutions engaged in the advancement of research at home and abroad,
4. the documentation and dissemination of the scientific results achieved at ZiF,
5. intensifying the links between the public and ZiF, and its scope and method of work.

The Circle's assets serve the exclusive purpose of implementing these objectives. Members shall receive neither benefits nor profits.

Membership is invited by those who are willing to support the aims of the Circle. Individuals as well as companies, associations, corporate bodies, and business enterprises may become members by declaring their entry in writing. Membership ceases in the event of death, withdrawal or deletion from membership. Withdrawal from membership is possible at any time.

The amount of membership fee to be paid is left to the discretion of each member. The Members' Assembly agrees on a minimum annual contribution payable in advance. Instead of a membership fee, a donation may be made.

The administrative organs of the Circle are: the Members' Assembly and the Managing Board.

The Members' Assembly convenes at least once a year. Its tasks are, in particular, deciding on the annual accounts, formally approving the work of the Managing Board, fixing the minimum annual contribution, electing the Board of Trustees and the auditors as well as taking decisions on amendments to the Statutes and a dissolution of the Circle.

The Managing Board consists of five members; they elect a Chairman and a Deputy Chairman from their midst. The Managing Board is the executive organ of the Circle and represents the latter in all legal matters. The Board prepares the annual accounts, reports on the Circle's activities to the Members' Assembly and nominates candidates to be elected to the Board of Trustees.

The affairs of the Circle are controlled by two auditors who are elected by the Members' Assembly.