CONSTITUTION OF THE ČSSF

Article 1

Basic Provisions

- (1) The Czech and Slovak Photonics Society is a separate, interest based, voluntary, apolitical and independent organization having its own legal status.
- (2) The Czech and Slovak Photonics Society (hereinafter ČSSF) operates on the basis of these bylaws, the applicable laws and democratic principles.
- (3) ČSSF headquarters and its General Secretariat is in Prague.

Article 2

Mission and goals

1 The mission of ČSSF is

- To bring together interested parties (citizens, companies, associations, clubs and other civic associations, and other legal entities (hereinafter referred to as "Members") in various of scientific, technical, economic, and other activities associated with the physical manifestation of particle photon and jointly called photonics,
- Encourage and facilitate an exchange of scientific, technical, commercial, and other information related to photonics and its fields,
- Organize conferences, symposia, seminars, summer schools, courses, and other training events focused on advancements of field of photonics, and professional development of members,
- Collaborate with other scientific, technical, educational and institutions of art, and other associations in the areas of common interest,
- Publish professional publications, including magazines,
- Under appropriate conditions and within applicable laws and regulations enable economic activities in the form of services such as expertise offering, consultancy, test and measurement centers, etc.
 - 2 ČSSF goals are more defined in its programs.

Article 3

Membership in ČSSF

- (1) ČSSF membership is open to everybody regardless of age, ethnicity, education, religion, who agrees with its bylaws.
- (2) The member of the society can be either a private person or a legal entity.

(3) The ČSSF Membership can be cancelled only upon a request in writing and will take effect not sooner than in 3 months. The membership can also be canceled for failing to pay membership dues.

Article 4

Governing bodies of ČSSF

- (1) ČSSF's supreme body is the General Assembly of delegates; delegates could also represent groups of members.
- (2) The General Assembly elects and dismisses the society's President, Vice President, Secretary General, Members of the Executive Committee and the Supervisory Board. The Supervisory Board shall elect from within its members the Supervisory Board Chairman. Only member 18 years of age or older can stand for election. jeho nepřítomnosti ho zastupuje místopředseda. Jménem společnosti jedná předseda a další člen výkonného výboru.
- (3) The President is the legal representative of the ČSSF; he chairs the Executive Committee. In his absence the society is represented by the Vice-President. The President and any further Executive Committee member can act on the behalf of the ČSSF.
- (4) The General Assembly has namely these rights:
- Modify, amend, and supplement the Society's bylaws,
- Approve the budget and the outcomes of Society's economical activities,
- Evaluate and approve activities of the Executive Committee,
- Cease the ČSSF existence; set the rules how to settle remaining assets of the Society.
- (5) General Assembly and the Executive Committee both have the right, if needed or requested by Society members, to set up working groups of experts, various committees, sections to represent individual fields of photonics.
- (6) Procedural Rules regulating the day to day operation of the Executive Committee, the Supervisory Board and other organs will be set by the separate regulations.
- (7) The leading ČSSF officials, the Executive Committee and the ČSSF Supervisory Board are elected for the three years term unless decides otherwise by the General Assembly.
- (8) The Executive Committee shall convene a meeting of the General Assembly at least once a year.

Article 5

Economy

(1) Yearly contribution by each Member (membership fee) is the main source of income for the ČSSF. The membership fee is set at the general meeting and is based on a proposal made by the Executive Committee.

- (2) Other income consists from contributions and donations by other organizations, societies, as well as proceeds from economic activities of the Society itself.
- (3) The ČSSF activities are financed of the Society's budget; the budget is based on one calendar year. Economic activities govern Special rule adopted by the Executive Committee.

Article 6

Transitional and Final Provisions

- (1) ČSSF can be a member of other societies, including foreign ones, assuming such participation does not contradict these bylaws in which case such membership must be approved by the General Assembly.
- (2) These bylaws shall come into effect upon the approval by the ČSSF General Assembly and after the registration date with the relevant state authorities, whichever is later.
- (3) Any amendments to these bylaws are an exclusive competence of the ČSSF General Assembly and will come into effect on the day of registration with the relevant state authorities.

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