

Bylaws of the Society for Mycotoxin Research

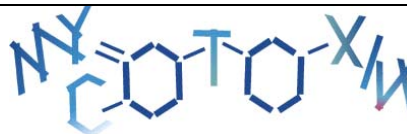
Society for Mycotoxin Research

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Bylaws of the
Society for Mycotoxin Research
Gesellschaft für Mykotoxinforschung e.V.
(registered "friendly society" according to German civil code)

Important Notice: This is a non-official translation from the German language original. For all legal purposes, the authoritative version is the German language version. Since the registered office of the Society is Munich, Germany, the German civil code (BGB) concerning non-commercial associations does apply to its full extent. For further information concerning the German civil code, see http://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/englisch_bgb/englisch_bgb.html (EU)

Article 1 Name and Registered Office

- 1) The Society shall have the name Society for Mycotoxin Research ("Gesellschaft für Mykotoxinforschung"). The Society shall be registered at the county court Munich, Germany, and then use the annex "registered society" ("eingetragener Verein", e.V.).
- 2) The Society shall have its registered office in Munich, Germany.

Article 2 Purpose and Mission of the Society

The Society for Mycotoxin Research is devoted to fostering and encouraging science and research. The Society aims at the voluntary association of scientists who are actively interested in mycotoxin research and related fields of science. This purpose, for example, shall be achieved by arranging scientific meetings which are dedicated to knowledge transfer and continuing education in the area of mycotoxin research.

Article 3 Non-Profit Status

All activities of the Society shall exclusively be under non-profit status according to the respective tax laws of the German civil code. The Society is acting altruistically and does not primarily have economic aims. The resources of the Society shall only be used for the purpose of the Society. Members shall not receive appropriations out of the resources of the Society. Members withdrawing from membership shall not receive gratuities, nor shall members after liquidation of the Society receive gratuities. No person shall benefit from expenses which are not related to the purpose of the Society, or from excessively high salary.

Article 4 Financial Year

The financial year of the Society is the calendar year. The first financial year ends at 31 December 1997.

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Article 5 Membership

- 1) The Society has ordinary, corresponding and honorary members. The Society admits ordinary membership to natural and legal persons from all countries who are interested in the objectives listed in article 2. Ordinary members are all persons who expressed their membership in written form at the founding meeting of the society on 17 July 1997. Ordinary members are those persons who expressed their interest in written form during the constituting meeting at the 19th Mykotoxin Workshop on 3 June 1997. The membership list is kept by the secretary of the Society.
- 2) New members obtain their membership by a written offer of admission, on which the Board of Directors decides.
- 3) Ordinary members and honorary members are entitled to a seat and vote in the annual general meeting (general assembly) and in extraordinary general meetings. Distinguished scientists from all countries may be appointed as corresponding members by the board of directors upon recommendation by an ordinary member. Honorary members may be appointed by the general meeting upon recommendation by the Board of Directors.
- 4) Membership ends in case of
 - a) death of the member or with the dissolution of the Society,
 - b) written declaration, addressed to a member of the Board of Directors; membership ends at the end of the financial year with observance of a three months' notice.
 - c) exclusion from the Society for cause.
- 5) The Board of Directors can exclude a member who has acted against the Society's interests in a serious manner from the association. Before the resolution has been adopted, the member is to be given the opportunity to make comments in person or in writing. The resolution of an exclusion from the association is to be substantiated by the Board of Directors and to be disclosed to the member in a registered letter. The member can apply for a decision of a general member meeting regarding his/her exclusion within one month subsequent to receipt of the resolution in written form. This decision is made during the next regular general meeting, unless the Board of Directors decides to convene an extraordinary general member meeting for the purpose of making a decision over the exclusion. If the member neglects to apply for a decision of the general member meeting within the allotted time, the exclusion resolution of the Board of Directors becomes effective. With the day the exclusion resolution becomes effective, the excluded member loses all rights within the Society.

Article 6 Organs of the Society

The organs of the Society are:

- 1) the Board of Directors
- 2) the general member meeting

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Article 7 Board of Directors

- 1) The Board of Directors consists of the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary. The Society is represented by the restricted Board of Directors (Board of Directors in the sense of Section 26 of the German Civil Code). This consists of the President and the Vice President, whereby each of them alone is an authorized representative.
- 2) The Board of Directors is elected for two years. It conducts the association's business until a new election has been held. If a member of the Board of Directors leaves it, the remaining members of the Board of Directors elect a substitute for the remainder of the term of the office.

Article 8 General member meeting

- 1) The regular general member meeting is convened annually by the President with a two week term of notice and announcement of the agenda. Notice of the meeting is to be given in writing.
- 2) An extraordinary general member meeting must be convened if this is required by the interests of the Society on decision of the Board of Directors, or on written substantiated application of at least 10% of the members.
- 3) The general member meeting has the following responsibilities:
 - a. To accept the economic plan for the coming year
 - b. To receive the reports of the Board of Directors and the auditors and to decide on the release of the Board of Directors
 - c. To elect the Board of Directors
 - d. To set the membership fees
 - e. To decide on changes in the bylaws and on the dissolution of the Society. Changes in the bylaws and dissolution of the Society can only be resolved by the members meeting with $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of the attending members who are eligible to vote.
 - f. To decide on appeals of members regarding his/her exclusion.
- 4) The resolutions of the general member meeting are to be recorded. The minutes are signed by the Secretary and the President of the Society.

Article 9 Membership fees

The Society has provisions for membership fees which are not a component of these Bylaws. They and also any changes in the provisions for membership fees are resolved by a simple majority vote of the annual general meeting. Membership fees are annual fees and are due 1 January of each year.

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Article 10 Dissolution of the Society and Assets

- 1) In case of dissolution of the society, all assets are transferred to the German Red Cross which has to use it for charity purposes only.

- 2) Unless the general member meeting makes other decisions, the President and the Vice President both act as liquidators.

Signed in Munich, Germany, 17 July 1997

Signatures of all founding members