

## **Statute of the Lithuanian Biochemical Society**

Lithuanian Biochemical Society (LBS) was established in 1960 as a part of Biochemical Society of Soviet Union. From 1989 LBS was reorganized to independent society.

### **1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1.1. Lithuanian Biochemical Society is a voluntary, independent social-scientific association whose purpose is to coordinate the activities of the association members, to represent and protect the interests of the members of the association or meet other public interests, maintain and develop the biochemistry in Lithuania, to protect and continue its tradition.

1.2. The Society acts in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania, the Civil Code of the Republic of Lithuania, the Law on Associations of the Republic of Lithuania and other Laws, the Government Resolutions and other legal acts as well as these articles of association.

1.3. The Society is a legal entity having its separate balance sheet, seal with its title and bank accounts with banks registered in the Republic of Lithuania, may have a foreign currency account in one of the selected foreign countries. The Society is a limited civil liability association.

1.4. The Society shall be liable for its obligations with all of its assets. The Society is not liable for the obligations of its members, and members of the Society shall not be liable for the obligations of Society.

1.5. The Society collaborates with other associations and organizations in Lithuania and abroad.

1.6. Society activity covers the whole territory of Lithuania.

1.7. Society's registered office: Mokslininkų g. 12, Institute of Biochemistry, Vilnius, LT-08662, Lithuania.

### **2. GOALS AND MEASURES**

2.1. The main goals of the Society:

2.1.1. to promote scientific advances in biochemistry;

2.1.2. disseminate knowledge of biochemistry in Lithuanian schools;

2.1.3. address the issues of terminology of biochemistry;

2.1.4. to encourage and support young biochemists;

2.1.5. to provide a support for Society members, defend its members' professional and intellectual and social rights.

2.2. Solving these goals, the Society:

2.2.1. organize the Lithuanian and international scientific events, and take part in them;

2.2.2. organize seminars, courses, scientific schools;

2.2.3. establish and maintain liaison with the Lithuanian state institutions and public organizations, other biochemical associations and organizations outside of Lithuania, foreign researchers and organizations. The Society represents Lithuania in international biochemical organizations;

2.2.4. its own initiative or under contracts pursue scientific research;

2.2.5. establish companies registered and operating under the laws of the Republic of Lithuania;

2.2.6. contribute to the preparation of biochemistry teaching programs, textbooks and teaching tools, organize schools for young biochemists, provide methodological and practical support for biology teachers and lecturers;

2.2.7. arrange scientific and educational visits, excursions, expeditions, organize lectures and other public events;

- 2.2.8. organize sections, committees and other units for work completion;
- 2.2.9. collect historical scientific materials of Lithuanian biochemistry and Society archive, publish the Society publications;
- 2.2.10. maintain and update the Society website, which provides information to the members of the Society and the society at large about the activities of the Society.

### 3 MEMBERS, THEIR RIGHTS AND DUTIES

- 3.1. In the activities of the Society participates members, honorary members and sponsors;
- 3.2. Every citizen of Lithuania, which supports its goals and comply with the Statute, may become a member of Society. Person, who is willing to become a member of the Society, shall submit a written application. The Board of Society shall make decision concerning the admission of new members.
- 3.3. Honorary member can be a person, who has done outstanding research in biochemistry. Title of Honorary Member can be granted by the General Meeting of the Society.
- 3.4. Fellow and Honorary Member shall have the right to:
  - 3.4.1. obtain information and participate in the Society events;
  - 3.4.2. to elect and be elected to the all the governing and audit bodies of the Society;
  - 3.4.3. obtain information about economic and financial activities of the Society;
  - 3.4.4. obtain support required to achieve its objectives;
  - 3.4.5. withdraw from the Society at any time.
- 3.5. Members of the Society shall:
  - 3.5.1. participate in the activities of the Society;
  - 3.5.2. carry out the requirements of the Statute and the resolutions of governing bodies of the Society;
  - 3.5.3. pay a membership fee. The Bachelor and Masters students and pensioners are exempt.
- 3.6. The activity of Society member, who does not pay a membership fee, is suspended. The Board of the Society shall make decision concerning the withdrawal of existing members. Claims on the membership are analyzed by the General Meeting of the Society.
- 3.7. Any natural and legal persons, supporting the goals of the Society, adhering to the Statute, financial supporting society may become a sponsor of Society.
- 3.8. Sponsor of the Society shall have the right to:
  - 3.8.1. obtain information on all Society events and send representatives to these events;
  - 3.8.2. arrange shared with Society events.
- 3.9. The withdrawal from the Society occurs upon a written statement to the Chairman.

### 4. STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

- 4.1. Activity of the Society shall be directed by:
  - 4.1.1. General Meeting of the Society;
  - 4.1.2. Board of the Society.
- 4.2. General Members' Meeting shall be the supreme body of the Society. The General Meeting shall be convened by the Board at least once every 2 years. An extraordinary General Meeting may be convened on the decision of the Board or when requested by minimum 1/3 of the Society members.
- 4.3. The General Meeting:
  - 4.3.1. adopt, amend and supplement the Statute of the Society;
  - 4.3.2. provides the key objectives of the Society and make arrangements;
  - 4.3.3. approve the report of the Board of the Society and Audit Commission;
  - 4.3.4. elect Board of the Society, the Board members shall be elected for the term of four year.;

- 4.3.5. elect Chairman of the Society, scientific secretary, treasurer, three members of the Audit Commission. The Chairman of the Society may be elected no more than 2 consecutive terms of office, term of office no longer than 4 years;
- 4.3.6. determine the society members entrance and annual fees;
- 4.3.7. adopt decision on the restructure or wind-up (reorganisation or liquidation) of the Society;
- 4.3.8. adopt decision on the establishment of other legal entities or the consolidation with other legal entities;
- 4.3.9. resolve other issues and take the appropriate decisions.
- 4.4. discussed issues at the Meeting shall be adopted by a simple majority. All members of the Society have a decisive vote. Each member of the General Meeting has one vote. The resolutions of the General Meeting shall be considered valid if it involves more than half of the members of the Society. Voting can take place electronically. Voting slips must be sent no later than 5 working days before polling day. The same quorum requirements are valid for E-voting decision as for voting at a General meeting.
- 4.5. Between Meetings the Society operates under the supervision of the Board of the Society, which consists of the Chairman of the Society, the Scientific Secretary and members.
- 4.6. Board of the Society:
  - 4.6.1. convene a General Meeting of the Society, informing its members about its timing, location and the expected agenda;
  - 4.6.2. submit of the Activity Report of the Board to the General Members' Meeting;
  - 4.6.3. enforce of the resolutions passed by the General Meeting;
  - 4.6.4. represent the Society in court, state government and public administration, conclude contracts and take responsibility for the activities of the Society in its relations with other individuals and legal persons, on behalf of the Society fulfill all actions stipulated in this Statute;
  - 4.6.5. The Board through the treasurer manages the Society's assets and funds, organize the financial - economic activity, maintains the revenue and expenditure estimates and annual financial reports, open and close the accounts of credit institutions;
  - 4.6.6. approve the establishment and abolition of the sections and divisions;
  - 4.6.7. account the members of the Society and stores an archive of the Society
- 4.7. Meetings of the Board shall meet at least 1 time per year. A quorum is the minimum a half of its members. The resolutions of the Board shall be adopted by a simple majority of votes provided the Meeting is attended Board members.
- 4.8. Society activity issues can be decided by the electronically voting of Board of the Society members. Voting slips must be sent no later than 5 working days before polling day. E-voting decision to the same quorum requirements as voting at a General meeting.
- 4.9. The documents of the Society shall be approved by the Society Chairman or Secretary, and financial documents – and treasurer.
- 4.10. Audit Commission checks the fulfillment of Statute and decisions of the Meeting, financial activities, record keeping. On the results of the inspection, it shall inform the Board of the Society. Audit Commission shall be responsible to the General Meeting.
- 4.11. The Society can be developed temporary and permanent divisions (commissions, working groups, organizing committees, etc.) for solving current tasks.

## 5. SOCIETY FUND AND THEIR USE

- 5.1. Society funds shall be as follows:
  - 5.1.1. initial contributions of the members and annual membership fees;
  - 5.1.2. contributions from sponsors;

- 5.1.3. support;
- 5.1.4. other lawfully derived income;
- 5.1.5. membership fee shall be established and changed by the General Meeting.
- 5.2. Use of Funds:
  - 5.2.1. publishing activity;
  - 5.2.2. researches, conducted by the Society initiative;
  - 5.2.3. travelling expenses of the members on official duty ordered by the Society;
  - 5.2.4. executive and household affairs of the Society;
  - 5.2.5. for donations and support;
  - 5.2.6. for contract work;
  - 5.2.7. other activities provided for in the Statute.

## 6. LIQUIDATION OF SOCIETY

- 6.1. Activity of the Society shall be dissolved on the basis of the resolution of the General meeting, if at least 2/3 of its members are in favour or on the basis of the resolution of state institutions of the Republic of Lithuania. The procedure for liquidation is set up by the meeting. Liquidation commission appointed by the Meeting is responsible for the liquidation. Assets remaining after liquidation of the Society, shall be used according to the law.
- 6.2. The Statute of the Lithuanian Biochemical Society is adopted on December 2005