

Constitution¹ of the International Society for the Interaction of Mechanics and Mathematics e.V.

§ 1 Name, registered office, legal form

(1) The association bears the name "International Society for the Interaction of Mechanics and Mathematics e.V." The abbreviation is ISIMM.

(2) The association has its registered office in Würzburg and is to be entered in the register of associations.

§ 2 Purpose of the association

(1) The purpose of the association is to promote science and research in the field of mechanics and mathematics. The history of mechanics as well as mathematics shows many beneficial interactions. Mechanics is understood here in a broad sense as a mathematically precise description of physical phenomena. The main goal of this association is to promote the interaction between mathematics and mechanics without excluding other sciences.

(2) The purpose of the statute is realized in particular by

- a. Organizing international conferences and workshops for the presentation and discussion of research at the interface between mathematics and applied sciences,
- b. Conducting other activities such as summer schools,
- c. Supporting the exchange of scientists who, in the opinion of the Officers, promote the goals of the society,
- d. Initiating and supervising research and development projects at the interface of mechanics and mathematics,
- e. Cooperating with other international organizations, such as the International Mathematical Union, the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics or the International Union of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, the Society for Natural Philosophy, to ensure appropriate coordination of international activities at the interface between mechanics and mathematics.
- f. Cooperating with research institutes and other government agencies in terms of the goals of the society.

(2) This purpose is realized in particular through donations from membership fees, voluntary donations, proceedings from events, as well as personal commitment and public relations work by the association members for the purposes of the society.

§ 3 Non-profit status

(1) The association pursues exclusively and directly non-profit purposes within the meaning of the tax code. The association is selflessly active and does not primarily pursue its own economic purposes.

(2) The funds of the association may only be used for statutory purposes. The members do not receive any shares in the surplus or any other benefits. Association offices are to be exercised on a voluntary basis.

(3) No person may be favored by expenses that are alien to the purposes of the association or by disproportionately high remuneration.

§ 4 Membership

(1) The society has individual members and institutional members. Individual members are natural persons. Institutional members are companies, corporations, institutes, etc. Individual members can be ordinary members or only supporting members. Institutional members can only be supporting members. Ordinary members have the right to vote in the general assembly and can be elected to all

¹ Legally binding is the original German version of this constitution.

offices of the association. Supporting members are not entitled to vote in the general assembly. However, supporting members have the right to participate in the general assemblies and also to express themselves there in an advisory capacity. Supporting members cannot be elected as Officers or to the Executive Committee.

(2) Any person or institution interested in the purposes of the association can submit an application for ordinary or supporting membership to the Officers. In addition to a curriculum vitae, three recommendations from members of the association coming from at least two countries are requested. The Executive Committee decides on membership with a simple majority. If the application for membership is rejected, the person or institution applying for membership can appeal to the general assembly of the association, which will then make a final decision on the admission.

§ 5 Termination of Membership

(1) Membership expires through death, loss of legal personality, resignation or exclusion from the association.

(2) The resignation takes place by means of a written declaration to the Officers. Resignation can only be declared at the end of a calendar year, whereby a period of notice of three months to the end of the year must be observed.

(3) A member can be expelled from the association by the Executive Committee, which has to make a decision on this, if the member has not paid his annual fee despite a written reminder with a deadline of at least four weeks.

(4) A member can be expelled from the association by the Executive Committee, which has to make a decision on this, if the member

- a. has damaged the association or otherwise seriously violated its interests;
- b. is not liable for another important reason.

Before the decision on the exclusion is made, the member to be excluded must be given the opportunity to comment. The exclusion decision must be made in writing and justified and sent to the member. The member to be excluded can appeal against the exclusion at the next upcoming general assembly, which will decide on the final exclusion. In this case, the membership rights of the member to be excluded are suspended until the decision of the general assembly.

§ 6 Contributions

(1) All ordinary and supporting members have to pay an annual fee, the amount of which is determined by the general assembly on the proposal of the Executive Committee. Upon application to the Executive Committee, the fee can be waived or reduced due to low income or other factual criteria.

(2) The full annual fee must be paid for the year in which you join the association. The Officers are responsible for determining the due date and method of payment of the contribution.

§ 7 Organs of the association

(1) The organs of ISIMM are:

- a. the general assembly,
- b. the Officers,
- c. the Executive Committee.

(2) The members of the organs are only liable to the association and its members for damage caused in the performance of their organ duties in the event of intent and gross negligence.

§ 8 General Assembly

(1) The general assembly is the supreme body of the association. Every ordinary member has one vote in the general assembly. Another ordinary member of the association can be authorized to exercise the right to vote. The authorization is to be granted separately for each general assembly.

(2) The general assembly can be held as a face-to-face meeting or as a virtual general assembly or in a combination of the two. The Officers decide on the form of the general assembly and the president communicates this in the invitation to the general assembly. If a virtual general assembly is called, the members must be informed by e-mail of the dial-in data for the video or telephone conference at least one hour before the start of the general assembly.

(3) The general assembly is responsible for the following tasks:

- a. Receiving and approving the annual report of the Officers;
- b. Discharge of the Officers, the Executive Committee and the cash auditors;
- c. Election and dismissal of the members of the Officers, the Executive Committee and the cash auditors;
- d. Determination of the amount of the annual contributions;
- e. Appointment of honorary members;
- f. Passing resolutions on fundamental decisions regarding the funding policy of the association;
- g. Resolution on complaints against the rejection of an application for admission and appeals against exclusion decisions by the Officers.

(4) The general assembly is called by the president or, if he/she is unable to do so, by the vice president. The invitation must be made in writing or by email at least two weeks before the day of the assembly, stating the agenda. The period begins when the invitations are sent. The member is deemed to have received the invitation when it was sent to the last postal or e-mail address provided by the member.

(5) No more than one week before the day of the general assembly, every ordinary or supporting member can apply in writing to the Officers to add further matters to the agenda, but not to change the constitution. The agenda is to be supplemented accordingly at the beginning of the general assembly by the chair of the assembly. The general assembly decides on applications for additions to the agenda that are only made in the general assembly. A majority of three quarters of the valid votes cast is required to accept the motion.

(6) Each duly invited general assembly has a quorum. The general assembly passes resolutions with a simple majority of the votes cast, provided no deviating majorities are prescribed by law or this constitution. Abstentions are counted as non-appearing votes. In the event of a tie, the vote of the chair of the assembly decides. All voting can also be done online. If possible, elections should be carried out by means of electronic voting; in the event of a tie, the lot decides. The electoral regulations regulate the details.

(7) Minutes are to be drawn up for each general assembly, which are to be signed by the chair of the assembly and the person who takes the minutes and who is appointed by the chair of the assembly.

§ 9 Officers

(1) The Officers consist of the president, the vice president and the treasurer/secretary. These form the board within the meaning of § 26 of the German Civil Code (BGB- Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch). The vice president shall be the previous president.

(2) The association is individually represented in and out of court by each Officer within the meaning of § 9, Paragraph 1. Internally, it is determined that the vice president and the treasurer/secretary should only make use of their right of representation if the president is unable to attend.

(3) The activities of the Officers are honorary.

(4) The Officers are elected by the general assembly for a period of four years. The Officers remain in office until the statutory appointment of the next Officers. The president and the treasurer/secretary cannot be re-elected. However, the president may serve as a vice president for an additional term. The treasurer/secretary can be elected as president and subsequently as vice president. The Officers remain in office until new Officers are appointed. If an Officer resigns during the term of office, the remaining officers can nominate a substitute Officer for the remaining term of office of the person who has left. The subsequent regular election is possible.

(5) The Officers are responsible for all affairs of the association, as far as they are not assigned to another organ of the association by the statutes or mandatory legal regulations. The Officers manage the day-to-day business of the association. In particular, the Officers have the following tasks:

- a. Preparation and implementation of activities of the association;
- b. Preparation of the meetings of the Executive Committee and the general assembly, including the preparation of the agenda;
- c. Convening the meetings of the Executive Committee and the general assembly;
- d. Execution of the resolutions of the Executive Committee and the general assembly;
- e. Informing the members about the affairs of the association, in particular by preparing an annual report.

(6) The Officers generally pass their resolutions in Officer's meetings, which are to be called by the president or, if it is not possible to do so, by the vice president, in writing, by telephone or by e-mail; the Officer's meeting can take place in presence or virtually. Resolutions can be passed by means of electronic voting. Notification of the agenda is not required. An invitation period of one week must be observed. The Officer's meeting has a quorum if at least two Officers are present. When passing a resolution, the majority of the valid votes cast decides. In the event of a tie, the vote of the chair of the meeting decides. An Officer's decision can be made in writing or by e-mail if all Officers declare their consent to the regulation to be decided. Minutes must be kept of the resolutions of the Officer's meetings, which must be signed by the chair of the meeting.

§ 10 Executive Committee

(1) The Executive Committee consists of the Officers and up to ten members. These are elected individually by the general assembly on the proposal of the Officers.

(2) The term of office of the members of the Executive Committee is four years. The Executive Committee remains in office until the next Executive Committee is appointed in accordance with this constitution. Members can be re-elected a maximum of two times. Further re-elections are possible if the member thereby becomes an Officer and has been an Officer before.

(3) If a member of the Executive Committee resigns prematurely, the Executive Committee can elect a substitute member for the remaining term of office of the member who has left. The regulations according to paragraph (2) apply from the following term of office.

(4) The activity of the members of the Executive Committee is honorary.

(5) The Executive Committee has the task of advising the Officers on important decisions regarding the strategic development of ISIMM and deciding on the admission and exclusion of members.

(6) The Executive Committee generally passes its resolutions in meetings that are to be called by the president or, if it is not possible to do so, by the vice president, in writing, by telephone or by e-mail; the meetings can take place in presence or virtually. An announcement of the agenda is not required. An invitation period of one week must be observed. The Executive Committee has a quorum if at least half of the members of the Executive Committee are present. When passing resolutions, which can be done electronically, the majority of the valid votes cast decides; abstentions are not counted. The

resolutions of the Executive Committee are to be recorded verbatim in minutes and signed by the chair of the meeting.

(7) The Executive Committee can set its own rules of procedure and set up working committees. The rules of procedure are not part of this constitution and can be changed at any time with a majority of the members of the Executive Committee.

§ 11 Financial Year, Cash Auditor

(1) The financial year is the calendar year.

(2) The treasury of the association is checked every year by two ordinary members. The cash auditors check whether the use of the association's funds corresponded to the budget estimates and whether the association's bookkeeping was carried out properly. The cash auditors have to report to the general assembly about this.

§ 12 Amendments of the Constitution, Assets in the Event of Dissolution

(1) A planned change to the statutes must be announced as an agenda item in the invitation to the general assembly. The dissolution of the association can only be decided in a general assembly convened specifically with this agenda. Resolutions on changes to the constitution or the dissolution of the association require a majority of three quarters of the valid votes cast.

(2) Every change in the constitution must be reported to the responsible tax office by sending the changed statutes. Changes or additions to the statutes, which are prescribed by the competent registration authority or the tax office, are implemented by the Officers and do not require a resolution by the general assembly. They are to be communicated to the members at the latest with the invitation to the next general assembly.

(3) In the event of the dissolution of the association, withdrawal of legal capacity or the cessation of tax-privileged purposes, the association's assets will go to the non-profit association "Society for Applied Mathematics and Mechanics e.V." with its headquarters in Dresden, for the purpose of using it to promote science and research.

The statutes were drawn up in the virtual founding meeting on 24th of May 2022.

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