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Catalan Chemical Society

Bylaws

Preamble

Pursuant to article 11 of the Bylaws of the Institute for Catalan Studies (IEC, from the Catalan), approved in the Plenary Session on 22 January and 2 April 2001, and pursuant to article 67 of the Internal Regulations of the IEC, approved in the Plenary Session on 8 April 2002, the Bylaws of the Catalan Chemical Society are amended and shall thenceforth adopt the drafting set out below.

Enacting terms

Article 1. *Goals*

The Catalan Chemical Society, a branch of the IEC which is attached to the Science and Technology Unit, strives to encourage the cultivation of chemistry, promote research into this science, disseminate the outcomes of this research in lands home to the Catalan language and culture, promote a revamp of educational aspects of chemistry and foster the social development of this discipline.

Article 2. *Regulation*

The Catalan Chemical Society is governed by these Bylaws and by the Internal Regulations, as well as by the Bylaws of the IEC dated 22 January 2001 and 2 April 2001, and by the Internal Regulations of the IEC dated 8 April 2002.

Article 3. *Headquarters*

The headquarters of the Catalan Chemical Society is the same as that of the Institute for Catalan Studies.



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Article 4. *Scope of action and language of operation*

1. The Catalan Chemical Society carries out its activities in lands that are home to the Catalan language and culture.

2. Catalan is the operating language of the Society and is the language regularly used for all its events and publications. Any exceptions to this rule must be approved by the Governing Board.

Article 5. *Members*

1. The category of member of the Society shall apply to individuals who have been accepted to join as set out in the Regulations, provided they are up-to-date with payment of their fees.

2. The Catalan Chemical Society comprises ordinary members, students, emeritus and honorary members.

3. Forfeiture of the capacity of member may take place due to repeated failure to pay fees or following a decision made by the General Assembly at the proposal of the Governing Board.

Article 6. *Governing bodies*

The governing bodies of the Society are the General Assembly and the Governing Board.

Article 7. *The General Assembly*

1. The General Assembly is the sovereign body of the Society and it comprises all members who are in attendance with equal rights.

2. The General Assembly meets when instructed by the chairperson or at the request of 15% of the members. It is mandatory for this body to meet at least once a year.

3. The functions of the General Assembly are as follows:

a) To approve the minutes of meetings.

b) To approve motions for amendments to the Bylaws prior to submitting them in the Plenary Session of the Institute for Catalan Studies.

c) To approve the Internal Regulations and amendments incorporated therein.

d) To approve the general lines of action of the Society and supervise the management carried out by elected officials on the Governing Board.

e) To approve the financial statements for the year ending and the budget for the following year.

f) To accept the admission and departure of members of the Society.

g) To elect members on the Governing Board.

h) To set up, change and close specialist units.

Article 8. *The Governing Board*



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1. The Governing Board is the body entrusted with the management, representation and administration of the Society; and it acts as the executive body of the General Assembly.

2. The Governing Board is formed by the Presidency, the Vice Presidency, the Secretary's Office and the Treasury and between four and twelve board members.

3. The Governing Board is renewed every three years. Vacancies ultimately arising on the Governing Board for the four first functions must be filled by the Board on an *ad interim* basis until the following elections take place in line with the Regulations.

4. The Presidency may not be exercised by the same individual for more than two consecutive terms of office.

Article 9. *The Presidency*

The Presidency of the Society is held by the chairperson, whose functions are as follows:

a) To arrange the call for sessions of the General Assembly and of the Governing Board, and to chair these meetings.

b) To oversee the execution of the resolutions adopted.

c) To exercise representation of the Society.

d) To attend meetings of the relevant unit and plenary sessions of the IEC with voting and speaking rights.

e) To take part on the Committees of Branch Societies and any others set up by the IEC.

f) To report to the relevant unit – in agreement with the IEC representative – on the activities and operation of the Society.

Article 10. *The Vice Presidency*

The Vice Presidency of the Society is held by the vice chairperson, whose function it is to stand in for the chairperson in said person's absence owing to illness or any other reason, and he has the same responsibilities as the chairperson.

Article 11. *The Secretary's Office*

The Secretary's Office of the Society is held by the secretary, whose functions are as follows:

a) To call sessions of the General Assembly and the Governing Board on the orders of the Presidency.

b) To attest the resolutions adopted in meetings of the General Assembly and of the Governing Board and to draw up the relevant minutes.

c) To draw up all relevant certifications on behalf of the Society.

d) To report to the Permanent Council of the IEC about the programme of activities of the Society, about changes arising on the Governing Board and about the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly.



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e) At the end of each year, and through the relevant unit, to submit the annual report of the Society to the General Secretary's Office of the IEC.

f) To stand in for the chairperson in the event of the absence of both said individual and the vice chairperson.

Article 12. *The Treasury*

The Treasury of the Society is held by the treasurer, whose functions are as follows:

- a) To take receipt of sums allocated to the Society under any description.
- b) To pay any expenses authorised in accordance with the budget.
- c) To draw up the annual report from the Treasury and the budget.

Article 13. *The representative of the Institute for Catalan Studies*

1. One fellow or emeritus member of the IEC, elected by the relevant unit and ratified in the Plenary Session, acts as the specific representative of the IEC in close coordination with the Governing Board and is in charge of the publications and events of the Society vis-à-vis the IEC.

2. The representative is called to meetings of the Governing Board of the Society and acts as a liaising officer between the IEC and the Society.

Article 14. *Internal organisation*

The Society may organise working groups, units and committees as it deems fit in order to fulfil its purposes.

Article 15. *The Publications Committee*

1. The Society benefits from a Publications Committee formed by a publications director and all members the Board considers necessary.

2. The Publications Committee ensures the papers presented are appropriate and puts them forward for publication if it deems this to be pertinent.

Article 16. *The website*

1. The Governing Board appoints members who must be in charge of the Society's website.

2. These members ensure this web page operates efficiently and guarantee that the content thereof meets the purposes set out in article 1 of these Bylaws.

Article 17. *The Internal Regulations*

The Internal Regulations, approved by the General Assembly, govern the operation of the Society with regard to all aspects not covered by these Bylaws.

Article 18. *Resources*

The resources of the Society are formed by the following:



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1. Regular resources, consisting of fees from members and contributions from the IEC.

2. Extraordinary resources, consisting of subsidies and donations granted by organisations or private individuals, as well as the movable and immovable property of all kinds that come to be integrated into the assets of the Society for any reason.

Article 19. *Dissolution*

1. A motion for the dissolution of the Catalan Chemical Society may be brought by the Governing Board following a unanimous pronouncement or at the request of 50% of the members of the Society.

2. The dissolution resolution must be issued in an extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly, but it cannot become effective if a third of the members resolve in favour of the continuation of the Society.

3. In order for the dissolution resolved on to take effect, the Governing Board must issue a report supporting it with the motion being submitted to the relevant unit, the dissolution must be the subject of a favourable judgment from the Permanent Council of the IEC and it must be approved by an absolute majority in the Plenary Session of the IEC.

4. If the dissolution takes place, the equity existing and any documentation pertaining to the Catalan Chemical Society shall be integrated into the IEC.

Article 20. *Reform of the Bylaws*

1. These Bylaws may be reformed in a meeting of the General Assembly of members called to this end.

2. In order for the reform to be valid, a vote in favour must be cast by two thirds of the members in attendance and it must be ratified in the Plenary Session of the IEC.

Final part

Article 21. *Entry into force*

These Bylaws shall become effective once they have been ratified in the Plenary Session of the Institute for Catalan Studies.

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