

# **Statutes**

## **swissSIER**

### **1. Name**

- 1.1. The name of the association shall be “swissSIER”, the long form of the name is “Swiss Strategy, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Researchers”.
- 1.2. The domicile and address of swissSIER shall be Neugutstrasse 15, 8002 Zurich, Switzerland.

### **2. Purpose**

- 2.1. The object of swissSIER is to promote and encourage the interaction, development, and networking of researchers in the fields of Technology Management, Management Innovation, Strategy, and Entrepreneurship.

### **3. Funds**

- 3.1. swissSIER is a non-profit organization. All funds shall be used for the benefit of its membership in accordance with the Rules and Constitution. No distribution of profits to the members shall take place other than in accordance with paragraph 10.1.
- 3.2. The calendar year is the fiscal year
- 3.3. The club is only liable within the amount of its funds. Any personal liability of its members or its board is explicitly excluded.

### **4. Membership**

- 4.1. Anyone who is currently pursuing or has pursued research at a Swiss university or research institute in the fields of Strategy, Technology Management, Management of Innovation, or Entrepreneurship (or related fields) shall be eligible for membership. swissSIER is specifically focusing on doctoral researchers and junior faculty at Swiss research institutions.
- 4.2. Institutions and corporations may become non-voting members of swissSIER. Institutional Members and Corporate Members may each send a designated representative to meetings and that representative shall have advisory capacity.
- 4.3. Members shall be admitted at the discretion of the Board.
- 4.4. Members shall be entitled to attend all swissSIER meetings, workshops and social events, and to receive swissSIER communications. This does not, however, prevent

non-members from being invited to participate in these activities at the discretion of the Board.

- 4.5. Only members shall be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) as qualified in paragraph 5.3.
- 4.6. The board reserves the right to expel any member acting, in its opinion, in a manner prejudicial to the interests of swissSIER.

## **5. Membership Fee**

- 5.1. The amount of the annual subscriptions for membership shall be decided by swissSIER at the AGM and shall become payable on admission, or by January 31st each year.
- 5.2. When a member joins swissSIER after July 1st the subscription payable for that year shall be half the annual rate.
- 5.3. No member shall, in any year, be entitled to exercise any rights or privileges of membership until his or her subscription for that year has been paid.

## **6. Funding of swissSIER**

- 6.1. swissSIER shall maintain the right to seek funding from sponsoring institutions.
- 6.2. swissSIER shall maintain the right to seek funding in the form of grants from governmental and non-governmental organizations.
- 6.3. swissSIER shall maintain the right to seek funding from commercial entities.
- 6.4. swissSIER shall maintain the right to raise funds through membership fees and through organizing activities.

## **7. Organization of swissSIER**

- 7.1. The organizational institutions of swissSIER are:
  - a. The General Meeting (GM)
  - b. The Board
- 7.2. The AGM can install additional organizational institutions such as committees or special task forces.

## **8. The General Meeting**

- 8.1. The Club shall hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM). Notice of the date of the AGM shall be sent to members at least fourteen days before the AGM.

- 8.2. The agenda for the AGM shall include:
- a. Approval of the minutes of prior year's general meeting
  - b. Approval of the annual financial report
  - c. Vote to discharge the board of its duties relative to the previous year
  - d. Nomination and election of members the board of swissSIER,
  - e. Selection of auditing committee for the next year's financial report,
  - f. Transaction of general business.
- 8.3. The Board may, on giving fourteen days notice, call an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of swissSIER for any specific business, the nature of which shall be stated on the summons convening the meeting. The meeting shall be empowered to decide matters relating to and arising out of the stated business.
- 8.4. The board shall also convene an EGM of swissSIER upon the written request of not fewer than ten full members. The meeting shall be held within twenty-eight days of the request being received by the Board. The request shall state the business to be transacted
- 8.5. Notice of any additions or amendments to the Rules and Constitution intended to be proposed by a member of swissSIER, and nominations for the posts of the Board of swissSIER, shall be seconded and given to the President in writing at least one week before an AGM or EGM. The Board may waive this requirement at their discretion.
- 8.6. All nominations for the posts of the Board of swissSIER, together with any other propositions put forward by members, shall be put to the vote of the meeting. Provided that, on a show of hands or, if demanded, a ballot, a majority of the votes of those members present and voting is cast in favor of that proposition or nomination then it shall be deemed carried.
- 8.7. Change of the statutes of swissSIER requires a majority of 2/3 of those members present. The change being voted upon must have been announced in the invitation to the meeting.

## **9. The Board of swissSIER**

- 9.1. The Board of swissSIER shall consists of 3 to 12 members, the minimum being
- a. The President
  - b. The Vice-president
  - c. The Secretary/Treasurer

Additional posts can be installed for particular tasks, such as PR, IT administrator etc.

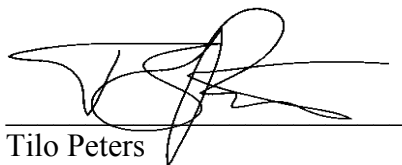
- 9.2. The Board officially represents swissSIER. It shall manage all the affairs of swissSIER according to the Statutes and shall apply the funds of swissSIER to the objectives of swissSIER.
- 9.3. The Board shall reach its decision by way of a vote of a straight majority of Board members present. In the event of a tie, the president shall have the swing vote.
- 9.4. The number of Board members necessary to constitute a quorum is any number more than 50% of the total number of board members.
- 9.5. The Board shall make such operational rules and regulations as they see fit. These shall be subject to ratification at the next AGM.
- 9.6. The Board shall be elected at the AGM each year to hold office until the conclusion of the next AGM. The retiring Board members shall be eligible for re-election.
- 9.7. Authorized signatories of swissSIER are:
  - a. The President,
  - b. The Vice-president
  - c. The Secretary
  - d. The Treasurer

Each of them is eligible to sign individually on behalf of swissSIER.

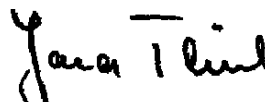
## 10. Dissolution of swissSIER

- 10.1. If swissSIER shall cease to exist, or is dissolved, any funds remaining after the dissolution of swissSIER shall be donated to a non-profit organization with the same or similar purpose as swissSIER. A distribution of the remaining funds among its members is not permitted.

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Tilo Peters  
President



Jana Thiel  
Secretary