

LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

BYLAWS

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Name and purpose

1. The name of the Academy shall be the Lithuanian Catholic Academy of Science.
2. The purpose of the Academy shall be: a) to bring together Lithuanian Catholic scientists residing in Lithuania and abroad for scientific work; b) to provide them with the best possible working conditions; to train new scientific personnel, bring up men and women of science so that the Academy could become the center of Catholic scientists and became capable of integrating Lithuanian science into the world scientific depository; d) to further the erudition and Christian culture of the Lithuanian nation.
3. Articles 1 and 2 of these Bylaws, which respectively specify the name of the Academy and its purpose, cannot be changed without liquidating the Lithuanian Catholic Academy of Science itself.
4. In order to achieve its goals the Academy: a) carries out scientific activities, b) establishes libraries, museums, archives, laboratories and other scientific and cultural institutions; c) organizes congresses, symposiums, courses, lectures, celebrations of anniversaries of scientific and public events; d) publishes scientific works, scientific magazines, and popular science publications; e) establishes foundations; f) purchases movable and immovable property, and, if necessary hires employees.

2. Legal status and relation with the laws of the Republic of Lithuania

5. The Lithuanian Catholic Academy of Science is a public organization of Lithuanian Catholic scientists.
6. The Academy shall base its activities on these Bylaws, the laws of public organizations and other laws, within the limits of the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania.

3. Academy's property and its administration

7. The Academy's property shall consist of the results of intellectual activity (as long as this does not violate the author's laws), buildings, other immovable property, inherited property, financial resources, securities and other valuables, state donations, means that have been acquired through the realization of its publications and are used



to further Academy's activities.

8. The Academy shall manage, use and dispose of its property in accordance with the right of private ownership; it shall also have the right to buy or sell any movable or immovable property. If the value of the immovable or movable property is high, it may be bought or sold only by a decision of a general meeting of members supported by two-thirds of the vote. The Central Board shall manage the property of the Academy.
9. The Academy shall plan and carry out its activities independently and to perform all kinds of financial operations provided for in the Laws of the Republic of Lithuania.
10. The liability of the Academy shall be limited. It shall not be held liable for state debts, the debts and other obligations of its branches and members.
11. The property of the Academy situated abroad shall be managed in accordance with the laws of the corresponding country.

II. MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMY

12. The Academy shall be comprised of members, members-academicians, honorary members and assistants to members. Persons who have been of great merit to the Academy may also take part in its activities.
13. Catholic scientists representing all areas of science, Lithuanian citizens and other scientists permanently residing in Lithuania and holding scientific degrees may become members of the Academy. Prospective members shall write an application and fill out the form. They should be accepted by a decision of the Central Board. The members may leave the Academy by their own free will or at the discretion of the Central Board. The scientific secretary shall manage the lists of members.
14. Assistants to members shall be Catholics who possess higher education diplomas but have no scientific degrees and are working towards the progress of Lithuanian science and culture. The prospective members shall write an application and fill out the form. They should be accepted by a decision of the Central Board.
15. Active members who have distinguished themselves for their scientific works may be elected members-academicians. At least three members-academicians or at least 10 members (not assistants to members) may submit a written justified note to the Central Board proposing new candidacies for the title of a member-academician.
16. Honorary members may be elected from among: a) persons who have been of outstanding service to the Lithuanian nation; b) scientists, who have been of outstanding merit in a certain branch of science; c) persons who through their work or generous donations have been of outstanding assistance to the Academy. The



honorary members shall be elected for their entire life. If a member of the Academy is elected an honorary member, he does not lose his rights. A candidacy for honorary membership shall be proposed by at least 25 members of the Academy in the form of a written justified note to the Central Board.

17. Members and assistants to members shall pay an annual membership fee established by the Central Board. Honorary members and member of the Central Board are not obliged to pay the membership fee. All members shall take part in scientific activities and in the work of the Academy.
18. All members with the exception of the assistant to members shall have the decisive vote on all issues related to the Academy's activities, save for cases specified in Articles 19 and 20. All members with the exception of assistant to members may be elected into the management bodies.
19. Only members-academicians shall have the right to elect by a majority vote candidates for members of the Academic Council of the Academy (assistant to members do not have such a right).
20. Only members-academicians shall have the right to accord by a two-thirds majority vote the title of an Honorary Member or a Member-Academician.

III. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

21. The Academy shall manage its organizational activities on the basis of scientific, territorial and administrative principles.

1. Central Board

22. The Central Board shall govern all organizational, administrative and scientific activities of the Academy. It shall be comprised of the Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and two Secretaries.
23. The Central Board shall: a) coordinate all activities of the Academy and maintain relations with its branches (individual members), b) accept new members and remove the members who fail to follow the Bylaws, c) organize scientific meetings and celebrations of anniversaries, d) prepare reports on and estimates of Academy's activities, e) grant scholarships and bonuses for scientific publications, allocate money for the Academy's scientific activity and dispose of Academy's funds.
24. The Central Board shall be elected for the period of three years by universal secret ballot. The ballot is valid if at least half of the members are present and the absolute secrecy of the voters is ensured. If the first ballot is considered invalid the second



ballot is valid irrespective of the number of the members.

25. The Central Board shall elect Chairman from its members-academicians.
26. The Chairman of the Central Board shall: a) represent the Academy at similar institutions and at international scientific gatherings, b) preside at meetings and sittings of the Central Board, c) manage the Academy's financial activities.
27. The vice-chairmen shall assist and act for the Chairman: the first – in the scientific sphere, the second – in the cultural sphere, and the third – in the publishing matters.
28. The scientific secretary-research adviser shall assist the Chairman of the Central Board in organizational matters.
29. The Academy shall appoint at its discretion a Manager who shall manage its everyday and technical affairs.
30. The headquarters of the Lithuanian Catholic Academy of Science shall be situated in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, on A. Jakšto 9.
31. The activities of the Central Board of the Academy shall be inspected by the Auditing Commission which shall comprise three members and shall be elected for the period of three years by secret universal ballot of the members.
32. Once a year the Auditing Commission shall inspect the activities of the Central Board, property in its possession, the cash, financial documents of the Academy, validity and expediency of expenditures. The results shall be included into a report which shall be presented to the Central Board and to all the branches.

2. Academic Council

33. The Academic Council shall coordinate the scientific activities of the Academy. The vice-chairman for scientific affairs shall be in charge of the Academic Council.
34. The Academy's Academic Council shall: a) form the strategy of Academy's scientific activities, b) accord honorary titles, c) evaluate scientific works prepared for publication in print, d) selects scientific works that are worthy of bonuses, e) approves plans for publishing scientific works.
35. The Academic Council shall comprise: a) members of the Central Board, b) members-academicians elected by general voting, c) members elected by general voting.
36. Specialists of different branches of science of the Academic Council shall coordinate the work of corresponding scientific committees functioning within the branches of



the Academy.

37. The members of the Academy's Academic Council shall be elected one by one by general secret voting for the period of five years. Members-academicians and members shall take part in voting.
38. All major branches of science shall be represented at the Academy's Academic Council.
39. The Academic Council shall convene at least twice per year.

3. Branches

40. If at least 10 members of the Academy reside in on district, the Central Board shall establish a branch by convening a meeting-conference.
41. All other single members shall either join the nearest branch or maintain direct relations with the Central Board.
42. The members of the branch shall elect a chairman, a secretary and a treasurer once in three years. The management of the branch shall maintain relations with the Central Board. Once a year it shall present to the Central Board the report on its activities and a documented financial report.
43. The members of the branch shall gather together at least three times a year to discuss scientific and cultural activities and the work of different committees of the branch.
44. The chairman of the board of the branch shall inform the Central Board and other branches about major events or commemorations.
45. The board of the branch may purchase and sell property only with a permission of the Central Board. If the value of property purchased or sold is considerable, the provisions of Article 10 shall apply. The board of the branch may not spend considerable amounts of money without getting the approval from the Central Board.
46. The members of the branch may publish their scientific works in the publications of the Academy through the Central Board in accordance with the Academic Council's plan and approval.
47. The treasurer of the branch shall collect the annual membership fee and send 50% to the Central Board. If a branch is liquidated, the means shall be transferred to the Central Board.
48. The Central Board may confer to a branch of the Academy a status of a legal person with its own bylaws, bank accounts, seals, requisites, however such branches shall



remain accountable to the Central Board.

4. Committees

49. In order to achieve better scientific results the Academy's specialists of different branches of science shall form corresponding committees.
50. The activities of different scientific committees functioning within the branches shall be coordinated by a corresponding representative at the Academic Council.
51. The members of the committees shall consult with the specialist of the corresponding field of science at the Academic Council about scientific activity plans and scientific works that are being prepared or are already finished.
52. The members of the committees shall consult with the secretary on publishing affairs of the Central Board about the publishing of the scientific works approved by the Academic Council.

IV. MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS

53. Once in three years the Central Board shall convene scientific meetings of the members. A meeting shall be considered competent if two-thirds of the members take part and two-thirds of the participants take part in voting.
54. The purpose of meetings is to put forward and discuss the results of scientific research, inquire into scientific problems and discuss major course of action which should be taken by the Academy
55. The scientific works presented at meetings shall be published in the Academy's publication entitled *Suvažiavimo Darbai*.
56. The place and time of each meeting shall be established by the Central Board of the Academy, upon consultation with the board of the corresponding branch.

V. THE PROCEDURE OF MAKING CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS AND LIQUIDATION OF THE ACADEMY

57. Any changes to the Bylaws shall be adopted by a two-thirds written general vote of the members.
58. If at least two-thirds of all the members of the Academy vote in favor of the liquidation of the Lithuanian Catholic Academy of Science, the Central Board shall establish the liquidation commission which shall carry out the process of liquidation. The property of the Academy after settling all the accounts in accordance with the



established procedure shall be disposed of in accordance with the decision adopted by the two-thirds of the members of the Academy without breaking the applicable laws.

(signature)

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