Statistical and Non-linear Physics Division

statutes

Article 1 - Scope

1.1 The Statistical and Nonlinear Physics Division (the "Division") of the European Physical Society ("EPS") represents and provides a forum for scientists interested in any aspect of statistical and nonlinear physics.

Article 2 - Tasks

2.1 The tasks of the Division are, inter alia:

1. to promote the support and co-ordination of research activities;
2. to facilitate contacts with and between its members, in particular through the organisation and co-ordination of meetings, workshops, schools...;
3. to help in the training of young researchers and in the development of their abilities in ways which may facilitate their future professional activities;
4. to co-operate with other Divisions of EPS, and other similar organisations in any subject of common interest, with particular attention to interdisciplinar activities for which statistical and nonlinear physics provide a generally useful methodology.
5. to offer expertise and advice to other bodies of EPS as well as to other European institutions in the field of statistical and nonlinear physics;
6. to promote the public understanding and appreciation of statistical and nonlinear physics.

Article 3 - Membership

3.1 Membership in the Division is open to individual scientists, groups, laboratories who define their interest in agreement with Article 1 of the present statutes and who are members of EPS under Articles 4a, 4c, 4d, 6 or 7 of its Constitution; members are accepted upon personal application. Non-members EPS may participate in the scientific activities of the Division, about which they will receive information on request.

Article 4 - Structure

4.1 The business of the Division is carried out by the Board, in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws EPS and its General Statutes for Divisions.

4.2 The Division may create sections, with the prior approval of the Council of EPS, consisting of Division members interested in particular sub fields of statistical and nonlinear physics.

Article 5 - Board - Composition
5.1 The Board of the Division is composed of 12 members elected by the members of the Division, plus one representative from each section (normally the Chairman or his designate).

5.2 The Board may co-opt up to 6 other members from inside or outside the Division. In co-opting members, the Board will ensure that other EPS Divisions are represented to co-ordinate activities in statistical and nonlinear physics.

5.3 The Board elects from its members a Chairman and a Secretary. The election of the Chairman and of the Secretary shall be confirmed by the EPS Executive Committee.

Article 6 - Elections

6.1 Elections are held every three years by vote by correspondence. The list of candidates for board elections is prepared upon consultation with the members of the Division.

Article 7 - Term

7.1 The term of office for members of the Board shall be 3 years. No one shall be entitled to serve on the board more than two successive terms. However, such persons shall again be eligible after a lapse of three years.

7.2 The Chairman and the Secretary serve for their term on the Board.

7.3 Co-opted members serve for a maximum of three years or until the next elections for Board members, whichever is shorter.

Article 8 - General Assembly

8.1 A general Assembly of the Division shall be held every third year during a conference organised by the Division.

Article 9 - Division Funds

9.1 A Division may, by vote of its members, in any year decide to request from its membership a contribution to the Division for its work.

9.2 Income from special contributions, as well as any other ear-marked fund that the Division may acquire, remains at the disposal of the Division. The Board of the Division has full responsibility for ensuring that the Division is self-supporting financially. The Board of the Division is required to present to the EPS Executive Committee an annual statement of accounts.

Article 10 - Revision of Statutes

10.1 Subject to the approval of the EPS Council, these statutes may be revised by a 2/3 majority of the Members of the Division participating in a vote by correspondence.