

The Constitution of
the *International Society for the Critical Study of Divination e. V.* (ISCSD)

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§1 Name, Head Office

The name of the association is “International Society for the Critical Study of Divination” with the abbreviation “ISCSD”. It should be entered in the register of associations of the responsible local court and after its registration it will also bear the suffix “eingetragener Verein” with the abbreviation “e.V.”. The association has its head office in Erlangen.

§2 Purpose

The overall purpose of the International Society for the Critical Study of Divination (entity) is to promote science in research and teaching. The focus is on the scientific engagement with traditional methods of prediction, decision-making, interpretation of the past and coping with the future, especially (but not exclusively) in East Asia.

The purpose of the constitution is realized in particular by:

- (1) the implementation or support of scientific, artistic and cultural events, such as lectures, seminars, field trips, work meetings and conferences;
- (2) the implementation of research projects;
- (3) the promotion, the release or issuance of publications, in particular a scientific journal;
- (4) the promotion of junior scientists as well as the awarding of research contracts and scholarships;
- (5) the promotion and maintenance of appropriate research facilities;

§3 Non-profit Status

The association pursues exclusively and directly non-profit purposes within the meaning of the paragraph “tax-privileged purposes” of the revenue code. The association acts selflessly and does not pursue primarily self-sufficient economic purposes. Funds of the association may only be used for statutory purposes. Members receive no benefits from the funds of the association. The reimbursement of proven appropriate expenses and expenditures is permitted. No person may be favored by expenses that are foreign to the purpose of the association or by disproportionately high remuneration.

§4 Membership

The association has full members and supporting members. Any full-aged natural person can become an active member who supports the aims of the association. Any

natural person or partnership as well as any legal entity of private or public law can become a supporting member. The acquisition of membership requires a membership application in writing and it must be submitted to the board of the association. The board decides on the application for membership. Only full members have a vote and can be elected into offices of the association.

§5 Honorary Membership

Due to special merits to the association, members can be appointed honorary members by the board of the association. Honorary members are exempted from the obligation to pay contributions.

§6 End of Membership

The membership expires by resignation, exclusion, cancellation or death. The resignation of a member is to be made by a notice of resignation in writing and must be received by the board. The notice of resignation must be addressed to the president of the association. The resignation will take effect at the end of the calendar year following the year of the notice of resignation's admission to the president. The exclusion of a member can take place if it damages the interests of the association by its behavior or endangers the purpose of the association. The board decides on the exclusion of a member. The member must first be given the opportunity to give an opinion. The decision on the exclusion must be justified in writing and sent to the member by a registered letter with a receipt. The member may appeal a conviction in writing to the board within a period of one month starting from the receipt. The general assembly of members decides on the appeal. If the member does not appeal before the expiration of the stipulated period of appeal, the exclusion will take effect at that time; otherwise the exclusion comes into operation as soon as the member renounces the appeal in writing or as soon as the general assembly of members rejects the appeal. The board can cancel a member who is in default of payment of contributions for two consecutive years. The cancellation may only take place if the payment of contribution has been reminded twice in writing, two months elapsed since the second reminder has been sent and the possible cancellation has been announced in this reminder. The cancellation must be communicated to the member by registered letter with an advice of receipt to the last known address to the association. If the second reminder is returned as undeliverable, the cancellation will take effect immediately and does not need to be communicated to the member. When resigning from the association, the member is not entitled to the funds of the association.

§7 Membership Fees

The amount of the membership fees is decided by the board and defined in the membership fee regulations.

§8 Financial Year

The financial year is the calendar year.

§9 Executors

Executors of the association are:

- a) the general assembly of members
- b) the board
- c) the administrative council

§10 General Assembly of Members

The general assembly of members consists of the full members of the association. The general assembly will be convened by the board with notification of the agenda in writing within a period of four weeks. A general assembly has to be convened by the board if the interest of the association so requires, or if at least one tenth of the members demand this by a written request. The general assembly may also be conducted in the form of an internet conference, provided that the board so decides or at least one tenth of the members demand this in writing. The implementation of the general assembly of members in form of an internet conference must be announced in the invitation stating the information necessary for participation. The general assembly is quorate regardless of the number of members participating in the meeting. Each member has one vote. The vote cannot be transferred. Resolutions of the general assembly require a simple majority of valid votes. Abstentions are regarded as invalid votes. In case of a voting tie, a request is considered rejected. Requests by members must be received in writing by the board at least two weeks before the beginning of the general assembly and must be forwarded to the members in writing by the board no later than one week before the beginning of the general assembly. Resolutions of the members may be taken in written form without an assembly if the board decides on this procedure or if at least one tenth of the members demand this procedure in written form. In addition, the draft resolution will be submitted to all members in writing with a deadline of two weeks for voting. Votes that are not received by the board by the deadline shall be considered as abstentions. Besides, the rules for the resolution of the members' meeting apply. Resolutions made in the general assembly or in written form must be put into writing, signed by the secretary and communicated to all members in writing within a period of two weeks. If the board is unable to manage the business, the administrative council carries out the tasks of the board mentioned in this paragraph. If the board is unable to attend, it may instruct the administrative council to perform the duties of the board referred to in this paragraph.

§11 The Board

The board consists of the president.

The board is appointed by a resolution of the general assembly of members.

The board represents the association in and out of court and performs all tasks that are not assigned to another organ of the association.

§12 The Administrative Council

The administrative council consists of:

- a) the vice-president;
- b) the treasurer;
- c) the secretary;

The individual members of the administrative council are appointed by a resolution of the general assembly of members. The board can fill vacant administrative council posts until the next election by the general assembly. The administrative council performs the duties expressly assigned by this constitution. In addition, the administrative council advises and supports the board within the scope of its other tasks assigned to it.

§13 Amendments to the Constitution

Statutory amendments are made by the board. If the general assembly of members decides on amendments to the constitution, the majority of the votes cast is required. Besides, the regulations on resolutions of the general assembly apply. Statutory amendments must be communicated to all members in writing without undue delay.

§14 The Dissolution of the Association

The dissolution of the association requires a resolution of the general assembly of members with three quarters of the votes cast. Upon dissolution of the association or the omission of tax-privileged purposes, the assets – after deduction of all debts and liabilities – fall to the share of the Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg, which it has to use directly and exclusively for non-profit purposes. A division of the association's assets among the members is excluded.

The constitution was established during the inaugural meeting on July 22, 2016, and unanimously approved by all founding members.

§2 of the constitution was amended by the resolution of the board dated January 18, 2018.

Erlangen, January 18, 2018

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