

## **Constitution of International Bioclipse Association**

### **§1 Name of the association and its form of activity**

The association practises activities with no interest to profit under the name "International Bioclipse Association" (IBA).

### **§2 Purpose**

IBA is a forum for individuals, organisations and companies with an interest in the development of Bioclipse, which is aimed at creating a Java-based, open source, visual platform for chemo- and bioinformatics based on the Eclipse Rich Client Platform (RCP).

The vision is that IBA will be the leading competence centre for the development of Bioclipse.

### **§3 Perspective of the association**

The association's activities are conducted in a global perspective.

### **§4 Membership**

A membership application must be submitted in writing and shall contain contact information as well as an assurance of the applicant's intent to follow the association's constitution and its decisions.

The application shall be submitted to the board of IBA. The board decides on acceptance of applications.

### **§5 Board**

The association shall have its seat in Uppsala, Uppsala Län (County of Uppsala), Sweden.

The board shall consist of at least three and at most seven members.

The board members shall be elected at the association's regular annual meeting.

The chairman of the board shall be elected at the association's regular annual meeting.

The board shall among themselves decide upon vice-chairman and other official positions. Other official positions can be, but are not limited to, treasurer, secretary and regular officials.

### **§6 Tasks of the board**

The board's tasks are:

To ensure that the association is adapted and developed in line with the area of its activities.

To ensure that the activities are exercised in line with what is stated in the association's constitution, which can take the form of collaboration between the members of the association or with other organisations.

See to and work for the funding of the association's running activities.

Appoint work order and other directions that are required to regulate the activities of the association.

Annually establish and to the members deliver accounts of the association's activities and administration of the association's funds (annual report).

The association's financial year is the calendar year.

#### **§7 The board's work order**

The board assembles after a notice from the chairman when occurring matters so require, however no less than biannually.

The board also assembles when at least 50% of the board members present such a request to the board chairman.

The board has executive power when at least half of the board members attend a board meeting.

Minutes are entered at the board meetings. The minutes are approved by at least one member of the board, which is appointed by the board to check the minutes.

#### **§8 Signing for the association**

The member(s) of the board appointed at the association's annual meeting hold the procuration.

#### **§9 Annual meeting**

The association's annual meeting shall annually be held in Uppsala, Uppsala län (Uppsala county), Sweden, at a time decided upon by the board.

Notice to attend the annual meeting is issued in writing by the board to all association members no later than 14 days prior to the meeting.

Matters to discuss at the regular annual meeting shall be received by the board no later than four weeks prior to the meeting.

Every member has the right to cast one vote at the annual meeting. A representative can represent a member. A warrant for representatives shall no later than the day before the meeting be received by the board. The warrant shall be dated and not be issued earlier than one year before the meeting.

The following matters shall be discussed at the regular annual meeting:

- Election of meeting chairman
- Establishment and approval of a voting roster
- Election of one or several person(s) to approve the meeting minutes
- Examination of whether the meeting has been summoned correctly
- Account of the association's activities and economy
- Outline of the associations assets and deficits
- Election of the chairman of the board and other officials
- Appointment of person to sign for the association (to hold the procuration)
- Establishment of association member fees for individual people, organisations

and companies

- Other issues brought up during the meeting

### **§10 Constitutional change**

Decisions about changes in the association's constitution are valid if supported by at least two thirds of the members present at two consecutive association meetings, of which at least one shall be the regular annual meeting of the association. At least six months shall pass between the two consecutive meetings.

### **§11 Association disbandment**

The board shall take actions to cancel the association's activities if the conditions for the activities, which are the association's purpose, cease to exist according to §2.

Support by at least two thirds of the members present at two consecutive association meetings, of which at least one shall be the regular annual meeting of the association, is needed to change the association's activities according to §2 and to disband the association.

Upon disbandment, the association's remaining funds shall be used for purposes that benefit the research at Uppsala University, Sweden.

### **§12 Expulsion**

A member who has not paid the membership fee for last current financial year is automatically expelled from the association. The board has the power to expel a member who harms or opposes the interests of the association.

An expelled member has the right to get its issue of continued membership tried at the association's annual meeting after filing a request to the board no later than three months after the notice of expulsion was sent to the member.

### **§13 Version of constitution**

This constitution was established at the IBA's first constitutional meeting on November 22, 2005, and is valid indefinitely until constitutional changes are decided upon according to §10.