



Regulations of the Swiss Catalysis Section (SwissCat)

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I Name and purpose

Article 1 Name

- 1.1 The "SWISS CATALYSIS SECTION" (SwissCat), hereafter called "the Section", is a section of the Swiss Chemical Society and is affiliated to the Division of Fundamental Research. As the Section is not an independent legal body it's legally represented by the Swiss Chemical Society which is an association in the sense of articles 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code, with its domicile in Bern and registered in the register of companies.
- 1.2 The Section was founded in 2017 and the Swiss Chemical Society's General Assembly approved the integration on April 21, 2017.

Article 2 Purpose

- 2.1 The Section has the following objectives:

SwissCat represents researchers from all fields of catalysis in Switzerland and acts on their behalf in national and international organisations. The Section's activities include all science related to homogeneous, heterogeneous, photo-, electro-, and bio-catalysis. The Section promotes the exchange of scientific and technical knowledge and offers suitable networking opportunities for both academic and industrial science and technology experts. It follows the bylaws and the strategy of the Swiss Chemical Society.
- 2.2 The Society's activities include:
 - Scientific events to promote the exchange of knowledge in all areas of fundamental and applied catalysis, including reactor and process technology.
 - Representation of Swiss catalysis scientists' interest in national and international organisations, namely in the European Federation of Catalysis Societies, EFCATS, and the EuCheMS Division of Green and Sustainable Chemistry.
 - Support of the ChemCatChem journal (ChemPubSoc) of which the SCS holds 5% of its shares.

II Membership

Article 3 Joining the Section

- 3.1 Membership of the Section is open to individuals.
- 3.2 Pre-condition to join the Section is the membership of the Swiss Chemical Society.
- 3.3 The affiliation to the Section is free of charge. SCS members that like to join SwissCat can update the division and section affiliations in their web profile or send a message to the SCS Head Office.

Article 4 Rights and obligations of members

- 4.1 Every member has the right to vote and is eligible to stand for election at the Section Assembly.
- 4.2 Members must safeguard the Section's interests.

Article 5 Resignation and exclusion of members

- 5.1 Members may resign from the Section by updating their section affiliations in their web profile or by sending a message to the SCS Head Office.
- 5.2 The Section Board may decide to exclude a member from the Section.

III Organisation

Article 6 Organs

The organs of the Section are:

- the Section Assembly
- the Section Board
- a representative in the board of the SCS Division of Fundamental Research

Article 7 The Section Assembly

- 7.1 Normally, the assembly is held on an annual basis, preferably combined with a scientific event of SwissCat or the SCS. If no issues need to be discussed or not decisions have to be taken, the Section Board can cancel the assembly.
- 7.2 Resolutions from members for discussion at the Section Assembly must be sent to the Chair in writing at least 14 (fourteen) days before the assembly.
- 7.3 The Section Assembly is chaired by the President of the Section or, in his absence, by another member of the Section Board.
- 7.4 The Section Assembly is responsible for the following business:
- Election of the Section President
 - Vote about proposals from Section members or from the Section Board
 - Decide about the annual agenda of the Section
- 7.5 Every correctly Assembly may pass resolutions.
- Resolutions are passed by simple majority of members present. In the case of a tie, a second vote is taken. In the event of a second tie, the President has the casting vote.
 - During elections, a candidate is elected by simple majority of members present. In the case of a tie, a second vote is taken. In the event of a second tie, the person nominated by the Section Board is elected.
 - As a general rule, voting is by show of hands unless the majority of members present demand a secret ballot.

Article 8 The Section Board

- 8.1 The Section Board composed as follows:
- the President
 - the Vice-President
 - the Treasurer
 - up to 3 (three) other members
- 8.2 The President is ex-officio member of the Board of the Division of Fundamental Research.
- 8.3 The Section Board is responsible for the following business:
- Election of the board members except for the President
 - Approval of the regulations and of any amendments to the same
 - Appointing the delegates for national and international organisations
 - Realization of the annual agenda
 - Implementation of resolutions that are approved by the Section Assembly
 - Controlling the finances of the Section
 - Writing a chapter about the section's activities for the SCS annual report
- 8.4 The term of office for the members of the Section Board and delegates in national and international organisations is 3 (three) years. Re-election is possible, though only once in the case of the President. After his term of office, the President may be re-elected as a member of the Section Board. Membership of the Section Board is limited to a maximum of 9 (nine) consecutive years.

- 8.5 To avoid too much exchanges of the Section Board, the terms of office may be shorter in the starting years.

IV Finances

Article 9

- 9.1 The finances of the Section must be balanced on a long-term basis. The Section finances are part of the SCS accounting and are audited on an annual basis by an independent authority.
- 9.2 Deficit should be avoided unless it is a long-term investment with strategic purposes or financial interests.
- 9.3 Events must be self-supporting. Support from other SCS units can be applied.

V Dissolution

Article 15

- 15.1 Dissolution of the Section requires a resolution to be passed by a two-thirds majority of members present at a Section Assembly. The final decision must be taken by the SCS General Assembly.
- 15.2 In the event of dissolution, any financial means remaining to the Section will be allocated to the SCS.

VI Final provisions

Article 17 Signature

The Section shall be legally bound by the signature of any two members of the SCS Executive Board.
For non-legal obligations two members of the Section Board can sign in the name of SwissCat.

Article 18 Liability

The Swiss Chemical Society is liable for all activities of the Section.
The Society's assets alone are liable for the payment of its debts; personal liability of the members is excluded.

Article 19 Approval of the bylaws

These regulations were approved by the SCS Board of Directors on April 20, 2017 and by the SCS General Assembly on April 21, 2017.

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