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International Bioscience Center for Education and Technology “Genesis”

General conditions

Article 1. The International Bioscience Center for Education and Technology “Genesis” is an institute for scientific research at Scientific Research Department (NIS) of Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski”. It is created based on item 4, paragraph 2 from the Interior regulations of NIS.

Article 2. The center is created based on the initiative of lecturers working at SU “St. Kliment Ohridski” and the Association for helping the disabled, “Marie Curie”.

Article 3. The name of the center is abbreviated as Център “Генезис”. In English the name is written out as: International Bioscience Center for Education and Technology “Genesis” (abbreviated as Bioscience Center “Genesis”).

Article 4. The center has the following goals:

a) to stimulate and manage the exchange of knowledge and technologies amongst universities, enterprises and commercial companies.

b) to establish connections between the academic society and the business in life sciences, thus facilitating the transfer of people and ideas creating a synergy between the two.

c) to accomplish complex activities connected to the innovative technological advancements in the field of life sciences: creation and development of strategies and projects, accomplishing expert activity in transferring technologies, improvement and use of new instruments for work in that field and stimulating enterprising.

d) to conduct research in the field of education and connecting it to the new technologies by taking in account the guidelines of the European commission’s program, to help accomplish the principles for integrated control of the educational process.

e) to organize and conduct a new type of education on the basis of “life-long learning” intended for a vast social basis of students, including the disabled.

f) to provide informational support in the field of education and technological development.

g) to disseminate and work towards the adoption of “good practices” in the field of education and technological development.

Article 5. To accomplish its goals the “Genesis” Center uses an office space. For communication purposes the International center uses address: Sofia 1164,. ”Dragan Tzankov” 8, NIS-Bioscience Center “Genesis”.

Scientific research activities

Article 6. To accomplish its goals in the research field the “Genesis” Center is carrying out the following activities:

a) to create, develop and carry out institutional, regional, national and international scientific-research projects in the fields of analysis of the educational and technological progress.

b) to strengthen the role of the European research strategy and its scientific and technological culture, taking into account the priority fields of the European commission’s program;

c) to create contacts and cooperation with other interested institutions in Bulgaria and abroad;

d) to organize and conduct national and international conferences and seminars in the field of educational research and technological development;

e) to assist and develop the existing contacts and programs between Bulgarian and foreign organizations in the priority fields for “Genesis”;

f) to develop a basis for achievement of scientific expertise through an international web and contribute for development of scientific and technological potential;

g) to collect and evaluate information regarding the technological and structural development in the life sciences field in Bulgaria and abroad and present it to the interested organizations.

h) to develop social and economic aspects of scientific knowledge with the goal of improving the researching potential in the field of education, public health and life sciences;

i) to abide by the principle for guarding the intellectual rights of the researchers in accordance with international standards.

j) to assist in the use of modern marketing and financing of research and educational activities;

k) to develop technologies for teaching and dissemination of specialized knowledge for the disabled.

Article 7. The scientific-research activity is performed by temporary teams, formed for each project including Bulgarian and foreign university professors, specialists, Ph. D. and graduate students.

Article 8. The leader of the temporary team carries full responsibility for the success and result of the project and the use of resources in accordance with the contract.

Education

Article 9. The Bioscience Center “Genesis” studies the necessity of training in the field of educational research and technological development in Bulgaria and abroad and organizes and conducts activities with the purpose of creating a broader social basis for the students in the field and improving the quality of life. In this respect the teaching process has the following strategic goals:

a) development, licensing and introduction of international programs and courses in accordance with the European standard (ECTS system), valid in all participating institutions;

b) introduction of new teaching methods in the fields of education and technology development on the basis of multimedia and lifelong learning;

c) connection of the learning process to practice through direct contacts of the students with industrially oriented laboratories with the purpose of an easier integration of new specialists in their real workplace;

d) integration of the learning process with special groups of students with the purpose of improving the quality of life, including the disabled;

e) training of specialists in masters/Ph.D. degree on a collaborative principle with educational facilities in the country and abroad.

Article 10. The Educational activity is performed by professors, associated professors and other professionals from SU “St. Kliment Ohridski” and other universities and institutions in Bulgaria and abroad.

Article 11. The Education is organized in the form of modules (by semesters, block-work, including distance learning), in accordance with the administration of the University or the specific institution.

Informational activity

Article 12. The Informational activity in the “Genesis” Center includes:

- a) gathering information about the development in the field of education and the new technologies in Bulgaria and abroad and presenting it to the interested organizations;
- b) encourages the publishing and dissemination of scientific and educational literature connected with the accomplishment of the Center’s goals;
- c) creates a database and information archives;
- d) offers information to researchers and specialists in the field of education and technological development.

Article 13. The connection of the “Genesis” Center with the public is accomplished by the following activities:

- a) popularization and active dissemination of information about the structures and activities in the Center through creating a Web site;
- b) spreading the goals and tasks of the Center in the institutions, working in the target fields through mass-media and Internet – in the form of an “electronic memo” and “electronic news”;
- c) creating contacts and cooperation with national and international public organizations and structures;
- d) providing expert assistance to public organizations assessing the educational standards in the country;
- e) popularizing the activities of “Genesis” at national and international forums through specific publishing.

Leadership teams

Article 14. The leadership teams of the “Genesis” center are: An International consulting committee, Executive council and a Director.

Article 15. International consulting committee:

- a) is a collective team for creating the scientific and educational policies of the “Genesis” center, which includes representatives of the NIS-SU “St. Kliment Ohridski”, scientists, businessmen and publicists from the country and abroad;

b) the election of the members is conducted after a discussion and approval of the Executive council;

c) the members of the International consulting committee manage the communication amongst themselves in English through the use of e-technologies and direct contact.

Article 16. The Executive council:

a) is a collective team of leadership which consists of 3 to 7 members and includes a director, a scientific secretary and a representative of the administration of NIS;

- The director is a member of the executive council and is, by right, its chairmen;
- The Executive council calls a meeting regularly (once in a three month period) and is lead by the Director;
- The meetings of the Executive council are valid if no less than 2/3 of the members are present;
- The decisions are made by majority rules;

b) the activity of the Executive council includes:

- Creating a yearly plan and a strategy for its completion;
- Creating rules regarding organization and activity;
- Making decisions regarding cooperative activities with other organizations in Bulgaria and abroad;
- Makes decisions regarding the use of equipment and financial resources of the Center;
- Creating a yearly report of the activities of the Center.

Article 17. The director of the “Genesis” center is a habilitated person. His duties include:

- Manages the coordination and completion of all activities of the center;
- Has dispositional rights regarding the employees of the center;
- Manages the finances of the center and creates a report for the Executive council;

- Represents the center;
- Creates an yearly report for the activity of the center.

Article 18. The Director of the center is assisted by a Scientific secretary. He:

- Manages contacts with national and foreign organizations, financing the research projects;
- Organizes teams for the preparation of propositions and/or the realization of research projects;
- Maintains contact with national and foreign scientific organizations;
- Acts as a substitute for the director in the cases he is unable to attend.

Personnel

Article 19. The scientific-research staff of the “Genesis” center is formed voluntarily, on the basis of cooperation. The team includes lecturers, Ph.D.’s staff members, students of the SU „St. Kliment Ohridski”, other universities and scientific personnel and specialists from Bulgaria and abroad.

Article 20. For the completion of the contracts, temporary teams are formed. They consist of members of the academic staff of the University and other people with the proper qualifications. .

Article 21. The director of the “Genesis” center can sign a contract with the people participating in the activities of the center.

Article 22. At the event of additional income based on the center’s activities, additional staff can be hired with a temporary labor contract. That staff can be hired by the director of НИС-СУ „Св. Климент Охридски” in accordance with the approval of the center’s director.

Funding

Article 23. The “Genesis” center is a self-supporting organization. It is financed with resources from the following:

- Completion of the research projects and tasks;

- Donations and inheritance;
- Participation fees for conferences, seminars and other dissemination events organized by the Center;
- Educational fees;
- Other sources allowed by the law.

Article 24. The “Genesis” center is a non-profit organization.

Article 25. The legal, financial and accounting servicing of the “Genesis” Center is carried out by the Scientific-research sector of SU “St. Kliment Ohridski”:

- Every contract has separate account;
- The funds from the Center’s activities can be used for:
 - Renting an office and its maintenance;
 - Rewarding the staff’s work;
 - Purchasing long-term materials and consumables;
 - travel in the country and abroad;
 - electric, communication and other bills;
 - maintenance of the equipment;
 - other specific expenses.

Article 26. The purchased materials, if nothing other is specified, are under the ownership of NIS-SU and are used by the Center.