Based upon Act No. 283/1992 Coll., on the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, as subsequently amended, and upon Act No. 341/2005 Coll., on public research institutions, and in accordance with the Statutes of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic issued on 24 May 2006, the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (hereinafter ASCR) hereby issues

the Foundation Deed of the Institute of Vertebrate Biology of the ASCR, v. v. i.

I.

- (1) The Institute of Vertebrate Biology of the ASCR was established as an entity of the ASCR by a resolution of the twelfth session of the Academy Assembly of the ASCR held on 22 April 1998, which took effect on 1 July 1998.
- (2) Under Act No. 341/2005 Coll., the legal status of the Institute of Vertebrate Biology of the ASCR will be transformed from a state contributory organisation into a public research institution (abbreviated as v. v. i.) from 1 January 2007.

II.

- (1) The Institute of Vertebrate Biology of the ASCR, v. v. i., (hereinafter IVB) is established for an indefinite period as a legal entity with identification number 68081766, and is located in Brno, Květná 170/8, Postal Code 603 65.
- (2) The founder of the IVB is the ASCR, an organisational body of the state, identification number 60165171, headquartered in Prague 1, Národní 1009/3, Postal Code 117 20.

III.

- (1) The purpose for which the IVB has been established is to carry out scientific research of vertebrates, to contribute to the utilisation of its research results, and to provide the research infrastructure.
- (2) The principal activity of the IVB is comprehensive scientific research of free-living vertebrates in the fields of ichthyology, herpetology, ornithology, mammalogy and medical zoology to obtain original knowledge about their relationships to the environment and health of man and farm animals and to elaborate methods for sustainable use of the production of populations and the protection of endangered species. The IVB contributes to raising the level of knowledge and education and to utilising the results of scientific research in practice. It acquires, processes and disseminates scientific information, issues scientific publications (monographs, journals, proceedings, etc.). It provides scientific assessments, professional opinions and recommendations, consulting and advisory services. In cooperation with universities, the IVB carries out doctoral study programmes and provides training for



young scientists. Within the scope of its activity, the IVB promotes international cooperation, including the organisation of joint research projects with foreign partners, participation in exchange programmes for scientists and the exchange of scientific information, as well as the preparation of joint publications. The IVB organises scientific meetings, conferences and seminars on the national and international levels and provides the infrastructure for research including accommodation for its employees and guests and experimental animal breeding. It pursues its aims both independently and in cooperation with universities and other research and professional institutions.

IV.

- (1) The director, the Board and the Supervisory Board are the bodies of the IVB. The director is the statutory body of the IVB and is entitled to act on behalf of the IVB.
- (2) Basic organisational units of the IVB are scientific departments responsible for research and development, and a department of technical-economic services responsible for provision of the infrastructure.
- (3) The detailed organisational structure of the IVB is regulated by rules of organisation issued by the director after being approved by the Board.

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The foundation deed will become effective on 1 January 2007 and will supersede the foundation deed of the Institute of Vertebrate Biology of the ASCR dated 25 May 1998, as subsequently amended by Addendum No. 1 dated 29 September 2005 (the full text having been issued on 29 September 2005).

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