



ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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 Botany of the ASCR, v. v. i.

I.

(1) The Institute was established by a resolution of the twenty-first session of the Presidium of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences (hereinafter CSAS) held on 20 December 1961, which took effect on 1 January 1962, under the name the Institute of Botany of the CSAS. Under section 18 (2) of Act No. 283/1992 Coll., the Institute became an entity of the ASCR as of 31 December 1992.

(2) Under Act No. 341/2005 Coll., the legal status of the Institute of Botany 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 Botany of the ASCR, v. v. i., (hereinafter IB) is established for an indefinite period as a legal entity with identification number 67985939, and is located in Průhonice, Zámek 1, Postal Code 252 43.

(2) The founder of the IB 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 IB has been established is to carry out scientific research into the vegetation cover at organismal, population, community and ecosystem levels, to contribute to the utilisation of its research results, and to provide a research infrastructure.

(2) The principal activity of the IB is scientific research covering field botanical disciplines, especially taxonomy and biosystematics of higher and lower plants (including algology, mycology, bryology, lichenology), karyology, evolutionary biology, phytogeography, the study of the succession, classification and mapping of vegetation, the ecology of species and communities, palynology, field-based plant ecophysiology and population biology, the study of mycorrhizal symbioses, ecotoxicology, the study of functions, regeneration, protection and management of populations and ecosystems, the study of the anatomy of wood and dendrochronology, short-term and long-term climate monitoring and biomonitoring. Furthermore, the IB provides care of genetic collections, their development and multilateral exploitation, and is responsible for the regeneration, maintenance and management of Průhonice Park. The IB 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 and issues scientific publications (monographs, journals, proceedings, etc.). It provides scientific assessments, expert opinions and recommendations, consulting and advisory services. In cooperation



with universities, the IB carries out doctoral study programmes and provides training for young scientists. Within the scope of its activities, the IB 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 IB organises scientific meetings, conferences and seminars at the national and international levels and provides the infrastructure for research including accommodation for its employees and guests. It pursues its aims both independently and in cooperation with universities and other research and professional institutions.

(3) The secondary activity of the IB includes expert opinions and reports, including forensic expert reports, on matters relating to scientific disciplines pursued by the Institute, provided for organisational bodies of the state, especially for ministries and their institutions, for bodies of the state nature protection, territorial self-governing units, and other public institutions. The secondary activity is performed under the conditions determined by the Act on Public Research Institutions.

(4) The other activity of the IB includes activities and services relating to the accessibility and publicising of Průhonice Park, its botanical garden and selected parts of Průhonice Castle to the public, providing consultancy for landscaping, including the analysis and assessment of greenery, providing agricultural and horticultural services, organising specialised courses, training and other educational programmes, including lector's activities, and conducting specialised retail trade. Conditions of the other activities are determined by the respective entrepreneurial authorisations and the Act on Public Research Institutions.

(5) The extent of the secondary and other activities together may not exceed 20 percent of the working capacity of the IB.

IV.

(1) The director, the Board and the Supervisory Board are the bodies of the IB. The director is the statutory body of the IB and is entitled to act on behalf of the IB.

(2) Basic organisational units of the IB are research sections and scientific departments responsible for research and development, and sections responsible for provision of the infrastructure.

(3) The detailed organisational structure of the IB is regulated by rules of organisation issued by the director after being approved by the Board.

V.

The foundation deed will become effective on 1 January 2007 and will supersede the foundation deed of the Institute of Botany of the ASCR dated 1 September 1993, as subsequently amended by a modification dated 25 May 1998 and Addendum No. 1 dated 14 July 2004 (the full text having been issued on 15 July 2004).

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