

Statutes of the Commission for the Scientific Integrity of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

I. Basic Provisions

1. The Commission for the Scientific Integrity of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (hereafter referred to as the 'Commission') was established by the Council for Sciences of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic on 26th September 2002 pursuant to Article 42, Section f) of the Statutes of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic.
2. The Commission acts within the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (hereafter referred to as 'ASCR') and considers questions dealing with ethics in science. It is autonomous in its position and actions. The Commission does not have executive powers. It submits a report on its activities to the Council for Sciences of the ASCR and the Academic Council of the ASCR once a year.
3. In terms of technical-administrative matters, the activity of the Commission is facilitated by the Secretariat of the Council for Sciences of the ASCR.

II. Composition

1. The Commission shall have a minimum of nine and a maximum of twelve members, of whom at least three are not employees of the ASCR. The composition of the Commission shall be balanced in terms of fields as far as possible. The term of service in the Commission shall be four years.
2. The members of the Commission shall be persons known for their scientific as well as personal prestige. Membership in the Commission shall be honorary and incompatible with membership in the Academic Council of the ASCR and with the function of a director of an establishment of the Academy of Sciences of the CR.
3. The members of the Commission, as well as its Chairperson, shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the Council for Sciences of the ASCR on the basis of a secret ballot of the Council for Sciences of the ASCR. The Chairperson of the Commission shall be a member of the Council for Sciences of the ASCR.
4. The Secretary of the Commission, who does not have to be a member of the Commission, shall be appointed by its Chairperson.

III. Principles of Operation

1. The Commission shall meet as needed, but at least twice a year. The meeting shall be convened and conducted by the Chairperson of the Commission or by a member of the Commission entrusted by the Chairperson to do so. . The Chairperson shall convene the Commission if requested by at least three of its members.

2. The decision-making of the Commission by vote shall be governed by Article 64 of the Statutes of the ASCR.

3. Persons involved or expert counsellors may be invited to join the deliberations of the Commission.

4. The Commission discusses:

- a) general and specific questions from the area of the ethics of science;
- b) submissions, suggestions and complaints of the employees in the scientific establishments of the ASCR that are connected with the observance of the ethics of science; and,
- c) exceptionally, also submissions by other parties if they affect the ethics of science in the ASCR.

5. Individual submissions shall be evaluated by the Commission at its earliest convocation, where it will decide whether it is going to deal with them further.

6. The Commission shall not deal with submissions connected with the moral failure of an individual not connected with the ethics of science.

7. The Commission shall express itself in writing in a Statement on every discussed submission.

8. The Statement of the Commission shall be sent to the submitter and, according to the character of the issue, may be conveyed also to:

- a) other persons involved ;
- b) the Academic Council of the ASCR;
- c) the Council for Sciences of the ASCR;
- d) the relevant director of the establishment of the ASCR;
- e) the relevant council of an establishment of the ASCR.

The Commission can also consider the method of adequate publication of the case.

IV. Final Provisions

These Statutes were discussed by the Commission on 10th January 2003, and adopted by the Council for Sciences of the ASCR at its meeting on 30th January 2003, when it came into force.