



# 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 Oriental Institute of the ASCR, v. v. i.**

### I.

(1) The Institute was incorporated into the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences (hereinafter CSAS) by a resolution of the fourth plenary meeting of the Government Commission for the Establishment of the CSAS held on 29 April 1952, which took effect on 1 January 1953, under the name the Oriental Institute 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 Oriental Institute 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 Oriental Institute of the ASCR, v. v. i., (hereinafter OI) is established for an indefinite period as a legal entity with identification number 68378009, and is located in Prague 8, Pod Vodárenskou věží 1143/4, Postal Code 182 08.

(2) The founder of the OI 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 OI has been established is to carry out scholarly research in the field of Oriental studies, to contribute to the utilisation of its research results, and to provide a research infrastructure.

(2) The principal activity of the OI is scholarly research in the field of Oriental studies focused particularly on the history of nations of Asia and Africa including their religious - philosophical systems, culture, languages and literature in the period from ancient times to the present. The OI contributes to raising the level of knowledge and scholarship and to utilising the results of scholarly research in practice. It acquires, processes and disseminates scholarly information and issues scholarly publications (monographs, journals, proceedings, etc.). It provides scholarly assessments, professional opinions and recommendations, consulting and advisory services. In



cooperation with universities, the OI carries out doctoral study programmes and provides training for young scholars. Within the scope of its activity, the OI promotes international cooperation, including the organisation of joint research projects with foreign partners, participation in exchange programmes for scholars and the exchange of scholarly information, as well as the preparation of joint publications. The OI organises scholarly meetings, conferences and seminars at the national and international levels and provides the infrastructure for research. It pursues its aims both independently and in cooperation with universities and other research and professional institutions.

(3) The other activity of the OI includes the teaching of Oriental languages to an extent which may not exceed 15 percent of the working capacity of the OI. The conditions of the other activity are determined by the respective entrepreneurial authorisation and the Act on Public Research Institutions.

#### IV.

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

(2) Basic organisational units of the OI are scientific departments responsible for research and development, and a service department and a library responsible for provision of the infrastructure.

(3) The detailed organisational structure of the OI 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 Oriental Institute of the ASCR dated 1 September 1993, as subsequently amended by a modification dated 25 May 1998 and Addendum No. 1 dated 26 May 2004 (the full text having been issued on 27 May 2004).

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