

**ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
OF
OF THE UNION OF PHYSICISTS IN BULGARIA**

A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION IN PRIVATE BENEFIT

PREAMBLE

The Union of Physicists in Bulgaria (UPB) is a successor and continuator of the traditions of the Physical and Mathematical Society in Sofia, which was established in February 1898 and closed in 1950.

The Society was re-established in 1960 and organized sections in all Bulgarian regional centers under the name of the Bulgarian Physical-Mathematical Society.

In 1971, the Bulgarian Physical-Mathematical Society was divided into the Society of Physicists in Peoples Republic of Bulgaria and the Bulgarian Mathematical Society.

On November 25, 1989, the Society of Physicists in Peoples Republic of Bulgaria was reorganized into the Union of Physicists in Bulgaria (UPB).

The present Articles of Association were adopted by the UPB Congress on April 7, 2011.

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Art.1. (1) The Union of Physicists in Bulgaria shall be a voluntary professional-creative association unifying persons and collectives working or having interests in the field of physical sciences.

(2) Members of the UPB may be physical and legal persons having interest in, or whose activities have to do with the physical sciences.

Art.2. The UPB may be a collective member of other scientific-creative and similar associations in Bulgaria and abroad.

Type of activities

Art.3. The UPB shall be a non-profit organization in private benefit.

Art.4. The UPB shall carry out its activities in compliance with the Constitution of Republic of Bulgaria and with these Articles of Association.

Name and duration

Art.5. The name of the Association shall be “Union of the Physicists in Bulgaria”; its abbreviation shall be UPB.

Art.6. The Association’s duration shall be unlimited.

Seat and address of management

Art.7. The UPB’s seat shall be in the city of Sofia, Municipality of Lozenets.

Art.8. The UPB’s address of management shall be as follows: Faculty of Physics of the St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia, 5, James Bourchier blvd., Sofia 1164.

II. OBJECTIVES

Art.9. The UPB's main objectives shall be:

1. to join the efforts of the professionals in the field of physical sciences in view of the latter's development, study and popularization, advancement of their public prestige, and the promotion and use of their achievements;
2. to guide and coordinate the activities of its members in view of the further development of the scientific research in the field of physical sciences and the implementation of the scientific achievements in the national economy, the control of the condition, protection and recovery of the environment, the adoption of these sciences in the systems of education and training of specialists, the popularization of the scientific knowledge in the field of physical sciences;
3. to assist and promote the creative initiatives of its members and of their professional realization and improvement; to assist in raising the capacity of the scientific, technical and educational activities in terms of both staff and equipment;
4. to assist in improving the education and training activities in all types of schools and higher education institutions and in the education and training of young specialists;
5. within the physicists' field of competence, to issue forecasts, opinions, assessments and recommendations concerning the scientific, technological, ecological and cultural development of our country, and to assist in implementing the physical sciences' achievements in the industry and the environmental protection;
6. to popularize and disseminate the physical sciences' achievements, as well as the positive experience gathered in the teaching of physics and astronomy;
7. to explain to the general public the physical sciences' role and importance and the necessity of their knowledge and further development; to clarify and promote the physical sciences' interests before the state and public institutions;
8. to issue proposals on problems concerning the physical sciences' application, the education in physics, as well as on environmental problems related to the physical sciences;
9. to carry out research and development activities;
10. to maintain and improve the facilities needed for its members' creative activities and rest;
11. to assist in the development and dissemination of a general and a specialized physical terminology in the Bulgarian language.

III. MEANS OF ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVES AND OBJECT OF ACTIVITIES

Art.10. The UPB shall achieve its objectives by:

1. organizing conferences with the participation of its branches, as well as of general assemblies of its branches and sections to discuss organizational, scientific and educational issues;
2. organizing round table discussion, colloquiums, seminars, symposiums, conferences, congresses and exhibitions on topics in the field of physical sciences and their teaching independently and in conjunction with state bodies and their divisions managing the science and education, as well as with public institutions.;
3. organizing cultural programs and activities and providing social support to its members;
4. organizing lecture courses, celebrations, topical discussions, lectures and presentations to students and young specialists, including radio and television broadcasts, on problems concerning the physical sciences and their teaching and applications;

5. organizing independently or taking part in the organization of physics olympiads, topical schools, competitions and other activities;
6. collaborating with higher education institutions, secondary schools, research institutions, ministries, enterprises, companies, public organizations, publishing houses, editorial boards of periodicals, on issues within the field of physical sciences;
7. organizing research teams and expert commissions in view of assisting the solution of problems related to the environmental protection and recovery and to the pollution control;
8. organizing research, forecast and expert activities concerning the development of specific branches of the science, economy, education etc.;
9. organizing and conducting competitions on scientific and applied developments, on writing physics and astronomy textbooks and papers dealing with problems of physics, its achievements and teaching;
10. maintaining creative ties with similar organizations in Bulgaria and abroad, with the European Physical Society, the Balkan Physical Union and other international institutions;
11. organizing and taking part in the organization of international congresses, conferences meetings, schools and other scientific forums in the field of the physical sciences, their teaching and application;
12. publishing its bulletin and other literature in view of popularizing and promoting the physical sciences and the pedagogical experience and of creating and maintaining interest in the physical sciences and the study thereof;
13. establishing awards and stipends on behalf of the UPB;
14. submitting proposals before the state institutions in view of disseminating and changing legal documents that are within the physicists' competence and concern their activities.

IV. DEFINITION OF THE ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT

Art.11. The Association shall carry out its activities in private benefit.

Art.12. The Association may carry out additional economic activities pursuant to the provisions of Art. 3, paragraph 3, of the Non-Profit Legal Entities Act while using the revenue of these economic activities with the purpose of achieving the objectives as stipulated in these Articles of Association.

Art.13. The Association shall not distribute profit.

V. MEMBERSHIP

Art.14. The membership in the UPB shall be voluntary.

Art.15. The membership may be individual, collective and honorary.

Art.16. Individual member of the UPB may be any person who has higher education in physics and works or has worked in the field of physical sciences, their application and teaching.

Art.17. The individual members shall have the following rights:

1. to participate and vote in the General Assembly of the branch they are members of;
2. to elect and be elected in all Union's governing bodies;
3. to take part in all initiatives organized or co-organized by the Union or its divisions;
4. to obtain from the Union assistance and cooperation in realizing their creative ideas;

5. to be entitled to a reduction in the participation fee of scientific forums where the Union is an organizer or co-organizer; the participation fee of pensioners shall be waived;
6. to receive UPB's publications free-of-charge or with a reduction.

Art.18. Each member of the Association shall:

1. comply with the provisions of these Articles of Association and assist in the achievement of the UPB's objectives and tasks;
2. implement the resolutions of the Congress and of the General Assembly of the branch he/she is a member of;
3. pay regularly the membership fee.

Art.19. Except for the case referred to in Art. 32, paragraph 1, of these Articles of Association, the individual members of the UPB shall be admitted by the Governing Body of the respective UPB branch based on a submitted written application, which admission shall be announced on the first next General Assembly of the respective branch. The application shall include the requirements stipulated in Art. 16 of these Articles of Association and a declaration to the effect of accepting the UPB's Articles of Association.

Art.20. An individual membership in the UPB shall be terminated:

1. upon the UPB member's wish, in which case this member shall inform the Governing Body of the respective UPB branch and return his/her membership card;
2. in the case of failing to pay the membership fee for three consecutive years;
3. due to expulsion from the UPB;
4. upon termination of the Association.

Art.21.(1) Expulsion from the UPB shall be an extraordinary measure imposed on UPB members who have violated grossly these Articles of Association, have acted systematically against the Union's objectives and have carried out illegal activities, and when the measures undertaken by the UPB bodies with respect to such members have proved to be inefficient.

(2) The decision for expulsion shall be made by the General Assembly of the branch the respective person is a member of, following a proposal by the Governing Body of the branch or by at least three members of that branch.

(3) The decision for expulsion shall be made in the presence of the person subject to expulsion by an ordinary majority at a meeting of the General Assembly whose agenda has been announced earlier; the respective person must have been informed in writing for the meeting and its agenda in a reasonable period of time before the respective date.

(4) In the case when the person subject to expulsion cannot attend the General Assembly meeting of the branch considering the expulsion, this person may submit written explanations, which shall be reviewed and assessed prior to making the appropriate decision. In the case of the person subject to expulsion failing to attend the General Assembly meeting or to submit written explanations, the question for expulsion may be included in the agenda of the next General Assembly meeting in the absence of the person concerned.

Art.22.(1) The decision for expulsion may be appealed before the Central Control Commission (CCC) within a period of one month as of its promulgation, if the person expelled has attended the respective meeting, or as of the date of the written notice of the expulsion.

(2) Within a period of one month the CCC shall consider the appeal and hold a hearing of the parties. The CCC's decision shall be final.

Art.23.(1) In recognition of active creative activity or merits in contribution to the development of the physical sciences and the UPB's activities, individual members of the UPB may be elected as HONORARY MEMBERS of the Union.

(2) Prominent foreign scientists – physicists may also be elected as honorary members of the Union.

Art.24.(1) The election of an honorary member shall be made by the Congress based on a substantiated proposal by the Managing Board (MB) or by the Management of branches and sections.

(2) The proposals of the managements of branches and sections shall be submitted to the Managing Board at least two months prior to the date of the Congress.

Art.25.The honorary members shall be given an honorary diploma and their membership fee shall be waived. They shall receive free-of-charge the journal published by the Union and shall enjoy all regular members' rights.

Art.26.(1) Collective members of the UPB may be scientific, educational, business and public institutions related to the physical sciences, their teaching and application. The collective members shall be admitted following a resolution by the MB, or by the managements of branches or sections in coordination with the MB, which resolutions shall be endorsed by the UPB Congress.

(2) The collective members shall be represented by an authorized delegate or a representative in accordance with the articles of association of the respective legal person.

(3) The collective members shall pay a membership fee whose amount and manner of payment shall be determined by the MB in coordination with the respective organization-member.

VI. STRUCTURE AND GOVERNING BODIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Art.27. (1) The UPB shall be structured on a territorial principle.

(2) Its basic divisions shall be the UPB's branches, to which sections may be formed on a territorial, professional or industrial principle.

Art.28. The Association's supreme collective body shall be the Congress.

Art.29.The UPB's permanent governing bodies between Congresses shall be the MB and the CCC.

VII. BRANCHES AND SECTIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Art.30. (1) The UPB's branches shall be its basic organizational units. They shall consist of at least ten members and may be formed in any territorial unit.

(2) The UPB's branches shall implement within its territory the UPB's objectives and tasks in collaboration with the other Union's branches.

Art.31. The following circumstances shall be subject to entering in the respective register of non-profit legal organizations:

1. the name, seat and address of the non-profit legal organization;
2. the seat and address of the branch;
3. The Chair of the branch, together with the restrictions to his/her powers and representative competence.

Art.32. (1) New branches shall be constituted by a resolution of the General Assembly upon an initiative of members of the Union. The General Assembly shall appoint a management and issue a constitutive protocol containing the names of the constitutors and their signatures. The UPB's MB shall be duly informed.

(2) In the case when the constitutors of a new branch are not members of the Union, in addition to the requirements described in the paragraph above, a confirmation shall be needed from the UPB's MB to the effect of constituting a UPB branch. The UPB's MB confirmation in such a case shall have the effect of admitting the constitutors as members of the Union.

Art.33. The supreme governing body of a UPB's branch shall be its General Assembly. It shall consist of all branch members or of delegates elected in a proportion determined by

the branch's General Assembly. In the case of sections having been established, this election shall be carried out through these sections, in which case the respective branch management shall be entitled to take part in the sections' meetings.

Art.34. A branch's General Assembly meeting shall be deemed legal when more than a half of its members, or delegates, are present; the branch's General Assembly shall make decisions by an ordinary majority of those present.

Art.35. (1) A branch's General Assembly shall:

1. adopt the branch's Management's annual report and plan;
2. determine the number of members and elects branch's Management and Control Commission;
3. elect delegates to the UPB's Congress in a proportion determined by the UPB's MB;
4. expulse UPB's members pursuant to the provisions of Art. 20 of these Articles of Association.

(2) The manner of voting – secret or open – on points 2 and 3 of the above paragraph shall be determined by an open vote.

Art.36. The branch's Management shall consist of a Chair and at least three members elected for a mandate of three years pursuant to the provisions of Art. 35, paragraph 1, points 1 and 2, of these Articles of Association.

Art.37. The branch's Management shall:

1. organize the branch's activities in compliance with these Articles of Association, the Union's Congress' resolutions and those of the branch's General Assembly;
2. summon the branch's General Assembly, attend to the dissemination of printed materials and ensure the implementation of the UPB's objectives within the branch's territory;
3. admit individual and collective members and submit to the MB substantiated proposals concerning the promulgation of honorary members;
4. summon the branch's General Assembly at least once a year and submit before it a report once a year.

Art.38. The UPB's branch shall be represented by its Chair or by a duly authorized member of the branch's Management.

Art.39. (1) A branch's Control Commission shall consist of three members. This Commission shall control the financial condition of the respective branch, the expedient spending of its funds, as well as the compliance with the provisions of these Articles of Association and the resolutions of the Congress and the branch's General Assembly.

(2) The Control Commission shall report once a year its activities and the branch's financial condition.

Art.40. The branch's Management and Control Commission shall sit with a quorum exceeding one half of their members and shall make decisions by an ordinary majority of those present.

Art.41. (1) A UPB's section shall consist of at least five members and shall be established on a territorial, industrial or other principle as decided by the respective branch's General Assembly.

(2) Except upon a decision of the respective branch's General Assembly, a section may be established via an initiative of a group of members. In such a case, the section's establishment shall be confirmed by the branch's General Assembly.

(3) A UPB's section shall have all the rights as delegated by the respective branch, with the exception of the right to elect delegates to the Congress.

(4) In order to ensure its activities, a section shall form its bodies in a manner and with rights as delegated to it by the respective UPB's branch.

Art.42. Each UPB's branch and section shall keep an archive, namely, a book of minutes, a book of revenues/expenditures with the relevant accountant documents, a book of correspondence, a list of the members and a list of the physicists within the respective territory.

VIII. BODIES OF THE ASSOCIATION: CONGRESS, MANAGING BOARD AND CENTRAL CONTROL COMMISSION

Congress

Art.43. The Association's supreme body shall be the Congress.

Art.44. (1) The Congress shall be summoned upon an MB's initiative or upon a request by at least 1/3 of the Association's members. If in the latter case the MB fails to send within a one-month period written invitations to summon the Congress, it shall be summoned by a court-of-law of jurisdiction over the area where the Association's seat is located on the basis of a written request by the interested members or a by a person duly authorized by them.

(2) The invitation to the Congress shall include the agenda, date, time and venue of holding the Congress, as well as an indication on whose initiative it is summoned.

(3) The invitation to the Congress shall be sent to all Association branches and shall be posted in the building of the Union's address of registration at least one month prior to the date of holding the Congress.

Art.45. (1) The delegates to Congress shall be elected following the procedure stipulated in Art. 35, paragraph 1, point 1, of these Articles of Association. The members of the MB and CCC, as well as the Chair of the Editorial Board, shall be *ex officio* delegates to the Congress.

(2) The UPB's branches shall announce the delegates elected to the Congress not later than 20 days prior to the date of holding the Congress.

Art.46. (1) The Congress

1. may amend and append the Articles of Association of the UPB;
2. shall make decisions on the UPB's activities during the period between two Congresses;
3. shall discuss and admit the reports on the activities of MB and the CCC;
4. shall by secret ballot elect and discharge the members of the MB and the CCC, the Chair and the three Deputy Chairs of the UPB, as well as the Chair of the Editorial Board;
5. may make decisions concerning the UPB's transformation or termination;
6. shall adopt the UPB's budget;
7. may revoke decisions of other UPB's bodies that are in contradiction with the legislation in force, with these Articles of Association or with other internal acts regulating the Association's activities;
8. may make decisions concerning the UPB's participation in similar Bulgarian and foreign legal non-profit organizations.
9. shall determine the amount of the membership fee of individual members and the part of it (not exceeding 1/3) which the branches and the sections shall apportion to the UPB;
10. may elect honorary members.

(2) The rights under paragraph 1, points 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 may not be assigned to other Association's bodies.

(3) The Congress' decisions shall be obligatory for all other Association's bodies.

(4) The Congress' decisions shall be subject to judicial control concerning their compliance with the law and these Articles of Association.

(5) Decisions of UPB's bodies made in violation of the law, these Articles of Association or a previous Congress' decision may be contested before the Congress upon a

request by interested members of the Union or by a Union's body submitted within a period of one month as of becoming aware of it, but not later than one year since the decision has been made.

(6) The disputes under paragraph 4 of this article may be referred to a court-of-law of jurisdiction over the area where the Association's seat is located by any member of the Union, by a Union's body or by a state prosecutor within a period of one month as of becoming aware of the problem, but not later than one year since the decision has been made.

Art.47. (1) An extraordinary Congress may be summoned upon a decision by the MB, a request by the CCC, a request by at least 1/3 of the branches or a request by at least 1/6 of the UPB's members.

(2) In the cases under paragraph 1 of this article, the MB shall determine the date, time and venue of holding the extraordinary Congress not later than two weeks as of receiving the request.

(3) An extraordinary Congress shall be summoned following the procedure and manner stipulated in Art. 44 of these Articles of Association. The respective invitation shall indicate on whose initiative the extraordinary Congress is summoned.

Art.48.A UPB's Congress shall be deemed legal when more than a half of all elected delegates are present. In the absence of quorum, the Congress shall be rescheduled for one hour later at the same venue and with the same agenda regardless of the number of delegates.

Art.49. (1) The Congress shall make decisions by an open vote by an ordinary majority of the delegates present.

(2) The decisions pursuant to Art. 46, paragraph 1, points 1 and 5, shall be made by a majority of 2/3 of the delegates present.

(3) In the case of electing the governing bodies, the vote shall be secret.

Plenum

Art.50. (1) Within the period between two Congresses, a Plenum of the UPB may be summoned upon a decision by the MB, a request by at least 1/3 of the branches or a request by at least 1/6 of the UPB's members. In the Plenum shall take part the members of the MB and the CCC and the Chairs of the UPB's branches. In the case of a branch having more than one hundred members, three members of this branch's management shall take part besides the Chair.

(2) A Plenum shall be summoned by an invitation to the members, which shall contain the agenda, date, hour and venue of holding the Plenum, as well as an indication on whose initiative it is summoned.

(3) The UPB's Plenum shall:

1. discuss current problems of the Association's activities;
2. co-opt when necessary new members of the MB and the CCC, but not exceeding 10 % of the number of members elected by the Congress;
3. make expedient changes in the amount of the membership fee for the current year;
4. make decisions concerning the UPB's participation in similar Bulgarian and foreign organizations;
5. adopt the regulations settling the UPB's relations with companies whose founder or co-founder the Union is, and make decisions concerning current problems of such relations.

(4) The decisions under point 4 and 5 of this paragraph shall be subject to confirmation by the Congress.

(5) The Plenum shall sit with a quorum of at least 2/3 of its members and shall make decisions by a majority of more than a half of those present.

Managing Board

Art.51. (1) The Association's governing body shall be the Managing Board.

(2) The Managing Board shall consist of a Chair, three Deputy Chairs, a Secretary and 23 members.

(3) The Managing Board's Chair shall represent the UPB in what concerns its relations with physical and legal persons and before state and municipal institutions, public and private organizations, banks, insurance institutions and the tax administration.

(4) In the cases of absence or permanent disability of the Chair, or in any other extraordinary circumstances, the Managing Board may authorize a Deputy Chair or a MB member to represent the UPB.

Art.52. The UPB's Managing Board shall:

1. organize the implementation of the decisions of the Congress and the Union's objectives as laid down in these Articles of Association;
2. prepare the annual budget and pay-roll, the reports on the Union's activities; manage and look after the UPB's property;
3. coordinate the branches' activities;
4. keep books of all activities and correspondence;
5. decide on current problems concerning the relations with state and public institutions;
6. prepare substantiated proposals for proclamation of honorary members;
7. admit collective members of the UPB;
8. elect the Editorial Board of the World of Physics Journal upon a proposal by the Editorial Board's Chair;
9. prepare the report of the Association's activities, as well as proposals and projects to be discussed by the Congress, as well as proposals for changes in these Articles of Association;
10. register, reorganize or terminate the activities of companies, which shall be reported to the next Plenum or Congress, as well make decisions concerning the participation in companies.

Art.53. A meeting of the MB shall be deemed legal if more than a half of its members are present; it shall make decisions with a simple majority of those present by an open or a secret vote, with the type of vote on the different issues being determined by an open vote.

Central Control Commission

Art.54. The Central Control Commission shall monitor and check the Union's financial activities and control the compliance with these Articles of Association and the Congress' decisions. It shall conduct annual audits, audits for the entire period reported and audits upon notifications.

Art.55. The CCC shall consider and make decisions concerning applications and complaints of Union's members, as well as decisions in cases pursuant to Art. 21 of these Articles of Association.

Art.56. The CCC shall consist of a Chair, a Secretary and members whose number shall be determined by the Congress by an open vote; the membership of the CCC shall be determined by the Congress by a secret ballot.

Art.57. The CCC shall sit with a quorum of at least a half of its members and shall make decisions by a simple majority of those present by an open or a secret vote, with the type of vote on the different issues being determined by an open vote.

Art.58. Persons elected in governing bodies of political parties, movements or coalitions, or occupying a position on the UPB's pay-roll, may not be elected as members of the MB and the CCC and Chair of the Editorial Board.

IX. TRANSFORMATION, TERMINATION, LIQUIDATION

Transformation

Art.59. (1) The Association may be transformed into another type of non-profit legal person, and to be merged, amalgamated, separated or divided.

(2) In the cases of merging or amalgamating, the UPB's members shall become members of the new non-profit legal person; in the cases of separation or division, the UPB's members may become members of the newly formed non-profit legal persons as they choose.

Termination

Art.60. (1) The Association shall be terminated:

1. Pursuant to the provisions of the relevant legislation upon a resolution of the Congress adopted by at least 2/3 of the delegates present.

2. By a decision of a court-of-law with area of jurisdiction where the Association's seat is located, in the cases as provided by the relevant legislation.

(2) In the cases under paragraph 2 of this article, the termination shall be entered officially and the respective court-of-law shall appoint a liquidator.

Liquidation

Art.61. (1) Liquidation shall be carried out when the Association is terminated.

(2) The liquidation shall be carried out by the MB or by a person appointed by it.

(3) In cases of insolvency and bankruptcy, the liquidation procedure and the liquidator's powers shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of the Commercial Code.

Property after liquidation

Art.62. (1) The partition of the UPB's property left once the creditors' claims have been settled shall be decided by the Congress. In the case of the Congress failing to make such a decision prior to the termination, the decision shall be made by the liquidator.

(2) In the case of when persons under paragraph 1 of this article do not exist, or such cannot be determined, the property shall be transferred to the municipality where the non-profit legal person is located. The municipality shall use the property thus received for activities as close as possible to the objectives of the terminated non-profit legal persons.

(3) The property under the previous paragraphs of this article may not be partitioned, sold or in any way transferred to a liquidator appointed outside the persons under paragraph 2 of Art. 61, except for the remuneration due.

(4) The persons having acquired property as a result of a liquidation carried out under paragraphs 1 – 3 of this article shall be liable in what concerns the UPB's obligations up to the amount of the property thus acquired.

X. FINANCIAL SOURCES

Art.63. (1) The UPB and its branches shall raise its financial means by:

1. initial and regular membership fee;
2. donations;
3. sponsorship;
4. testaments;
5. additional economic activities;
6. other sources not forbidden by the law.

(2) The financial relations between the UPB and companies whose founder or co-founder the Union is shall be settled by a regulation adopted by the UPB's Congress or Plenum.

Art.64. The amount of the annual membership fee shall be determined by the UPB's Congress or Plenum.

Art.65. The amount of the annual membership fee of collective members shall be determined pursuant to the provisions of Art. 25, paragraph 3, of these Articles of Association and shall be paid annually.

Art.66. The Union's financial means shall be used for achieving the objectives and solving the tasks of the Union within the frameworks of the respective current budgets.

XI. REPRESENTATION

Art.67. The Association shall be represented by the Chair of the MB.

Art.68. All UPB's documents shall be signed by the Chair of the MB and stamped by the Union's seal. In the cases of absence or permanent disability of the Chair, or in any other extraordinary circumstances, the Managing Board may authorize one of its members to implement temporarily the Chair's functions. The authorization shall be made in writing, with a notarial certification as required by the law.

XII. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

Art.69. The positions of MB's Chair, Deputy Chairs and Secretary and of CCC's Chair shall be subject to the mandate principle, namely, a persons may not be elected for more than three consecutive mandates.

Art.70. All regular and honorary members of the former Society of Physicists in Peoples Republic of Bulgaria shall be regular and honorary members, respectively, of the UPB.

Art.71. The date March 29 shall be designated as THE PHYSICS DAY and shall be celebrated by the UPB by appropriate initiatives.

Art.72. These Articles of Association shall enter into force on the day of their adoption.

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