

**Statute  
of the Association of DESY friends and sponsors (dated 28 January 2013)**

**Preamble**

Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron (DESY) with its two locations in Hamburg and Zeuthen (Brandenburg) is an independent, incorporated civil-law foundation and member of the Helmholtz Association. For reputational reasons, it is the aim of the Association of DESY friends and sponsors to raise funds in order to establish contacts to the national and international “user community” within DESY’s research activities and to foster scientific and cultural relationships in Germany and abroad, thus underlining DESY’s international spirit.

**§ 1 Name and domicile**

The Association is called “Verein der Freunde und Förderer des Deutschen Elektronen-Synchrotrons DESY“. It is a non-registered Association based in Hamburg.

**§ 2 Scope of the Association**

Sole and direct purpose of the Association shall be to foster

1. International understanding
2. Education
3. Science
4. Culture
5. Youth and
6. Charity

in relation to DESY’s research activities including the efforts of a smooth integration and easy involvement of the large national and international “user community” into DESY’s research universe.

Furthermore, the Association raises funds for other tax-privileged bodies, public corporations as well as foreign corporations for the above-mentioned purposes.

In particular, the following groups and activities shall be fostered:

1. DESY guests involved in research activities at DESY and their accompanying family members who are in special financial or physical need according to § 53 AO
2. The DESY orchestra, choir and company sports as far as the participation of DESY guests who are in financial need is concerned
3. Language courses for international guests and their families during long-term sojourns at DESY
4. The operator (other tax-privileged body) of the inclusive, English-speaking day-care centre for children located in the facilities let by DESY
5. Public lecture events with general educational value by and at DESY, guided DESY tours and advanced training offers for schools particularly based in Hamburg and Berlin/Brandenburg (e.g. “physik.begreifen”)
6. International symposia and conferences, in order to allow especially DESY guests from financially weak countries to participate

7. Outstanding young scientists, e.g. by annually awarding a prize for excellent dissertations related to research activities at DESY or, in case of need, by subsidising the costs of living of doctoral students or diploma students during their work at DESY
8. Public concerts and other cultural events for DESY guests as well as for the interested public
9. Providing media (newspapers, journals, literature) in German and foreign languages to DESY guests from abroad and providing further local cultural offers in central communication centres (e.g. Bistro) on the DESY campus or off-site (e.g. theatre, cinema)
10. Enabling DESY guests on a long-term mission who are in financial need to participate in specific cultural events, particularly in Hamburg and Berlin/Brandenburg
11. Initiatives by DESY's International Office to better integrate family members of DESY colleagues from abroad
12. Activities of the "Association of DESY friends and sponsors in Zeuthen for the support of children's and young people's homes" – founded by DESY employees and being recognised as charitable

Provided an adequate financial situation, the Association can carry out the aforementioned projects independently or participate directly in project financing.

In case the Association does not carry out projects itself or participate in project financing, it may only pass on its funds to other tax-privileged bodies, public or foreign corporations in order to serve tax-privileged purposes.

Transferring funds to a foreign corporation is bound to the annual obligation of the recipient to present a detailed statement of accounts about the use of the funds provided by the Association four months after the end of the business year. Should the statement of accounts reveal that the funds were not exclusively used for the statutory purposes of the Association or should the recipient not meet his responsibility to present the statement of accounts, the transfer of funds will be stopped immediately.

The Association exclusively pursues charitable and benevolent purposes in accordance with the paragraph "tax-privileged purposes" of the German tax code. The Association is non-profit-making; it operates selflessly and does not primarily pursue its own financial purposes. The funds of the Association may only be used for statutory purposes. Its members do not receive any benefits from the Association's funds. The Association may not favour any person by making expenses that are not in alignment with the Association's purposes or by disproportionately high remunerations.

### **§ 3 Funds**

The funds necessary for serving the above purposes are acquired by

1. Membership fees
2. Donations
3. Events

### **§ 4 Membership**

Companies that are interested in DESY's work should be inspired to join the Association (corporate members). The same applies to individuals (personal members).

Membership starts at the beginning of the quarter during which the membership is declared. Admission is subject to the decision of the Board.

### **§ 5 Termination of membership**

Membership expires upon death of the member, loss of legal status (legal entities), or written voluntary resignation of the member to the end of the financial year which corresponds to the calendar year.

Furthermore, membership can be terminated if

- a) a member contravenes the objectives and purposes of the Association
- b) a member fails to comply with its payment obligation more than three months after the end of the financial year, for which the annual fee was due, despite reminder

The Board decides upon exclusion of the member.

In the event of the dissolution of the Association or a member being excluded or having terminated its membership, all membership rights to the Association's assets will expire. Contributions made will not be repaid.

### **§ 6 Membership fees**

The members' general meeting decides on the level of the membership fee. It can be different for corporate and individual members.

### **§ 7 Board**

The Board is the executive body of the Association and consists of

the chairperson  
the deputy chairperson  
the accountant  
the secretary and  
the chairperson of the DESY directorate.

It needs two members of the Board to represent the Association externally, unless the Board decides differently in the individual case.

With the exception of the chairperson of the DESY directorate who belongs to the Board ex officio, the other members of the Board are elected by the members' general meeting for the duration of two years. Re-election is possible. The Board continues to conduct business until the newly elected Board has accepted its election; this also applies to single members of the Board.

All Board members work on a voluntary basis and get reimbursed their necessary expenses only. Neither Board nor members are entitled to any special advantages from the Association's funds. Nobody may be favoured by administrative expenses that are not in alignment with the Association's purposes or by disproportionately high remunerations.

The Board decides by simple majority about the use of the funds at its disposal. It is not authorised to commit the Association or the members beyond the Association's assets.

## **§ 8 Auditing of accounts**

The business year corresponds to the calendar year. Two controllers are elected at the Annual General Meeting (§ 9) on a yearly basis who audit the cash management. The controllers may not be members of the Board.

## **§ 9 Members' general meetings/Annual General Meeting**

The executive Board invites to the members' general meetings. The Annual General Meeting takes place within the first half of the year. The following agenda topics are mandatory:

1. annual report of the Board
2. cash report of the accountant
3. audit report of the controllers
4. formal approval of the acts of the Board
5. election of the controllers (§ 8)

Further members' general meetings shall be held on request. A members' general meeting has to be called for if one quarter of the members apply for it in written and by indicating the agenda items. The invitation including the announcement of the agenda has to be sent at least 14 days before the actual date of the meeting.

The assembly constitutes a quorum if at least 10% of the members are present. The members' assembly decides by simple majority of the attending members. In the event of a tied vote, the decision is taken by the chairperson.

Minutes shall be kept of the members' meetings which shall be signed by the chairperson and the secretary.

## **§ 10 Statute changes**

Statute changes need a majority of 75% of the votes of the members attending the members' meeting.

## **§ 11 Dissolution of the Association**

An application to dissolve the Association needs to be signed by at least one quarter of all members. At least one third of all members are required to be present and a majority of 75 % of the attending members eligible to vote is needed in order to decide upon the dissolution of the Association. The obligatory members' meeting is to be called for at least three weeks prior to the meeting date.

In case of a dissolution of the Association or the cessation of the tax-privileged purposes, the Association's funds shall be transferred to the tax-privileged foundation Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron DESY, Hamburg, that shall use them solely and directly for charitable and benevolent purposes as defined in this statute.

In case of discrepancies, the German version of the statute shall prevail.