



ALTAI INTERNATIONAL CENTER
for Humanitarian and Biospherical Research

Алтайский Международный Центр
Гуманитарных и Биосферных Исследований *

CHARTER
OF THE ALTAI INTERNATIONAL CENTER OF
HUMANITARIAN AND BIOSPHERIC RESEARCHES

Clause 1

General regulations

The Altai International Center of Humanitarian and Biospheric Researches (AICHR) is a voluntary non-governmental organization created to unite efforts of the Soviet and foreign scientists in study of the unique ecological system of the Gorniy Altai, which is highly rich in the historical content, in protection of genealogy of the living associations of animals and plants, as well as for investigation and preservation of the outstanding archaeological, historical and cultural relics and participation in works on the problem of the global changes of natural conditions, including the influence of some anthropogenous factors and the comparative analysis of the Gorniy Altai with some other mountain systems.

The AICHR was established by the Siberian Division of the USSR Academy of Sciences. It is open for participation of the Soviet and foreign scientific and state bodies, having the right to be constitutors and members.

The AICHR is the juridical person, with its own balance, pay-account, the currency and other ones, in banks of the USSR, as well as the official stamp, some other stamps, and blanks established by its superior body - the Council of Constitutors of the Center (Clause 6).

The activities of the AICHR are carried out in accordance with legislation of the USSR, RSFSR and this Center.

The official places of residence of the AICHR - Novosibirsk and the Cherga Settlement (the Denisovaya Cave stationar) in the Gorno-Altai Autonomous Region.



Clause 2

Main tasks

The main tasks of the Altai International Center of Humanitarian and Biospheric Researches are the following ones:

- Complex elaboration of the conception of historical development of the peoples inhabited the Gorniy Altai and the adjoining regions;
- organization and scientific safeguarding of the protection of the genetic funds in living associations and the unique cultural relics;
- participation in investigations of the global changes of natural environment;
- training of specialists and popularization of the ecological knowledge.

Clause 3

The main trends of activities

The Altai International Center of Humanitarian and Biospheric Researches organizes the bilateral and multilateral joint investigations of scientists of the USSR and other countries on the following main trends (the list may be supplemented):

- Complex study and preservation of the ecological systems of the Gorniy Altai, as one of the centers of the world diversity of topsoil, the vegetable and animal kingdoms:

- revealing of the spatial and temporal organization and of the factors of stability of the ecosystems by application of the modern soil, biological, physico-chemical and geo-chemical methods, dealing with tender analytical apparatus;

- determination of the diversity of components of biota at the population, specific and biocenotic levels by the newest cytogenetic, biochemical, molecular-genetic, taxonomical and cartographical methods;

- preservation of the unique species by cryoconservation of cells and embryos, seeds and creation of artificially propagated populations of animals and plants, maintenance of the associations and natural complexes by different methods, including organization of the forbidden zones and biospheric reservations;

- monitoring of the ecosystems by application of the newest methods of distant watching over the biological objects, bioindication,

- Complex elaboration of the conception of historical development of the peoples inhabited the Gorniy Altai and the adjoining regions by some methods used in archaeology, anthropology, ethnography, linguistics, genetics, as well as in the paleoecological reconstructions, study and preservation of the richest historical and cultural heritage of the examined region, including complex elaboration of the conception of preservation of the ethnosystems of the Gorniy Altai;

investigation of the ancient stages of the history of mankind, the problem of anthropogenesis, the initial peopling of Central and North Asia;

discovery and investigation of archaeological sites, their turning into museums, as well as reconstruction of the historico-cultural processes in Asia of the Bronze, Early Iron Epochs and the Middle Ages, complex investigation of burial mounds of the tribal aristocracy of the so called Pazirik Culture, creation of the historico-cultural reservations;

carrying out of the complex ethnographical and anthropological investigations with the purpose of study of the folk-lore, linguistic ethnogenesis, demography, population genetics and the ecology of the human populations of the region, as well as the paleogenetic researches by the molecular methods;

study of the relics of the paleolithic art, the spiritual culture, the ancient religions and world outlook of the aborigines of the examined region;

creation of the network of the culturo-landscape reservations on the territory of the Gorno-Altai Autonomous Region.

- Complex study of the problem of domestication of animals and cultivation of plants from the archaeological and paleogenetic positions, investigation of the population-genetic and evolutionary aspects of domestication, introduction into the culture of some new species of plants and domestication of some rare species of animals with the purpose of their keeping and practical use. The study of the mechanism of coming into being on the basis of domestication of the ancient human civilizations.

- Creation of the common informative bank of data, containing the whole complex of the scientific knowledge obtained within the framework of the AICIBR.

- Organization of international expeditions, symposia, seminars,

schools on the problems elaborated in AICHBR, as well as assistance to the development of scientific tourism.

- Participation in training of students and post-graduates, popularization of the ecological and humanitarian knowledge, organization of the international exchange by investigators and students.

- Popularization and translation of the scientific information on the thematic of the main trends of investigations of the AICHBR.

Clause 4

The juridical status

The Altai International Center of Humanitarian and Biospheric Researches is the juridical person, having the right :

- To create its own branches, representatives, departments and other structures on the territory of the Gorno-Altai Autonomous Region, the other parts of the USSR and abroad, as well as to take part in any kinds of organizations, whose activities are in conformity with the tasks of the AICHBR;

- to conclude treaties, to purchase the property and personal non-property rights and to act as plaintiff and respondent in courts;

- to organize and carry out investigations and elaborations by the Center itself and with the assistance of those Soviet and foreign organizations which take interest in them.

- to use the official channels of international exchange, including the right of application of its own means for sending abroad the Soviet scientists, specialists and students, on one side, and for reception in the USSR of the foreign scientists, specialists and students, on the other side;

- to establish the contacts with the Soviet and foreign computer networks and data bases;

- to build, purchase, lease and rent any movable and immovable property;

- to think over, in accordance with the order established by laws, the proposals connected with creation of the biospheric and historico-cultural reservations;

- to publish scientific transactions, resumes of symposia, reviews and digests, in accordance with its own needs;

- to get and grant the rights for possession and use of the safeguards, technology, "know-how" and other types of the scientifico-technical and scientifico-production information;

- to use all the other rights of the juridical person, unprohibited by the laws in force.

Clause 5

Forms of participation in the Center

One may act as a constitutor or a member to participate in the work of the AICHR.

The constitutors or founders may be the offices, organizations and persons carrying out and/or coordinating the scientific researches, depositing money into the Charter Fund (the latter is used for development of the material and technical base of the Center), as well as sending their representatives to the Council of Constitutors of the Center. The sum, form, order and terms of the constitutors' investments to the Charter Fund are assigned by special treaties between the founders and the Center.

The Council of Constitutes of the Center - the authority that determines the scientific policy, chooses the scientific projects for their realization by the Center, on the competitive base with the help of the international commission of experts, and discharges some other functions determined by Item 2 of Clause 6 of this Charter.

Any new members-constitutors may join the Center by concluding the treatment approved by the Council of Constitutors of the Center.

The members or participants of the AICHR may be organizations and the bodies of scientists carrying out investigations and financing of the projects taken for execution by the Center. The financing terms of their participation are determined by the corresponding agreements with the Center.

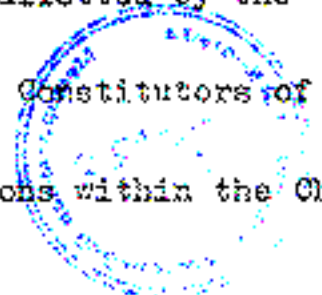
Clause 6

Ruling over the AICHR

1. The supreme organ of the Altai International Center of Humanitarian and Biospheric Researches is the Council of Its Constitutors, consisting of the delegates of the organizations-founders. The order of formation and work of the Council is allotted by the Constitutive Treaty.

2. The exclusive competence of the Council of Constitutors of the Center is as follows:

- to make suggestions about changes and additions within the Char-



ter of the AICHER;

- to confirm the other normative documents, determining the Center's activities;
- to allot the main trends of the AICHER activities, to examine the competitive projects and to take the matters to realization, to confirm the current plans of work and the reports on their fulfillment;
- to appoint the executive director of the Center;
- to make suggestions about the volumes of financing investments of the organizations-constitutors;
- to allot the order and terms of paying in the additional membership dues for realization of the projects;
- to allot the structure and the staff of the apparatus of the AICHER;
- to create the other organs, necessary for completing the tasks and functions of the Center;
- to confirm the regulations of the Council of Constitutors;
- to examine the questions connected with leaving of the constitutors or with ceasing work of the Center itself;
- to allot the staff of the liquidation committee, to appoint and recall its members and to confirm its final report;
- to discuss the other questions, according to the desire of the constitutors.

The Council of Constitutors has the right to refer the solution of some questions, related by the Charter to its competence, to the Management of the AICHER.

3. For examination of the scientific projects, the solution of some other questions, concerning the main trends of the scientific activities of the Center, the Council of Constitutors may form the scientific-consultative council, consisting of the leading specialists from different countries.

4. The executive organ of the AICHER is the Management headed by the executive director of the Center. The latter is appointed by the Council of Constitutors and confirmed by the Siberian Division of the USSR Academy of Sciences. It has the right to represent the AICHER in all administrative, financing and organization problems. The executive director is a member of the Council of Constitutors of the Center.

The executive director is obliged:

- to ensure the fulfilment of the tasks of the AICHR;
 - to elaborate the projects of perspective and current plans of the Center on the basis of proposals of the constitutors and members-participants, as well as to present such proposals to the Council of Constitutors for confirmation;
 - to promote fulfilment of the tasks foreseen by the scientific projects, the current and perspective plans of the AICHR and, when it is necessary, to submit his own proposals for consideration of the Council;
 - to elaborate the projects of estimate of the AICHR and the report on its execution, as well as to present both of them to the Council of Constitutors for consideration:
 - to prepare the necessary materials for sessions of the Council;
 - to organize the fulfilment of decisions of the Council of Constitutors and presents reports on their execution;
 - to prepare and send to the participants of the Center the informative and other materials, concerning the activities of the latter;
 - to represent the AICHR in its contacts with organizations and offices, as well as with the state organs and the international scientific organizations, within the limits of the competence determined by the present Charter;
 - to perform some other functions, in conformity with the laws in force, laid on him by the Council of Constitutors.
5. The executive director has the right:
- to get from the participants the materials in need and the information on the fulfilment of the plans of the AICHR;

- to submit proposals, concerning of the activities of the Center for consideration of the Council of Constitutors;
- to be in charge of the property of the Center, including its financial resources, within the limits determined by the Council;
- to conclude treaties, without the letter of attorney, on behalf of the AICHR (contracts);
- to engage and discharge workers, in accordance with laws in force and the staff Regulations of the AICHR, as well as to stimulate and inflict the disciplinary penalties over them;
- to take decisions and issue orders on the questions of the operative activities;
- to furnish ^{with} the official functionaries of the Center the full po-

wers for their to speak on behalf of the AICHER as its representative.

The executive director is accountable to the Council of Constitutors and responsible to the latter for the activities of the Center, as well as for the tasks and functions placed on him.

6. To check the financing activities of the Center, the inspection committee is set up. The chief and members of the latter are appointed by the Council of Constitutors, according to the proposals of the organizations-constitutors. The workers of such organizations are appointed by turns to be the chief of the inspection committee.

The committee is responsible for its activities before the Council of Constitutors and reports back to the latter on the inspections, as well as presents its conclusion over the annual reports.

Clause 7

Finances

1. The financing funds of the AICHER are formed of the following sources:

- the constitutors' fee and the members-participants' fee to the Charter fund for realization of the projects;
- the free deposits of the Soviet, foreign and international organizations and funds;
- incomes from realization of the intellectual property, expert opinions, investigations, instruments and so on;
- credits of banks;
- applications from the granted good terms of different types of the commercial activities unprohibited by the laws and acts in force of the USSR and RSFSR.

2. The deposits may be made in the form of transferring of the equipment and materials, as well as some other things, foreseen by the laws in force. (provided)

3. The terms of financing of the Center by the constitutors and those participating in the Center's activities are stipulated by special agreements.

4. The financing funds are used for:

- the development of the material and technical basis of the AICHER;
- carrying out the investigations planned by the Center;



- buying in equipment, instruments, materials and other goods and turns, as well as licences and "know-how", necessary for the activities carried out by the participants in common interests ;

- publishing the materials;

- joint publicity arrangements, exhibitions, the technical equipment and instruments, presentation of the results of the joint activities at the exhibitions and scientific arrangements;

- maintaining the staff of the Center;

- expenses connected with the Center's activities and determined by its supreme organ.

- expenses connected with sending the specialists on mission to solve the problems of the joint activities.

5. According to the laws in force of the USSR, the AICHBR may possess, use and dispose of its property, in conformity with the purposes of its activities and the purpose of the property.

6. According to its commitments, the Center is responsible for the property it possesses. It is not responsible for the commitments of its participants. The latter, in their turn, are not responsible for the commitments of the Center.

7. The financing activities of the AICHBR is conducted on the basis of its estimate, made up for each calendar year and confirmed by its supreme organ. The Center takes stock the operative book-keeping and statistical registration, as well as the accounts in the order taking place in the USSR.

8. The salary, working time, leaves, terms of giving employment and discharging, as well as the terms of social insuring of the Soviet citizens employed by the Center are regulated by the Soviet laws. The analogous laws are in force in relation to the foreign employees of the Center, excluding the salary, leaves and insuring. These questions are stipulated individually in the contracts concluded every foreign citizen with the Center.

Clause 8

Presentation and financing of the investigation projects

The investigation projects may be proposed to the Center by any member-constitutor or participant of the latter, as well as organizations and persons, who are not the members of the AICHBR. The financing of any projects must be usually secured by the persons deal-

ing with the letters, but in the exceptional cases, it may be completely or in part be made by the Center itself. The selection of the projects is carried out by the executive director for the presentation to the Council of the Center.

To begin realization of any project, the persons deputed to make such work enter into an agreement with the Center, in which the terms of security by the latter of the works on the project are stipulated. The Center may engaged the third parties - the Soviet and foreign organizations, specialists for realization of the terms of agreements.

Clause 9

The rights of organizations and scientists taking part in the Center's activities

1. The foreign scientists coming to work in the Center, have the status of the guests of the Siberian Division of the USSR AS or the other Soviet organizations, or the one of the provisional scientific workers send by their offices to work in the USSR or coming to the country according to the separate agreements.

2. Organizations and scientists participating in the Center's activities have the following rights:

- be free of use the published results of work of the Center, as well as the primary materials in two years after the letters have been got, even if these primary data are unpublished;
- to use the material base of the Center, according to the terms determined by the agreements;
- to get information about the list of scientific projects, the persons carried out the letters and the course of their fulfilment, about the material and technical basis of the Center and other data;
- To participate in the sessions of the Center devoted to examining of the projects and reports they are the authors of;
- to get necessary information on the expenses connected with realization of the projects;
- to demand the confidentiality at the examining of the presented projects.

3. Discrimination depending on their sex, race, national affinity and attitude to religion is prohibited.

Clause 10

Duties of organizations and scientists

Organizations and scientists taking part in the Center's activities are obliged:

- to keep strictly to the Charter of the AICHR;
- to implement the demands of the executive director and his representatives, dealing with the problems of organization of works and the industrial safety of measures;
- to make financial deposits on the Center's account, if it is foreseen by the agreements;
- to fulfil the programs of their investigations confirmed by the Council of Constitutors of the AICHR;
- to present to the Center the copies of primary evidence of the field and laboratory investigations, preliminary reports, the final ones, preprints and offprints of the publications in the time and on the terms determined by the contracts;
- to mention about use of the material basis of the Center in their publications based on the results obtained during work in the Center.

Clause 11

Information the Center possesses

The AICHR collects the published informations on all the themes of the main trends of investigations and the co-operating ones in the form of published articles, manuscripts, computer bases and the banks of data, maps. The members-constitutors and participants have the free access to all this information and may use it with corresponding notes.

The Center, in conformity with Clause 9, collects also unpublished information - the new data and results. This published information may be transferred to the third persons only according to the written permission of all those responsible for the projects and on the terms determined by the latters.

However, if the persons responsible for the projects do not publish such information during two years from the moment of its presentation in conformity with Clause 10, the information may be:

- a) published by Center, the authors being noted, on the recommendation of the Scientific-Consultative Council, or

b) according to the same decision, made generally accepted by securing its access to those who use the computer banks of the Center. Those responsible for the projects will receive written notifications about such decisions and acts.

Clause 12

Languages

The official languages of the Center are the Russian and English ones.

Clause 13

The removal of the constitutors from the Center

1. About the intention to remove from the Center its members are to inform the Council of Constitutors not later than in the course of 6 months till their removal.

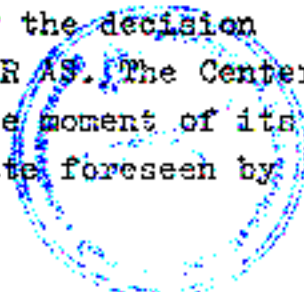
2. In the case of removal of the constitutor, his deposits into the financing fund, on his request, can be paid back with taking into consideration the amortization of buildings, the other objects of the material basis, instruments and equipment. The method of calculation of the amortization is based on the practice in force in the USSR. The order and terms of the repayment will be determined by the decision of the Council of Constitutors of the Center, in conformity with the terms of the agreement about joining the Center.

3. The removal from the Center does not make the Organization-founder free of the commitments undertaken by the latter earlier in relation to the Center, as well as does not exceed the commitments of the Center laid early over such a participant.

Clause 14

Cessation of the Center's activities

1. The cessation of the Center's activities is abolished in the form of liquidation. The latter is made according the general proposal of the Organizations-founders of the Center by the decision of the Presidium of the Siberian Division of the USSR AS. The Center forfeits the rights of the juridical person from the moment of its striking off from the register, or from the other date foreseen by the laws of the country of its location.



2. In the case of liquidation of the AICHER, :

- the Council of Constitutors of the Center appoints the liquidation committee, which presents for its confirmation the liquidation balance;

- the property of the Center is sold according to the decision of the Council of Constitutors of the Center. The property, the Center had the right to use, is returned to the Organization-owner, and the monetary estimation of the right of use, at the moment of liquidation, is included into the sum that is due to the participants at the final assessment of the means;

- The monetary means got as a result of realization of the national center, after the satisfying the creditors' demands, are distributed between the Organizations-founders in the proportion with the deposits paid in by the letters.

