

PROVISIONAL STATUTES
OF THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER
FOR SOLAR-TERRESTRIAL PHYSICS

CLAUSE 1
General

The International Center for Solar-Terrestrial Physics (ICSTP) is set up with the object of pooling efforts of Soviet and foreign scientists for solving problems of the physics of the Earth's upper atmosphere, solar physics and the physics of interplanetary space as well as near-terrestrial space environmental ecology.

The ICSTP is established by the Siberian Division of the USSR Academy of Sciences. The ICSTP is open for participation by Soviet and foreign scientific and governmental organizations which have the right to act as founder-members and participants. The ICSTP is a legal person, and possesses an independent balance, a settlement account, a foreign exchange account, and other accounts in the USSR Banks, an official stamp, and other stamps, seals and forms, whose samples shall be approved by its higher authority, the Center's Founders Council (Cl. 6).

The ICSTP activities shall be carried out in accordance with laws currently in force, the Statutes of the Siberian division of the USSR Academy of Sciences, and with the present Statutes.

The official location of the ICSTP is: USSR, Irkutsk.

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Definition and Main Purposes

The main purpose of the Center is:

- to arrange for interdisciplinary fundamental research in the field of solar-terrestrial physics.



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Main Areas of Activities

The ICSTP shall arrange for bilateral and multilateral collaborative investigations by scientists from the USSR and other countries in the following principal fields of research (the list is open for additions):

- solar physics and the physics of solar activity and the solar wind;
- physics of the interplanetary medium and the magnetosphere;
- ionosphere physics and the physics of ionospheric propagation of radio waves;
- ecology of the near-terrestrial space environment and of the Earth's upper atmosphere.

The sphere of the ICSTP activities also includes:

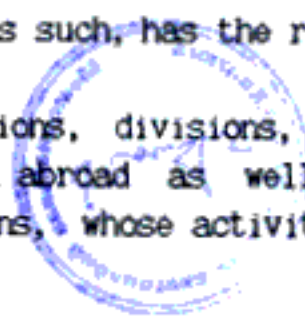
- arrangement of the monitoring of the near-terrestrial space environment, the Sun and the solar wind to study global environmental changes of natural and anthropogenic nature;
- setting-up of a system for collection and processing of data acquired from observing facilities operated by participating organizations, and concentration of such data, for processing and analysis, at a special-purpose analytical center;
- arrangement of international campaigns, symposia, workshops, and schools on problems pertaining to the ICSTP, and promotion to the development of scientific tourism;
- participation in training of students and post-graduates and in dissemination of knowledge and information regarding solar-terrestrial physics as well as organization of scientific exchange of scientists and students;
- dissemination and translation of scientific information on topics of the main research areas of the ICSTP.

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Legal Status

The ICSTP is a legal person and, as such, has the right to:

- set up its branches, representations, divisions, and other structures in the USSR regions and abroad as well as participating in the various organizations, whose activities



are in accord with the objectives of the ICSTP;

- conclude agreements, acquire property rights and personal nonproperty rights, and bear obligations, as well as acting as a plaintiff and a defendant in courts of law;

- organize and carry out investigations and developments through both efforts and resources of the Center and efforts and resources of other interested Soviet and foreign organizations;

- use official channels of international exchange, including the right to use its resources for sending Soviet scientists, specialists and students to other countries, on the one hand, and for receiving in the USSR foreign scientists, specialists and students, on the other;

- set up communication with Soviet and foreign computer networks and databases;

- build, acquire, lease and rent the various kinds of movable and immovable property in accordance with established procedure;

- publish scientific works, abstracts of symposia, reviews, and digests in accordance with its own needs;

- acquire and give rights to possess and use protection documents, technologies, know-how, and other kinds of scientific-engineering and scientific-production information;

- use all other rights of a legal person which are not prohibited by laws currently in force.

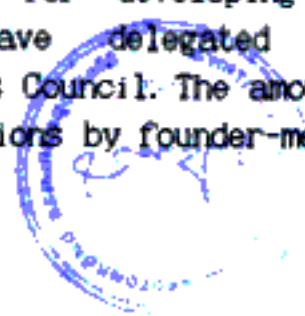
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Forms of Participation in the Center

1. Two forms of participation in the Center's activities are defined:

- 1) founder-members
- 2) participants

2. Founder-members are institutions, organizations, and individual persons that carry on and/or coordinate research activities and that have made a contribution to the collective investment fund to be used for developing the inventories of the Center and have delegated their representatives to the Center's Founders Council. The amount, procedure and terms of making contributions by founder-members



to the collective investment fund shall be defined by suitable agreements between them and the Center.

New founder-members can join the Center by concluding an agreement to be approved by the Center's Founders Council.

Participants are organizations and collective bodies of scientists that carry on an investigation and financing of projects approved by the Center for implementation. Financial terms of their participation shall be defined by relevant agreements with the Center.

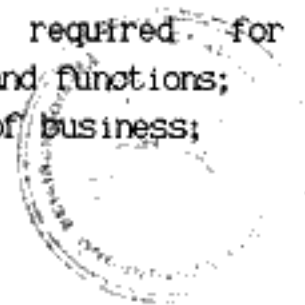
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Management of the ICSTP

1. The higher authority of the ICSTP is the Founders Council, consisting of persons delegated by the ICSTP founder-organizations. The procedure for forming and activities of the Council shall be devined by the Founding agreement and by the Founders Council Regulations.

2. The exclusive terms of reference of the ICSTP Founders Council are:

- submittance of proposals concerning changes and additions in the ICSTP Statutes;
- approval of other normative documents that define the ICSTP activities;
- definition of main areas of the ICSTP activities, examination of competitive projects and their approval for implementation, and approval of current schedules of work and of reports on their execution;
- appontment of the Executive Director and the Chief Accountant of the ICSTP;
- submittance of proposals concerning establishment and changes, when required, of the amount of financial contributions from founder-organizations;
- definition of the amount, procedure and terms of making, by participants, additional contributions directed towards the implementation of projects;
- definition of the structure and staff of the ICSTP;
- setting-up of other bodies required for the implementation of the ICSTP objectives and functions;
- approval of the Council's order of business;



- examination of issues concerning secession of founder-organizations or cessation of the ICSTP activities;
- definition of the procedure of settlements with seceding founder-organization;
- definition of the membership on the liquidation commission, appointment and recall of its members, and approval of the final report;
- other issues, by decision of the founders.

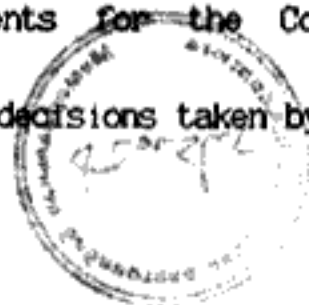
The Council is competent to transfer, for decisions of the ICSTP Directorate, individual issues that are referred by the present Statutes to the terms of reference of the Council.

3. For expert examination of scientific projects and for tackling other questions concerning the main research areas of the ICSTP activities, the Founders Council shall have the right to set up a scientific-advisory council, consisting of leading scientists from different countries.

4. The executive body of the ICSTP is the Directorate, headed by the ICSTP Executive Director. He or she shall be appointed by the Founders Council and approved by the Presidium of the Siberian Division of the USSR Academy of Sciences, elected from USSR citizens for a 5-year tenure, and shall have the right to represent the ICSTP for all administrative, financial and organizational items. The Executive Director shall be a member on the ICSTP Founders Council but cannot be chairperson of the Founders Council.

The ICSTP Executive Director:

- ensures the implementation of the Center's objectives;
- develops longterm and current draft plans on the basis of proposals from the founders and participants, and submits them to the Council for approval;
- assists in implementing tasks envisaged by research projects and by current and longterm plans of the ICSTP, and, when required, submits relevant proposals to the Council for consideration;
- develops draft estimates of costs of the ICSTP and a report on its execution, and submits them to the Council for consideration;
- prepares the necessary documents for the Council session;
- arranges for the fulfillment of decisions taken by the



Council and submits reports on their fulfillment;

- prepares and disseminates among participants informational and other material concerning items of the ICSTP activities;

- represents the ICSTP in relations with organizations, enterprises and institutions as well as with governmental bodies and international scientific organizations, within the terms of reference as defined by the present Statutes;

- performs other functions in accordance with laws currently in force, entrusted to him or her by the Council.

5. The ICSTP Executive Director has the right to:

- receive, from participants, the necessary documents and information about the course of execution of the ICSTP plans;

- submit proposals concerning items of the ICSTP activities to the Council for consideration;

- be in command of the ICSTP property, including its money resources, within the terms of reference defined by the Council;

- conclude, without power of attorney, on behalf of the ICSTP, agreements (contracts);

- engage and dismiss, in accordance with laws currently in force, staff members of the ICSTP, as well as giving incentives to and imposing disciplinary penalties on them;

- take decisions and issue orders concerning current activities of the ICSTP;

- confer powers to the ICSTP officials on acting on ICSTP behalf as its representative.

The Executive Director is accountable to the Council and bears, before this, the responsibility for the implementation of the ICSTP activities and for relevant tasks and functions.

6. An auditing commission is set up to supervise the Center's financial activities. The chairperson and members on the auditing commission are appointed by the Council upon a proposal of founder-organizations. The auditing commission chairperson appoints, by turn, staff members of founder-organizations.

The auditing commission is responsible for its activities before the Council and submits to it reports on auditings made as well as expert's findings on annual reports.



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Finance

1. The Center's financial funds are formed from the following sources:

- contributions to the authorized fund from founder-members and contributions from Center's participants for the implementation of projects;

- contributions, without compensation, from Soviet, foreign and international organizations, funds and individual persons;

- returns from sales of intellectual property, consultations, expert examinations, instruments, etc.;

- bank credits;

- returns from services rendered, different kinds of commercial activities, and from other sources that are not prohibited by legal acts of the USSR and the RSFSR.

2. Contributions can be made in the form of transfers of equipment and materials, and in other forms envisaged by laws currently in force.

3. The conditions for financing the Center by founders as well as by participants of the Center's activities, shall be stipulated by special agreements.

4. Financial funds shall be used for:

- development of the material and technical basis of the ICSTP;

- carrying out investigations planned by the Center;

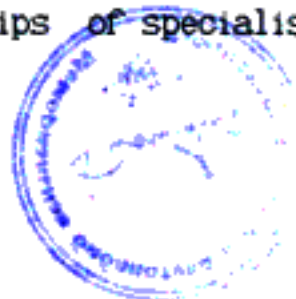
- purchasing, by the Center, of equipment, instruments, materials, and other goods and services as well as licences and know-how that are needed by participants in their activities, to be effected in mutual interests;

- publication of material;

- carrying out joint advertising activities, exhibitions of engineering equipment and instruments, and for presenting results of joint activity at exhibitions and scientific meetings;

- maintenance of the Center's staff members;

- expenditures for business trips of specialists for purposes of joint activities;



- other expenditures associated with the Center's activities to be determined by its higher authority.

5. The Center shall perform, in accordance with laws of the Union of SSR currently in force, the possession, utilization and command of its property in compliance with the goals of its activities and the purpose of property.

6. The Center shall be responsible for its obligations with all property belonging to it. The Center is not responsible for obligations of its founders and participants and, equivalently, its founders and participants are not responsible for the Center's obligations.

7. The Center's financial activities shall be carried out on the basis of an estimate of costs drawn up for each calendar year and approved by its higher authority. The Center shall carry out current and statistical accounting and book keeping as well as reports in accordance with established order in the Union of SSR.

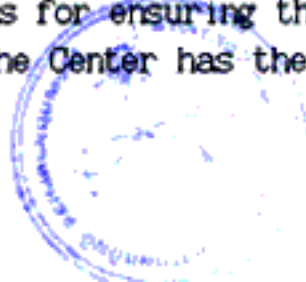
8. Wages, working time, holidays, terms of engagement and dismissal and of social insurance of Soviet citizens engaged by the Center are regulated by Soviet laws. The same regulations also apply to foreign employees of the Center, with the exception of wages, holidays and insurance; these items are stipulated individually by contracts concluded between each citizen and the Center.

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Submittance and Funding of Research Projects

Research projects can be proposed to the Center by any founder-member or any participant of the Center as well as by organizations and persons that are not Center members. Funding of projects should usually be ensured by organizations and persons involved but, in exceptional cases, may be effected, wholly or partly, by the Center itself. Selection of projects is done by the Executive Director, for submittance to the Center's Council.

In order to start up the implementation of a project, persons empowered to do this, sign, together with the Center, agreements which stipulate conditions for ensuring the work under such a project by the Center. The Center has the right



to engage third parties - Soviet and foreign organizations and specialists - for execution of the terms under the agreement.

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Rights of Organizations and Scientists Participating in the Center's Activities

1. Foreign scientists, who visit the Center for work, have the status of temporal scientific workers sent by their respective organizations to the USSR for work, or coming under individual agreements and, in exceptional cases, the status of guests of other Soviet organizations.

2. Organizations and scientists that take part in the Center's activities, have the following rights:

- freely use published results of research done by the Center as well as primary material two years after obtaining them, even if such primary data are unpublished;

- obtain information about the list and progress of research projects and their leaders, the material and technical basis of the Center, and other data;

- participate in Center's Council sessions devoted to examining those projects and reports, of which they are the authors;

- receive the necessary information about expenditures associated with the implementation of their projects;

- demand confidentiality when examining projects submitted by them.

3. Discrimination of people depending on their sex, race, nationality and religion is not allowed.

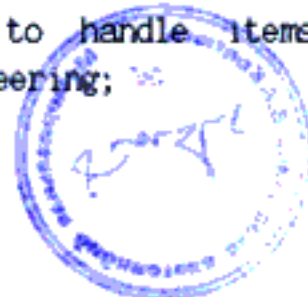
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Obligations of Organizations and Scientists

Organizations and scientists that participate in the Center's activities, are obliged to:

- keep to the Center Statutes;

- fulfill requirements of the Executive Director and of persons empowered by him or her to handle items of the organization of work and safety engineering;



- make financial contributions to the Center's accounts, provided that this is envisaged by the agreement;

- submit to the Center copies of primary data of field and laboratory investigations, preliminary reports, final reports, and preprints and reprints of publications within dates and on conditions stipulated by contracts;

- refer to the use of the material base of the Center in publications based on results obtained during the work at the Center.

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Information, Belonging to the Center

1. The Center collects published information on all topics of the main research areas and related topics in the form of published papers, manuscripts, computer bases and data banks, and maps. Founder-members and participants shall have free access to all that information and shall have the right to use it, by making appropriate references.

2. The Center, in accord with Clause 9, shall also collect unpublished information such as new data and results. This unpublished information may be transferred to third parties only by written authorization of all project leaders and on conditions defined by those leaders. However, if project leaders do not have such information published during two years after the date of its submittance in accord with Clause 10, information can be:

a) published by the Center, by making reference to authors by recommendation of the Scientific-Advisary Council, or

b) by the same decision, made commonly accessible by ensuring its availability to users of computer banks of the Center. Project leaders shall receive written notifications about such decisions and actions.

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Languages

Official languages of the Center are Russian and English.



CLAUSE 13

Secession of Founder-Members from the Center

13.1. Center members should notify the Founders council about their intention to secede not later than six months before their secession.

13.2. In the case of secession of a founder member, his or her contributions to the financial fund, upon appropriate request, can be returned, with proper account of amortization of buildings, other objects of the material base, and of instruments and equipment. The technique for calculating the amortization is based on standing practice in the RSFSR. The procedure and dates of a return shall be determined by a decision taken by the Center's Founders Council in accordance with the terms of the agreement on joining the Center.

13.3. Secession from the Center does not release the Founder-Organization from the obligations assumed in relation to the Center and, equivalently, does not exceeds the previously imposed obligations of the Center before such a participant.

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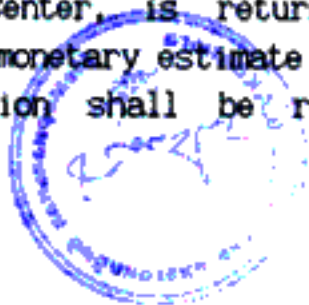
Cessation of the Center's Activities

14.1. Cessation of the Center's activities is effected in the form of liquidation. The Center shall be liquidated according to a common proposal of the founding organizations. The Center forfeits its rights of a legal person at the time of its withdrawal from the register, or at some other date stipulated by laws currently in force in the country of its location.

14.2. In the case of liquidation of the Center:

- the Center's Founders Council shall appoint a liquidation commission that shall submit the balance sheet to it for approval;

- the Center's property is sold by a decision of the Center's Founders Council. The property, for which only the right to use was transferred to the Center, is returned to the owner organization, and the monetary estimate of the right to use at the time of liquidation shall be reckoned



toward the sum due to participants at the time of a final distribution of funds;

- money resources that were received as a result of sales of the Center's property, after all creditors' requirements have been satisfied, are distributed among founding organizations in proportion to the contribution made by each of them.

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