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Regulations of the science committees of an Academy institute

The board of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, in view of the provisions of Article 7.3 of the Regulations of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, is resolving to adopt the Regulations of the science committees of an Academy institute.

Article 1. Composition and appointment of members

Every institute of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences has a science committee consisting of at least three and no more than seven members.

Article 2. Membership

The following are excluded from the membership of a science committee:

- 1 members of the Academy board;
- 2 members of the Academy Board of Management;
- 3 members of the Academy staff.

Article 3. Retirement schedule

- 1 After having been put together for the first time, the science committee, following consultations with the director general, will draw up a retirement schedule, which is subsequently submitted to the director general.
- 2 The retirement of a member of the science committee in accordance with the schedule of retirement will not be considered a premature retirement.

Article 4. Members

- 1 The members of the science committee, including the chairperson, will be appointed (or reappointed) by the board on the recommendation of the director general. Before the director general makes a recommendation to the board, the director general will consult with the institute director and the science committee of the relevant institute.
- 2 The members are appointed for a period of no more than three years and may be reappointed once for a period of no more than three years. They may be prematurely dismissed by the board.
- 3 The appointment of a member to an interim vacancy may, contrary to the provisions of the second paragraph, be for no more than the remaining time of the appointment period of the member who has stepped down.
- 4 Members must not have reached the age of 67 at the time of appointment or reappointment.

Article 5. Tasks

The science committee advises the director of the research institute in question and the director general regarding the work programme of the institute, particularly concerning the nature, direction and quality of the scientific research. The advice may be both solicited and unsolicited.

Article 6. External evaluation

In the case of the external evaluation of the research institute, which takes place once every six years, the report of the evaluation committee set up by the board will be submitted to the science committee. The science committee will be given the opportunity to submit its comments on the report to the director general, who will in turn submit the comments to the board.



Article 7. Working methods and support

- 1 The science committee will be officially supported by the research institute in question.
- 2 The science committee will meet at least once a year and as often as the chairperson or two other members consider this to be necessary. A request by members to hold a meeting must be submitted in writing to the chairperson, stating the subjects to be discussed. The chairperson will organise a meeting within four weeks of the receipt of the request.
- 3 The science committee may invite a research institute director to its meeting.
- 4 The science committee may decide to hold part of its meeting behind closed doors. They will do so in any event when formulating the comments referred to in Article 6 of these Regulations.

Article 8. Title for purposes of citation and Final Provisions

- 1 In cases not provided for in these Regulations, the board will decide.
- 2 The board may resolve to amend these Regulations on the recommendation of the director general.
- 3 These Regulations can be cited as 'Regulations of the science committees of an Academy institute'.
- 4 These Regulations will enter into effect on 1 June 2016 and replace the Regulations of the science committees of an Academy institute dated 1 May 2011.

Adopted by the board of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences on 1 November 2003 and subsequently amended on 29 November 2010, 1 May 2011 and 9 May 2016.

The Dutch-language version of these Regulations will prevail over any translations thereof.