

Constitution of the International Society for Relativistic Quantum Information

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Article 1

The name of this society is the International Society for Relativistic Quantum Information (ISRQI). Its objectives are to promote the study of Relativistic Quantum Information (RQI), in its theoretical and experimental aspects, and to exchange information in the interest of its members and the profession.

The Society is governed by this Constitution, interpreted under the laws of Canada.

Article 2

The Society oversees organization of international conferences in the area of RQI, normally annually. Attendance at Society-sponsored scientific conferences is open to all persons expressing a legitimate scientific interest in RQI.

Petitions to hold conferences under the auspices of the Society are considered by the Council.

Article 3

Scientists with a track record of scientific contributions in RQI, normally evidenced by publications in established scientific journals, are eligible for membership. Junior scientists undertaking advanced study in RQI are also eligible, subject to evidence of their studies.

Membership applications are submitted to the Membership Officer through the Society's website: <http://www.isrqi.net/>

Applications should include evidence of scientific contributions or advanced study in RQI. For junior applicants, the application may be accompanied by a letter of reference from a more senior scientist, sent directly to the Membership Officer.

Unfavourable decisions by the Membership Officer may be appealed to the Co-Chair.

Article 4

Any member may at any time resign from the Society by sending a letter of resignation to the Membership Officer.

The Council may periodically ask members to reconfirm their wish to remain members, and to reconfirm their contact information, normally not more often than every two years. A member who does not respond after two reminders by the Membership Officer may, at the discretion of the Council, have their membership suspended, but will be eligible to reapply.

The Council may suspend or permanently expel members whose actions the Council deems counterproductive to the objectives of the Society.

Article 5

The officers of the Society are:

Chair
Co-Chair

Council, consisting of the Chair, the Co-Chair, and four members from each of the following geographic areas: (i) Americas; (ii) Asia-Pacific; (iii) Europe, Middle-East and Africa.

Career Development Officer
Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Officer
Membership Officer
Outreach Officer
Student/Postdoc Officer
Website Officer

Advisory Board

Article 6

A Council member's term is normally four years. A new Council election is held normally every two years, replacing those members who have served four years.

Each Council election candidate needs to be nominated by two present or former Council or Advisory Board members. Nominations of members who have not previously served on the Council are encouraged, but a serving or former Council member can exceptionally be nominated for re-election. Self-nominations are not accepted.

In a Council election, every Society member has as many votes for each of the three geographic regions as there are vacancies for that region.

Article 7

After a Council election, the new Council will elect a new Co-Chair, from within or outwith the Council. The Co-Chair will serve to the next Council election, normally two years, and will then automatically become the Chair, serving to the following Council election, normally two years.

Article 8

The Career Development Officer, EDI Officer, Membership Officer, Outreach Officer, Student/Postdoc Officer and Website Officer are appointed by the Council, normally after each Council election.

Article 9

The Advisory Board consists of senior RQI scientists, whom the Council may consult for advice. Advisory Board membership is periodically reviewed by the Council. The Chair is normally invited to join the Advisory Board when their term as Chair comes to an end.

Article 10

A General Assembly of the Society is normally convened annually, at a Society-sponsored scientific meeting. The Assembly is chaired by the Chair or the Chair's nominee.

The General Assembly provides a communication venue between the members and the Council. All members may attend.

An extraordinary General Assembly, in-person or electronic, can be convened by the Council at its discretion, or on the request to this effect by more than half of the Society members.

Article 11

Adopting, amending or modifying the present Constitution requires the Council to call a ballot of the Society members. Resolutions to amend or modify the present Constitution, or to liquidate the Society, require an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members voting in the ballot.

History

2022 September: Adopted.

2023 October: Article 5 clerical error corrected.

2024 November: Articles 5, 8 and 9 amended by membership vote. Article 5 typographic error corrected.

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