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## **FULL TEXT**

# **FOUNDATION CHARTER**

*as amended by the Supplement No. 1 of 11 February 2022*

### **Article No. 1**

Slovak Academy of Sciences (hereinafter SAS), the registered office: Bratislava – the city district Staré Mesto, Štefánikova 898/49, Postal Code 814 73, registration number: 000 378 69, pursuant to the Section 3(1)(b) of the Act No. 243/2017 Coll., on public research institutions and on amending and supplementing certain acts (hereinafter also referred to as 'the Public Research Institution Act') and the Section 21aa(1 and 7)(a) of the Act No. 133/2002 Coll., on Slovak Academy of Sciences (hereinafter also 'the Academy Act') hereby issues the Foundation Charter

**of the Institute of Forest Ecology SAS, v. v. i.**  
(hereinafter referred to as 'the Organisation').

The abbreviated form of the organisation's name is the Institute of Forest Ecology SAS, v. v. i. The organisation is located in Zvolen, L. Štúra 1774/2, Postal Code 960 01. The organisation's registration number is 006 790 71.

### **Article No. 2**

#### **Development of the Organisation**

- (1) The Institute of Forest Ecology was established from the Forest Ecosystem Research Institute subsidiary office of the Centre for Bio-Ecological Sciences SAS following the Resolution of the Presidium SAS No. 689/1 of 17 June 1987 with effect from 1 July 1987. Following the Resolution of the Presidium SAS No. 36 of 22 March 1990, with effect from 1 July 1990, the Institute of Forest Ecology SAS became an independent institution. Based on the Resolution No. 172 of 17 December 1992, with effect from 1 January 1993, the Presidium SAS has approved a change in the form of funding from budgetary to contributory.
- (2) Based on the Section 21a(1) of the Act on Slovak Academy of Sciences and on the Foundation Charter of Public Research Institution issued by the SAS in line with the

Section 21a(2)(a) of the Act on Slovak Academy of Sciences, the Institute of Forest Ecology SAS became a public research institution starting from 1 July 2018. On 10 September 2018, The Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic issued the Decision No. 2018/11372:4-01CC, which stopped the procedure for registration of organisations of the SAS into the register of public research institutions. On 26 September 2018, the Act No. 270/2018 Coll.; came into force, which amended and supplemented also the Academy Act; based upon the Section 21b(1 and 2) of the Academy Act as amended upon the Act No. 270/2018 Coll., the organisations of the SAS again became budgetary or contributory organisations starting from 26 September 2018.

- (3) On 5 October 2021, the Act No. 347/2021 Coll.; came into force, which amended and supplemented the Academy Act and the Geology Act; based upon the Section 21aa(1) of the Academy Act as amended upon the Act No. 347/2021 Coll., the organisations of the SAS will change their legal form into public research institutions on 1 January 2022. Following the Section 21aa(1) of the Academy Act and on the basis of the Foundation Charter, the legal status of the Institute of Forest Ecology SAS will be transformed from a state contributory organisation into a public research institution.

### **Article No. 3**

The organisation is established for an indefinite period.

### **Article No. 4 Purpose of the Organisation**

- (1) The principal activity of the organisation is the implementation of research in the fields of science and technology (hereinafter referred to as 'the Fields of Study'): Ecology (010520), Ecology of Individuals and Populations (010522), Nature Protection (010528), Landscape Ecology (010529), Environmental Management (010530), Entomology (010603), Mycology (also for medical, pharmaceutical, veterinary, agricultural and forestry sciences) (010616), Pedology (also for agricultural, forestry and water sciences) (010619), Zoology (also for water sciences) (010623), Other Related Life Sciences (010699), Crop and Tree Physiology (040104), Horticulture (040105), Landscape Engineering (040106), Plant Protection (040110), Forest Phytology (040112), Forest protection (040115), Other Related Study Fields of Agricultural Sciences, Forestry and Fisheries (040199).
- (2) The other principal activities of the organisation include:
- a) securing and managing the research and development infrastructure to which the organisation has either ownership or the other right; the scope of the research and development infrastructure, the right to which the organisation acquires by changing the legal status of the organisation into a public research institution on 1 January 2022, will result from the Protocol between the Slovak Academy of

Sciences and the organisation according to the Section 21aa(11) of the Academy Act,

- b) obtaining, processing and disseminating information from the field of science and technology and knowledge from the organisation's own research and development, specifically in the fields of study referred to in Paragraph 1; issuing of the journal *FOLIA OECOLOGICA* (ISSN 1338-7014),
  - c) participation in cooperation with the university in the implementation of study programmes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree academic studies, namely the study programmes Ecology and Biodiversity Protection, Forest Ecology, Forest Cultivation and Protection, Forest Phytology and Forest Ecosystem Services,
  - d) cooperation in science and technology with universities, other legal entities carrying out research and development and with entrepreneurs, specifically in the fields of study referred to in Paragraph 1.
- (3) Activities of the organisation according to the Section 2(1) of 'the Public Research Institution Act' are:
- a) activities:
    - i) carrying out research,
    - ii) ensuring the management of research and development infrastructure,
    - iii) acquiring, processing and dissemination of information from the field of science and technology and knowledge from own research and development and
    - iv) cooperation in the field of science and technology with universities, other legal entities carrying out research and development and with entrepreneurs,

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  - b) activities:
    - i) carrying out research,
    - ii) ensuring the management of research and development infrastructure and

iii) acquiring, processing and dissemination of information from the field of science and technology and knowledge from own research and development,

in the fields of study referred to in point (a) as a business activity,

c) development and innovation activity in the fields of study referred to in point (a), namely:

i) on the basis of the requirements of public authorities under conditions according to specific regulations,

ii) as a business activity or

iii) in the form of projects according to specific regulations.

#### **Article No. 5**

#### **Main Bodies of the Organisation**

- (1) The main bodies of the organisation are the Director, the Management Board, the Scientific Board and the Supervisory Board.
- (2) The Management Board has 5 members, the Scientific Board has 13 members and the Supervisory Board has 3 members.

#### **Article No. 6**

#### **Final Provisions**

- (1) This Foundation Charter was approved by the Presidium SAS at its meeting on 28 October 2021.
- (2) This Foundation Charter shall enter into force on 1 January 2022.
- (3) The Addendum No. 1 to this Foundation Charter was approved by the Presidium SAS by the Resolution No. 228.C at its meeting on 10 February 2022. The Addendum No. 1 to this Foundation Charter shall enter into force on the day of its issue.

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President of the SAS