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Useful Information about the IFSR

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These pages contain some useful information (and some historical facts) which might help to better understand the mode of operations of the IFSR. Much of it has been established via habit and tradition, is not binding, and can be changed, if necessary.

Legal Status, Constitution : The IFSR was established under Austrian Law ('Ver-einsrecht') in 1981. The constitution can be found on IFSR's homepage (see www.ifsr.org/index.php/what-is-the-ifsr/ifsr-constitution-april-2016/). The current version carries the date 2016. Legally binding is the German version! We are a non-profit organization. This means that we are restricted with respect activities, income and expenditures to the the means as shown in Article 2 and 3 of the Constitution.

Governance : Every second year, we hold a General Assembly (called 'Board') . All Full Members are entitled to be represented by up to two representatives. For historical reasons the Board Meeting is held in Austria in conjunction with the IFSR Conversation, usually in Spring. The Board decides how many vice presidents should serve in the next 2-year period (1 to 3) and elects the Executive Committee (President, 1-3 Vice Presidents, and Secretary General).

The day-to-day business is performed by the IFSR Executive Committee (EC) with the Secretary General playing a pivotal role. Most of the business is done via e-mail and SKYPE.

Important decision (e.g. acceptance of new members) are subjected to and decided by the membership via e-voting.

The EC meets face-to-face biennially at the Board meeting and in between usually every month electronically.

Members : IFSR only accepts organizations (legal entities) as Full or Affiliate Members. Currently we have 45 members and growing. 'Full Members' have all privileges, 'Af-

affiliate Members' do possess a reduced set of privileges. Membership fee is 120.- € for Full Members and 0.- € for Affiliate Members

In addition we can nominate Fellows (currently Prof. Robert Trappl and Charles Francois) and accept Supporting Members (currently none).

Dissemination and Publication :

IFSR Web-Site (www.ifsr.org) : Our current key dissemination means is the web-site. The contents is maintained by the Web Master and welcomes contributions from our members. One of the planned future extensions will be to make the web-site truly interactive.

Journal of Systems Research and Behavioral Science This is our prestigious scientific Journal. It publishes original articles on new theories, experimental research, and applications relating to all levels of living and non-living systems, see <http://www.ifsr.org/index.php/category/library/journal-library/>.

IFSR International Book Series on Systems Science and Engineering This Book Series (Editor in Chief: 1985 - 2016 George Klir, followed by George Mobus) was founded in 1985. Over the twenty years of its existence, 26 books have been published in the Series. It specializes in high quality scientific publication in the area of Systems Sciences. The Series is published by Springer Publishing, New York (see <http://www.ifsr.org/index.php/publications/ifsr-international-series-on-systems-science-and-engineering/>)

IFSR Newsletter : Originally the IFSR-Newsletter was the main means of information dissemination of the IFSR. It appears now once or twice a year and contains material of historical and documentary value. You can find all Newsletters on <http://www.ifsr.org/index.php/publications/ifsr-newsletters/>

IFSR Newsflash At irregular intervals (approx. twice a month) a short news flash is sent to all subscribers.

Outreach :

IFSR Conversation : This was formerly called the Fuschl Conversation and is a key to IFSR's strategic contribution the systems field. Every second year we organize a 5-day workshop-type meeting with approx. 30 scientists to discuss in 4 to 6 small groups key issues of the systems field. Participation is by invitation only. The next IFSR Conversation is planned for Spring 2018, probably again in St. Magdalena, 2016 in Linz, Austria.

International Academy of Systems and Cybernetic Studies (IASCYS) : In 2010 the IFSR founded the IASCYS. Its intention is to honor and activate prominent scientist members of the systems field. At the moment it has approx. 40 members who were selected by a rigorous evaluation process (see <http://iascys.org/>).