

Constitution of the Benelux Chapter of the System Dynamics Society, Inc.

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Constitution of the *Benelux Chapter of the System Dynamics Society, Inc.* (the Chapter), a Chapter of the *System Dynamics Society, Inc.* (the Society).

1. The Chapter shall be known by the name:

The *Benelux Chapter of the System Dynamics Society, Inc.*

2. The objectives of the Chapter

The Chapter will further the dissemination and encourage the advancement of System Dynamics in the Netherlands/Belgium/Luxembourg, more specifically by, but not limited to:

- identifying, unifying and extending knowledge and understanding of feedback systems, GMB, exploratory modelling, et cetera;
- promoting the development of the field of System Dynamics and the free interchange of learning and research in all related fields;
- encouraging and developing educational programs in and related to System Dynamics.
- developing and sharing System Dynamics applications.
- bringing together parties and creating networks (problem owners, practitioners, scholars, and students).

To accomplish these objectives the Benelux Chapter proposes to conduct one to two chapter meetings per year and may decide to publish books, a journal and other materials.

3. Membership

Any Society member in good standing of the Society and any other interested individual sharing the objectives outlined above who lives/works in the Netherlands, Belgium or Luxembourg and/or belongs to the Benelux language groups may join the Benelux Chapter. Although Chapter membership is not restricted to members of the System Dynamics Society, Inc., Membership of the System Dynamics Society, Inc. is encouraged.

4. The Policy Council

The *Benelux Chapter* will be governed by a Policy Council. The Policy Council consists of a President/Representative, an active Vice President Members and an active Vice President Activities. All members of the Policy Council should be members of the Chapter and of the System Dynamics Society, Inc. The President/Representative is also the Society liaison.

5. Meetings

The *Benelux Chapter* will hold a minimum of one meeting per year. This meeting may be held during, with, but not interfering with, the international conference of the System Dynamics Society. Business and election of officers will be dealt with in this meeting. Meetings will – depending on the activities scheduled and audience expected/invited – be held in Dutch and/or English.

6. Elections

The Policy Council will be elected by a majority vote of the *Benelux Chapter* membership. The elections will be held annually at a Chapter meeting open to all members in accordance with the terms of the Policy Council. All members in good standing and present at the meeting are allowed to vote.

The role of Chapter President will be rotated annually: the President cannot be re-elected for a second term in row. The Vice President Members and the Vice President Activities may be re-elected in order to provide continuity.

7. Publications

The *Benelux Chapter* may choose to publish a journal, newsletter and books. Such publications will be related to the particular interests of the Benelux Chapter and will not represent themselves as publications of the System Dynamics Society, Inc.

8. Conferences

The *Benelux Chapter* may choose to hold conferences as long as those conferences do not present themselves to be conferences of the Society, do not interfere with the annual conference of the Society, have at least one month between them and the annual conference of the System Dynamics Society, Inc.

The expenses and profits from any *Benelux Chapter* Conferences are the responsibility of the *Benelux Chapter*.

9. Dues

The *Benelux Chapter* may charge dues in an amount and currency of its choice, which should be made directly to the *Benelux Chapter*. Charges will be decided on by the Policy Council and will be made public before entering into force.

10. Chapter Society Interaction

The *Benelux Chapter's* Society Liaison will be listed in the official Society letterhead.

The Society Policy Council will review annually a report of activities, finances and membership submitted by the *Benelux Chapter*. The report will include the names of all officers for the *Benelux Chapter*. Attached to the report will be copies of all publications of the *Benelux Chapter*, as well as a complete membership listing.

11. Changes to the constitution

This Constitution may be changed by initiative of the Chapter Policy Council, via an asynchronous, simple majority vote of the Full Members; or, via a qualified majority of two-thirds of Full Members present at the Annual Meeting, by initiative of any three members of the Chapter and with a quorum of at least fifteen Full Members present. Any and all changes to this Constitution shall be submitted for ratification to the Policy Council of the System Dynamics Society, Inc., accompanied by a declaration of support of at least ten Full Members.

Initial list of active members (petition signed by at least ten Society members)

Hans Sleijpen
Caner Hamarat
Hendrik Stouten
Erik Pruyt
Ruben Gommers
Wil A.H. Thissen
Paul van Hooff
Sjors Janssen
Hayke Everwijn
Jos de Neve
Rutger Deenen
Jill Slinger
Bart Steverink
Els van Daalen
Jac Vennix
Etiënne Rouwette
Andreas Größler

List of officers and representatives

- President: Erik Pruyt
- Vice President Meetings: Inge Bleijenbergh
- Vice President Members: Bart Steverink

List of planned activities

- Conference Complexity, Uncertainty, and Ethics, 14 April 2011 at Delft University (see <http://simulation.tbm.tudelft.nl/BeneluxChapter/News.html>)