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## Regulations for the Science Committees of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences

*The Board of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, in the light of the provisions of the Regulations of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, has resolved to adopt the following Regulations for the Academy's Science Committees.*

### *Section 1. Composition, Appointment and Dismissal*

1. Each institute of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences shall have a Science Committee consisting of at least three and no more than seven members.
2. The members of each Science Committee, including the chairperson, shall be appointed (or reappointed) by the Board on the recommendation of the General Director. Before the General Director makes a recommendation to the Board, the General Director shall consult with the institute director and the Science Committee of the institute concerned.
3. The following persons shall not be eligible for appointment to a Science Committee:
  - a. members of the Board of the Academy;
  - b. members of the staff of the Academy.
4. Members shall be appointed for a maximum period of four (4) years, after which reappointment for a maximum period of four (4) years shall be possible. Members may be dismissed prematurely by the Board.
5. At the time of their appointment or reappointment, members shall not have reached the age of 67.

### *Section 2. Duties*

The Science Committee shall advise the director of the institute concerned, the General Director, and the Board regarding the institute's long-term plan, in particular concerning the nature, direction, and quality of its scientific research. The advice provided may be both solicited and unsolicited.

### *Section 3. External Evaluation*

In the case of the external evaluation of the institute, which takes place once every six years, the report of the evaluation committee appointed by the Board shall be submitted to the Science Committee. The Science Committee shall be given the opportunity to provide its comments on the report to the director of the institute, who shall communicate the report, the comments of the Science Committee, and his/her views on said comments to the General Director, who shall then inform the Board.

### *Section 4. Resignation Schedule, Working Method, and Support*

1. After having been appointed for the first time, the Science Committee, after consultation with the General Director, shall adopt a retirement schedule, which shall then be brought to the notice of the General Director.
2. The Science Committee shall receive support from the staff of the institute concerned.
3. The Science Committee shall meet at least once a year and otherwise as often as the chairperson or two other members consider such to be necessary. A request by members for a meeting to be held shall be submitted in writing to the chairperson, stating the matters to be discussed. The chairperson shall arrange for a meeting to be held within four weeks of the receipt of said request.
4. The Science Committee may invite the institute director to attend its meetings.
5. The Science Committee may decide to hold part of a meeting behind closed doors. It shall do so in any case when drawing up the comments referred to in Section 3 of these Regulations.



*Section 5. Final Provisions and Transitional Provisions*

1. In cases not provided for in these Regulations, the Board shall decide.
2. The Board may resolve to amend these Regulations on a proposal from the General Director.
3. These Regulations may be cited as the *Regulations for the Science Committees of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences*.
4. These Regulations shall enter into effect on 1 June 2016 and replace the *Regulations for the Science Committees of the Institutes of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences* 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, 9 May 2016 and 12 February 2019.*

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