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Art. 1 - Establishment and Name of the Research Center

1. At the University of Insubria, pursuant to art. 62 of the University Statute, the “Intelligence in the Cosmic Context” Research Center is established; it will be referred to, hereafter, using its abbreviated form “INCOSMICON”

Art. 2 - Research Center’s Headquarters

1. “INCOSMICON” belongs to the College of Human Sciences and Innovation for the Territory (DISUIT) where it is functionally and logistically hosted. It makes use of all the areas, funding, technical and scientific equipment and staff made available by the College, by the University or by third party public or private institutions.

Art. 3 - Objectives of the Research Center

1. INCOSMICON pursues the following objectives:
 - a. To promote research on intelligence in all its forms and expressions, using the most innovative methods, preferably of an interdisciplinary nature, from a realistic and not reductionist perspective, not considering it abstractly as an isolated phenomenon, but within the human history framework, the evolution of life on Earth and, in a more general sense, the entire cosmic evolution. With no exclusion for further inclusions in the future (see art. 8 clause 3c), the following subject areas will be privileged:
 - the nature of human intelligence and its relationship with reality in all its factors, from common sense to mathematics, from natural, human and social sciences to philosophy, from art to literature and religion, always respecting the different methods but also its fundamental unity, which in turn reflects the unity of humankind;
 - the mind-brain and mind-body relationship, investigated from the point of view of both philosophy, neurosciences, and artificial intelligence;
 - intercultural communication between different civilizations, with particular regard to the one between western technological civilizations and the people in Latin America, especially the extremely positive experience in the UCSS-Nopoki University of Atalaya, in the Peruvian Amazon;
 - dialog among religions, with regard to the one among the three great Abrahamic religions, especially in the Mediterranean basin;
 - the relationship between the history of humanity and the history of Earth, with regard to the perspective of the so-called Big History;
 - the search for life and intelligence in the universe and its scientific and cultural implications, with regard to the perspectives opened by Astrobiology and by the SETI program.
 - b. To contribute to the training of researchers and teachers of the disciplines included in its objectives.
 - c. To encourage initiatives for aggregation and association of students from Insubria and possibly also from other universities that show interest in INCOSMICON's activities.
 - d. To build relationships with other research institutions, with projects at local, national and international level, both in Italy and abroad.



- e. To encourage initiatives that can give value to the territory and contribute to their realization, in collaboration with associations, public and private entities, with particular reference to operators in the Insubria area.
- f. To encourage the discussion, dissemination and circulation of the knowledge acquired and the results of the research through communications, conferences, courses, papers, advertising and exhibition initiatives, as well as any other training and information program useful for the pursuit of its objectives, both in Italy and abroad.
- g. To acquire and manage equipment, tools and technical-administrative services necessary for its activities, as well as to find suitable spaces, according to the multiple structures of the University.

Art. 4 - Activities of the Research Center

1. As its main activity, INCOSMICON will promote research on the topics referred to in the art. 3, at all levels and from every possible point of view, in two main ways:
 - a. It will make available its members its own facilities, resources and relationships to help them carry out their personal research that is relevant to the aforementioned subjects;
 - b. It will directly promote specific research projects, defined and approved by the Scientific Council, whose managers will be designated by the Scientific Director as defined by art. 9 clause h.
2. INCOSMICON will organize national and international seminars, exhibitions, workshops and conferences, both in Italy and abroad, relating to the topics referred to in art. 3 and in compliance with the regulations of the university administration. It will also provide parallel and supplementary courses and laboratories in addition to the official ones offered at the University of Insubria, both free of charge and with a fee. These activities may also be carried out in collaboration with public and private entities and associations with similar interests. Proceeds from paid activities will be reinvested to support further INCOSMICON activities.
3. To achieve its objectives, INCOSMICON may reimburse the expenses incurred by its members for their activities, by external collaborators and participants in its initiatives, within the scope of the University Regulations, applicable regulations and art. 12 of this regulation.
4. In compliance with the applicable regulations and with funding specifically intended for this purpose by the sponsors, research awards and scholarships may be awarded.
5. INCOSMICON will promote printed and online series and magazines, and publish papers, monographs, catalogs, conference proceedings, manuals and any other tool that will be deemed appropriate, both at a scientific and popular level, to inform about its activities and disseminate the results of the research on the topics referred to in article 3, both in Italy and abroad.

Every year INCOSMICON will prepare a report on its activities. INCOSMICON's activity is evaluated every two years by the Academic Senate, after hearing the Evaluation Team; INCOSMICON is automatically canceled in case of two years in a row of inactivity, proven by the lack of annual reports or by the failure to renew institutional positions.

Art. 5 - Members of the Research Center

1. In addition to the professors and researchers proposing its establishment, identified in the Rector's establishing decree, can join INCOSMICON:



- a. professors and researchers from the University of Insubria and other Italian and foreign universities;
 - b. scholars belonging to research centers, associations and public and/or private entities;
 - c. scholars and experts in the areas referred to in art. 3.
2. Membership to INCOSMICON can be requested through an application accompanied by a scientific and/or professional curriculum and a detailed description of the topics of interest, which must be in line with its purposes. The Scientific Council expresses its unquestionable opinion on the application for membership.
 3. The expulsion of a member of INCOSMICON can take place following a motivated proposal by the Scientific Director voted by a fully majority of those entitled to the Assembly of members.
 4. In addition to the members, following the favorable resolution of the Scientific Council, undergraduates, postgraduates, PhD students, scholarship holders, research fellows and other staff of research entities and/or public or private structures may carry out activities within INCOSMICON.
 5. As for the personnel not belonging to universities admitted, on the basis of specific agreements, to attend INCOSMICON facilities, the Scientific Director must ascertain the existence of a suitable insurance coverage relating to injury and civil liability.
 6. INCOSMICON staff comes from University Departments or third parties through agreements with the University for its operation. INCOSMICON may use, subject to the approval of the host Department, the premises and equipment available to the facilities which their members belong to.

Art. 6 - Bodies of the Research Center

1. The bodies of INCOSMICON are:
 - a. the Scientific Council;
 - b. the Scientific Director.

Art. 7 - Assembly of Members

1. The Assembly of members, chaired by the Scientific Director of INCOSMICON or, in his absence, by the dean by role and, with the same seniority in the role, by the oldest in age, exercises the elective functions referred to in art. 8, clause 1, as well as the functions referred to in art. 14 clause 1 of these Rules.
2. The Assembly of members meets every three years for the designation of the Scientific Council and in the event of termination of the members already designated, for the purpose of their replacement.
3. It can also be called by the Scientific Director, or upon the request of half of its members with the right to vote, to take directions or proposed resolutions, inherent to the fundamental purposes of INCOSMICON, pursuant to art. 3.
4. Except in the cases referred to in art. 5 clause 3 and art. 14 clause 1, the Assembly of members is validly called if one third of its members is participating and approves by a full majority of those participating. Participation can also take place on video conference.

Art. 8 - Scientific Council

1. The INCOSMICON Scientific Council is composed between four and five members, elected by the Assembly of participants among its members.



2. The Scientific Council is appointed by decree of the Director of the department which it belongs to and remains in office for three years, with the possibility of renewing the mandate. At least three months before the expiry of the three-year period, upon convocation of the Scientific Director, the assembly of participants will elect the members of the new Scientific Council.
3. The Scientific Council:
 - a. designates the Scientific Director;
 - b. identifies and plans the lines of INCOSMICON's scientific activity;
 - c. defines any new privileged thematic areas in addition to those listed in art. 3 paragraph a;
 - d. approves the research program and the annual financial plan proposed by the Scientific Director;
 - e. approves the final report prepared by the Scientific Director;
 - f. deliberates on issues concerning the administration of INCOSMICON funds;
 - g. decides on forms of collaboration and agreements with other public and private bodies;
 - h. decides on requests for new members to INCOSMICON.
4. The Scientific Council can co-opt, among its members, scientific personalities and experts, according to their specific skills and in a number not exceeding half of the elected members. The co-opted members participate in the meetings of the Scientific Council, but with a merely consultative vote. For the purposes of the Board's resolutions, the co-opted members do not contribute to the formation of the quorum.
5. The Scientific Director calls the Scientific Council at least twice a year or when at least one third of the members request it. The notice is sent, even if only by e-mail, at least five days before the date set for the meeting. The meetings of the Scientific Council are valid if one third of the members is participating. The decisions are valid if approved by more than half of the participants. In the event of a tie, the vote of the Scientific Director prevails. Minutes are written for each meeting and approved by the Scientific Council.

Art. 9 - Scientific Director

1. The Scientific Director is elected by the INCOSMICON Scientific Council among the professors and researchers of the University of Insubria, who are members of the Center, but external to the Scientific Council itself. The functions of Director must, as a rule, be conferred to a full-time professor or researcher.
2. The Director is appointed by decree of the Director of the Department which INCOSMICON belongs to, remains in office for three years and can be re-elected. At least three months before the expiry of the three-year period, the Scientific Council proceeds with the election of the new Scientific Director. The term of office of the Scientific Director occurs at the same time of the term of office of the Scientific Council.
3. The Director:
 - a. represents INCOSMICON, supervises and coordinates its activities and maintains relations with academic authorities;
 - b. calls and chairs the Scientific Council, coordinates its activity and carries out the decisions it has adopted;
 - c. submits to the Scientific Council, at the beginning of each year of activity, the research program together with the estimate of the use of the funds available during the year;
 - d. prepares and submits to the Scientific Council the report on the activity carried out during the year, on the funds obtained and their use;
 - e. designates a Deputy Director among the members of INCOSMICON who assists him in his activities and replaces him in the event of impediment or absence;



- f. designates a Secretary among the members of INCOSMICON who assists him in carrying out his duties;
- g. designates the coordinators of the various thematic areas referred to in Article 3 clause 1a and any others identified by the Scientific Council among the members of INCOSMICON (a coordinator can manage several thematic areas and the same thematic area can be managed by several coordinators), as well as those responsible for any duties and activities established by the Scientific Council;
- h. designates, among the members of INCOSMICON the persons in charge of the research projects approved by the Scientific Council, as well as the representatives of INCOSMICON within the research projects whose manager belongs to another person with whom INCOSMICON collaborates.

Art. 10 - Funding

1. INCOSMICON works with funding from:
 - a. Ministry of Education, University and Research and other Ministries interested in the research area of the Center;
 - b. Regions, local entities and other public or private entities or foundations;
 - c. European Community or other international organizations;
 - d. any contributions from the Department to which it belongs or from other Departments of the University or the Central Administration;
 - e. national and international organizations, companies and institutions;
 - f. donations and legacies;
 - g. other income.

Art. 11 - Administration

1. INCOSMICON is a cost center of the Department and the rules of the University Statute and the Regulations for administration, finance and accounting apply. Administrative and accounting management is headed by the Department of Human Sciences and Innovation for the Territory (DISUIT).

Art. 12 - Changes to the Regulations

1. Amendments to these Regulations are proposed by the Scientific Council with a qualified majority of 2/3 of those entitled to vote and approved by the competent academic authorities.

Art. 13 - Termination of the Research Center

1. INCOSMICON terminates on the proposal of the members, with a resolution approved by the Assembly of members by a majority of 2/3 of its members and communicated to the competent academic authorities, as well as in the cases established by art. 62 of the University Statute.

Art. 14 - Reference Regulations

1. For anything not provided for in these regulations, the Statute, the General University Regulations and the Regulations for Administration, Finance and Accounting of the University of Insubria apply.