

**Regulations on the Foundation for Polish Science
Honorary Distinction**

8 May 2007

ratified by the Foundation Council on 26 May 2007, and subsequently passed
by Foundation Board Resolution no. 74/2007 on 8 May 2007

Preamble

The Foundation for Polish Science,

wishing to honour the services of persons who have made a significant contribution to the beginnings, activity or development of the Foundation, or been involved in building the Foundation's good name and image,

wishing to offer thanks to all those who have supported the realisation of the Foundation's mission by making a material or non-material contribution, and also

taking into account the suggestion of Prof. dr hab. Kazimierz Stępien, Vice-Chairman of the Foundation Council, and

operating through its statutory bodies,

accepts and affirms the following:

Article 1

Honorary Distinction

1. The Foundation for Polish Science Honorary Distinction, hereinafter: the Distinction, is awarded for outstanding services of considerable significance to the existence and functioning of the Foundation, in particular services with an influence on its development and image.
2. The Distinction is awarded for life by the Foundation for Polish Science Honorary Distinction Awards Committee, hereinafter: the Awards Committee, with the caveat of the resolutions in section 3 below.
3. In exceptional circumstances, the Awards Committee may, following consultation with the Foundation Council and Board, strip a Recipient of a Distinction. Such circumstances may encompass in particular cases of a flagrant infringement of the law, documented action harming the Foundation or threatening the Foundation's good name.
4. The Distinction takes the form of a badge and a diploma.
5. The Distinction is conferred during a ceremony held by the Foundation.

Article 2

Nomination of candidates for a Distinction

1. A candidate for a Distinction may only be a natural person, regardless of citizenship, who has provided outstanding services to the Foundation, is or has been associated with the Foundation through work, collaboration or activity on its behalf or through a single action or decision with a significant and positive influence on the activity, functioning, situation or image of the Foundation.
2. A candidate for a Distinction may be nominated by:
 - a) Any member of the Foundation Council
 - b) Any member of the Foundation Board, and
 - c) Any Foundation employee.
3. Nomination of a candidate for a Distinction must be made in written form and comprises a proposal together with a justification.
4. A nominee for a Distinction may not be:
 - a) The nominating party
 - b) A recipient from previous years
 - c) A person who at the time of nomination for a Distinction occupies a public function and whose outstanding service for the Foundation occurred only within fulfilment of his/her duties in this position.
5. Nomination for a Distinction may be made at any time in person to the President of the Foundation Board, who relays the appropriate documents to the Awards Committee.
6. The person nominating a candidate for a Distinction is obliged to keep the nomination confidential, as well as, on request of the President of the Board, to provide additional data or documents.
7. The person nominating a candidate for a Distinction may withdraw a candidacy after submission provided that he/she furnishes the President of the Foundation Board with an appropriate petition together with a justification no later than the day of the meeting of the Awards Committee at which the proposal for award of a Distinction is to be considered. The President of the Foundation Board is obliged to immediately convey the documents concerning withdrawal of the candidacy to the Awards Committee.

Article 3

Composition and operating principles of the Awards Committee

1. The Awards Committee consists of:
 - a) The President of the Foundation Board, fulfilling the function of Chair of the Awards Committee.
 - b) The Chair of the Foundation Council, fulfilling the function of Vice-Chair of the Awards Committee.
 - c) A Representative of the Foundation employees, selected by the Foundation Board from people designated by Foundation employees, fulfilling the function of Awards Committee member.

- d) A person designated by the Foundation Board, fulfilling the function of member of the Awards Committee from his/her selection until further noticed, but no longer than the duration of the Foundation Council term of office.
2. The Awards Committee carries out its duties during meetings called by the Awards Committee Chair when required. The Chair calls Awards Committee meetings with at least two weeks' notice.
3. The Awards Committee makes decisions by way of resolutions based on unanimity.
4. Awards Committee decisions are not subject to appeal.
5. The Chair of the Awards Committee, acting in its name, may request from the person nominating a candidate for a Distinction submission of additional documents, provision of further information or explanations.
6. The Chair of the Awards Committee may in justified cases invite any person to an Awards Committee meeting, including especially a person nominating a candidate for a Distinction.
7. The Chair of the Awards Committee immediately informs the person nominating a candidate for a Distinction and the distinguished candidate of the award of a Distinction in written form. Should a nomination be rejected, the Chair of the Awards Committee immediately informs the person nominating a candidate for a Distinction, who is obliged to keep this information confidential.
8. The work of the Awards Committee is documented in writing, in the form of minutes and resolutions.
9. Observing the principles of openness of its activities, the Foundation informs the scientific community and public opinion of the projects and ventures which it supports. The Foundation may publicise information concerning the award of Distinctions and their recipients.

Article 4

Distinctions Book

1. The Foundation maintains a Distinctions Book, hereinafter: the Book.
2. The Book is kept at the Foundation headquarters.
3. The Book contains records of distinctions awarded.
4. Each record is given a successive number corresponding to the number of Distinction awarded.
5. Each record contains the first name(s) and surname of the Recipient and a description of the services for which the Distinction was awarded, as well as the date of conferral or award of the Distinction.

Article 5

Final resolutions

1. All documents associated with the award of the Distinction are the property of the Foundation, are confidential and are kept and archived at the Foundation headquarters, in accordance with the relevant legal regulations and resolutions of the Foundation's internal protocols.
2. Awards Committee members conduct their duties without charge.
3. The Foundation Board is responsible for providing technical support to the work of the Awards Committee, with the right to participation of a person designated for this purpose by the Foundation Board in Awards Committee meetings without the right to a vote.
4. The Foundation Board is obliged, where necessary, to conduct reviews of these Regulations in terms of the accordance of its resolutions with binding legal regulations and the resolutions of internal Foundation protocols.
5. Any changes to these Regulations require the ratification of the Foundation Council after previous acceptance of the appropriate resolution by the Foundation Board.
6. These Regulations come into effect on the day of ratification by the Foundation Council, following previous acceptance by resolution of the Foundation Board.

Warsaw, 8 May 2007

Foundation Board