



Internationale Forschungsgemeinschaft Futtermitteltechnik e.V.
International Research Association of Feed Technology
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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

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Name and residence

The Association has the name Internationale Forschungsgemeinschaft Futtermitteltechnik e.V. (hereinafter called IFF).

The IFF is listed in the Register of Associations and has its residence in Braunschweig. It is an exclusively non-profit making institution.

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Objective and tasks of the IFF

1. The IFF objective is to clarify any of the technological issues or problems encountered in industrial compound-feed production through basic research and transfer of findings to real systems and to develop processes used in feed-compounding.
2. For this purpose, the IFF maintains the Research Institute "Forschungsinstitut Futtermitteltechnik" of the IFF in Braunschweig-Thune (hereinafter called Forschungsinstitut).
Besides research, it serves for the aims of training junior staff and teaching at schools and universities, and it acts as an expert agency.
3. The Association does not work for its own advantage, it does not primarily pursue its own profitable purposes.

4. The funds of the Association are only allowed to be used for aims according to the Articles of Association. Members do not receive any donations from the Association funds.

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Forschungsinstitut Futtermitteltechnik of the IFF

1. The Forschungsinstitut according to § 2 undertakes the scientific research into the process engineering relevant for industrial compound-feed production.
2. The chairman of the IFF acting in agreement with the Council appoints the director of the institute.
3. If the IFF maintains a measuring station according to §§ 26, 28 BImSchG (Regulations of Implementation of the Clean Air Act) at the Forschungsinstitut, so the IFF is obliged to carry out its tasks impartially, orderly and properly. The same is valid for test and control activities that are executed by the Forschungsinstitut according to other regulations.

Supervision of the measuring station is not bound by the instructions of the organs of the IFF; nor is a personal union with organs of the IFF permissible.

4. The Council of the IFF issues rules of procedure for the organisation of the Forschungsinstitut.

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Membership

1. The regular membership in the IFF can be acquired by:
 - a) individuals and legal entities at home and abroad, constructing, installing or supplying machinery and technical equipment for industrial compound-feed

production, as well as organisations and associations, in which these entities are combined,

b) individuals and legal entities at home and abroad, producing compound feed and components, including additives for animal nutrition, and/or placing them on the market, as well as associations and organisations, in which these entities are combined,

c) associations or pools, public or private establishments and institutes at home and abroad, as far as their field of activity justifies an interest in the task of the Association.

2. The sponsoring membership can be acquired by:
individuals and legal entities at home and abroad, having a justified interest in basic research.
3. Individuals having rendered good services for the purposes of the Association can on recommendation of the Council be elected as honorary members by a simple majority of the Members' Meeting.

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Acquisition and loss of membership

1. The membership is to be applied by letter to the IFF. A preliminary acceptance is given by the Council. The next Members' Meeting decides on the final admission.
2. The membership is terminated
 - a) by giving notice for the end of the year, observing a notice period of 6 months. It is to be declared by a registered letter to the IFF,
 - b) as result of the death of the individual or liquidation of the legal entity or of the association or pool,

- c) by exclusion if the member contravenes against the Articles of Association or against decisions of the Association or against the interests of the IFF, or if the member is in arrears with its contributions.

The exclusion is done by resolution of the Council. The member is to be notified by a registered letter. The member can oppose against this decision, the next orderly Members' Meeting decides on the opposition by a simple majority. This decision is definitive.

- 3. The outstanding obligations towards the Association are not affected by the termination of the membership. The leaving member is not entitled to any of the IFF property.

§ 6

Rights and obligations of the members

- 1. The members have the right to
 - a) be furnished with technical information by the Forschungsinstitut within the scope of its research work.
 - b) to be furnished with research results published by the Forschungsinstitut.
 - c) request that research work be proceeded with, as far as same is within the scope of the purposes of the Association.
- 2. The members are obliged to support the Association in the execution and fulfilment of its statutory tasks as far as possible, and to observe the decisions of the Association.
- 3. The members pay contributions which are fixed by the Members' Meeting according to § 8 subsection 4 e.
Honorary members do not pay any contribution.

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Organs

Organs of the Association are:

- a) Members' Meeting
- b) Council
- c) Scientific Advisory Board

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Members' Meeting

1. The Members' Meeting takes place at least once a year.
2. On resolution of the Council or on written request of at least 10 % of the members, but not less than 5 members, an extraordinary Members' Meeting has to be convoked.
3. The Members' Meeting is responsible for all matters of the IFF, unless they are allocated to other organs according to the Articles of Association.
4. Prime obligations of the annual Members' Meeting especially are to:
 - a) elect the Council,
 - b) elect the cash auditors,
 - c) receive the report of the Council on the preceding business year and grant approval of the acts of the Council and the management,
 - d) receive the report on research activities of the Forschungsinstitut,
 - e) fix contributions and adopt the contribution rates,
 - f) approve the budget.

5. The invitation to the statutory Members' Meeting by the Council has to be sent to each member at least 3 weeks before the meeting, indicating the agenda.
6. An extraordinary Members' Meeting has to be convoked at least 10 days before the date of the meeting, indicating the agenda.
7. Natural members or the legally authorized representatives of a member are entitled to participate in a Members' Meeting. Each full member has a vote and is entitled to authorize another full member to exercise the right to vote. The authority is required in writing and is only valid for one specific Members' Meeting.
8. A duly convoked Members' Meeting constitutes a quorum irrespective of the number of members present. Decisions are made by a simple majority of the members present, unless the Articles of Association provide otherwise. In the event of an equality of votes, the chairman shall have the casting vote.
9. Motions on items on the agenda of the Members' Meeting have to be presented to the management. The consideration of items on the agenda can be rejected on proposal by the Meeting.
Modification of the Articles and dissolution of the Association always have to be announced in the invitation.
10. Minutes have to be taken for each Members' Meeting, reference being made to the agenda and decisions made. The minutes have to be signed by the chairman and the general manager. Each member receives a copy of the minutes.

§ 9

Council

1. The Council is composed of the chairman, two vice-chairmen and up to six other members. For composition, member groups have to be considered.
2. The Council directs the IFF and supervises the current business. It is the mediator between the members and the Scientific Advisory Board and puts for-

ward to the latter requirements, suggestions and proposals of the Members' Meeting or third parties for statement.

3. The Council is elected for two years by the Members' Meeting. Re-election is admissible. The term of office ends with the election of a successor, at the latest with the next statutory Members' Meeting. If during the term of office members of the Council should withdraw, a by-election has to be made for the rest of the term of office at the next Members' Meeting.
4. The Council decides by a simple majority. It constitutes a quorum if three members are present. In the event of an equality of votes, the chairman shall have the casting vote.
5. The chairman convenes and presides over the Members' Meeting and the meetings of the Council. If he is prevented, one of the vice-chairmen or another member of the Council undertakes his tasks.
Within the meaning of § 26 BGB (German civil code), the chairman and two vice-chairmen constitute the Council, always two of these persons jointly representing the Association.
6. The chairman acting in agreement with the Council appoints the general manager.

§ 10

Scientific Advisory Board

1. The Scientific Advisory Board (hereinafter called WB according to the German name "Wissenschaftlicher Beirat") has the task to be mediator and connecting link between the IFF and the scientific actors of process engineering, animal feeding and compound-feed industry.
The WB has the purpose of cultivating contacts and cooperation with other scientific institutes at home and abroad. It furnishes expert opinions on research tasks as requested or required by members and gives suggestions and advice for the execution of work within the purposes of the Association. It assists the director of the institute in an advisory capacity in discharge of his duties.

2. The WB comprises at least 7 but not more than 15 persons.
3. Its members are: the chairman of the IFF and his two vice-chairmen. These appoint further persons from among the IFF members for 4 years. Reappointment is possible.
4. The WB is allowed to invite guests. Guests can be:
 - a) scientists active in the field of animal nutrition, feeding technique and technology of feed compounding,
 - b) members of authorities and institutions,
 - c) members of the IFF on request.
5. Meetings are presided by the chairman of the IFF or by one of his vice-chairmen. In the event of an equality of votes, the chairman of the meeting shall have the casting vote.
6. The current transactions of the WB are performed by the director of the institute.
7. The chairman of the IFF convenes the WB.

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Management

1. The Association IFF maintains an office for managing and executing the current transactions. The general manager is charged with the direction of the office. He and the director of the institute are forming the management of the Association IFF. The rights and obligations of the management are governed by internal rules set forth by the Council.
2. The management participates with a consultative vote in all the meetings of the organs of the Association.

3. No person shall be favoured by expenditures, which are not purpose of the corporation, or by disproportionately high compensations.

§ 12

Dissolution of the Association

1. The Members' Meeting decides on the dissolution of the IFF by a two-thirds majority of the members represented at the meeting.
2. If and when dissolved, the properties of the IFF shall come to the future holder of the Forschungsinstitut if this holder is non-profit. If there is not such a non-profit holder so the properties shall be transferred to scientific or non-profit institutions. Such a decision can only be executed after agreement of the revenue office.