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Inter-University Research Institute Corporation
High Energy Accelerator Research Organization
CryoEM Consortium Regulations

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Article 1: Name

This consortium shall be called "CryoEM Consortium" (hereinafter referred to as "Consortium").

Article 2: Purpose

The purpose of Consortium is to establish a foundation for the utilization of cryo-electron microscopy (hereinafter referred to as "CryoEM") and foster new collaborations through industry-academia cooperation under the leadership of Structural Biology Research Center (hereinafter referred to as "SBRC"), in order to meet future societal needs. This pertains to CryoEM introduced by SBRC at Inter-University Research Institute Corporation High Energy Accelerator Research Organization (hereinafter referred to as "KEK") to advance the foundation for cutting-edge research in drug discovery.

Article 3: Activities

To achieve the purpose set forth in the preceding Article, Consortium shall engage in the following activities:

- (1) Examination of industrial utilization needs through industry-academia collaboration using CryoEM;
- (2) Holding information exchange meetings, seminars, and other events for sharing technical information;
- (3) Other activities necessary for promoting the establishment of an industrial utilization base for CryoEM.

Article 4: Membership

1 Members of the Consortium shall be those who agree with the purposes and activities of the Consortium or who wish to utilize the facilities, including:

- (1) Staff members of the Organization;
- (2) Corporations;
- (3) Universities and public research institutions;
- (4) Other persons as approved by the Chairperson as provided in Article 5.

2 Members falling under Items (2) and (3) of the preceding paragraph shall designate a representative.

Article 5: Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

1 Consortium shall have a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson.

2 Chairperson shall be the Head of Structural Biology Research Center, and the Vice Chairperson shall be appointed by the Chairperson from among the members.

3 Chairperson shall represent Consortium and oversee the affairs of Consortium.

4 The Vice Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson and shall perform the duties of the Chairperson in the event of an accident or absence of the Chairperson.

Article 6: Privileges

Members falling under Items (1), (3), and (4) of Paragraph 1 of Article 4 shall be entitled to the following privileges. For members falling under Item (2) of Paragraph 1 of Article 4, separate provisions shall apply.

(1) Participation in "CryoEM Seminars" where leading researchers in the field of electron microscopy from both domestic and overseas are invited as lecturers. For the avoidance of doubt, only members falling under Item (3) of Paragraph 1 of Article 4 may be represented by a proxy or accompanied by another person.

(2) Provision of information on CryoEM trends that SBRC has obtained independently.

(3) Technical support from SBRC researchers. Provided, however, that this shall be limited to matters related to the purposes and objectives of the Consortium.

Article 7: Joining

Members falling under Items (2), (3), and (4) of Paragraph 1 of Article 4 shall join the Consortium by submitting the prescribed application form to the Secretariat with their consent to these Regulations and obtaining the approval of the Chairperson.

Article 8: Withdrawal

1 Members falling under Items (2), (3), and (4) of Paragraph 1 of Article 4 may withdraw from Consortium by submitting the prescribed notice to the Secretariat at least 30 days prior to the end of the month in which they intend to withdraw. The withdrawal shall become effective at the end of the said month.

2 Withdrawn members shall continue to comply with the obligation to keep secrets as stipulated in Article 12 even after withdrawal.

Article 9: Expulsion

1 The Chairperson may expel a member if the Chairperson determines that the member's words or conduct hinders the activities of the Consortium. However, the member shall be given an opportunity to state their case prior to any decision on expulsion.

2 The expulsion shall take effect immediately. An expelled member shall continue to comply with the obligation to keep secrets as stipulated in Article 12 even after expulsion.

Article 10: Membership Fees

1 A member who intends to join the Consortium shall pay in advance the following membership fees (excluding consumption tax) as an annual fee for a fiscal year, and the membership fees shall be used for the operation of the Consortium.

(1) Members belonging to KEK: Free of charge.

(2) Corporate members: Membership fees shall be stipulated separately.

(3) Members of universities, national research institutes, and other corporations approved by the Chairperson, excluding corporations: Free of charge.

(4) Other members approved by the Chairperson: Free of charge.

2 Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, in the case of joining during the middle of the fiscal year, the full amount of the membership fee shall be paid if joining by September 30, and half of the membership fee shall be paid if joining after October 1.

3 For members falling under Item (2) of paragraph 1 who have a joint research or academic guidance contract regarding CryoEM at the time of joining and for whom the Chairperson

deems it appropriate to waive the membership fee, the membership fee shall be waived for the duration of the said contract.

4 Membership fees paid shall not be refunded for any reason.

Article 11: Training

Those who use the cryo-electron microscopy laboratory or structural biology experimental preparation building shall receive training designated by SBRC in advance.

Article 12: Information Exchange, etc.

1 Members shall mutually provide or disclose information, materials, and other data related to the activities of Consortium. However, this shall not apply to information that is subject to a confidentiality obligation pursuant to a confidentiality agreement or the like.

2 If it is determined that confidentiality is necessary in the activities of the Consortium, a new confidentiality obligation may be established by a confidentiality agreement or the like.

Article 13: Intellectual Property Rights

The handling of intellectual property rights arising in connection with the activities of Consortium shall in principle be determined through consultations between the parties concerned. The handling of intellectual property rights involving KEK shall be governed by High Energy Accelerator Research Organization's Intellectual Property Policy (enacted on March 29, 2005), separately from these Regulations.

Article 14: Compliance with Laws and Regulations

All activities of Consortium shall comply with the regulations of KEK and all relevant laws and regulations.

Article 15: Safety Management

In the activities of Consortium, members shall endeavor to ensure their own safety and to manage safety.

Article 16: Disclaimer

All activities of Consortium shall be carried out at the sole risk of the members, and the Consortium shall not be liable for any accidents, damage to property, or other damages arising from the activities of the Consortium.

Article 17: Secretariat

The Secretariat shall be located at SBRC of KEK.

Article 18: Amendment of Regulations

Any amendment to these Regulations shall be proposed by the Chairperson, who shall make an appropriate decision after soliciting opinions from the members.

Article 19: Miscellaneous Provisions

In addition to what is stipulated in these Regulations, necessary matters concerning the operation of Consortium shall be stipulated separately.

Supplementary Provisions (Effective Date)

These Regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 2024.