

From the Act no. 341/2005 Coll., on public research institutions

**Section 18
The Board**

- (1) The institution's board consists of a chairman, vice-chairman and other members of the Board. The chairman of the institution's Board and the vice-chairman, who assumes the duties of the chairman in his/her absence, shall be elected and removed by the institution's Board.
- (2) The institution's Board shall
 - a) attend to maintain the purpose for which the public research institution was established, apply the public interest in its activity and provide its proper management,
 - b) set directions of the public research institution's activity in compliance with the foundation deed, and decide on its development concept,
 - c) approve the budget of the public research institution and its modifications, and its medium-term financial outlook,
 - d) approve internal rules of the public research institution laid down in Section 20(1) letters (a) to (e),
 - e) approve the annual report,
 - f) discuss the draft modifications of the foundation deed,
 - g) give its prior consent to or propose to the founder the consolidation, merger or splitting of a public research institution,
 - h) announce the selection procedure, upon the result of which it suggests to the founder to appoint the selected candidate to be the director of a public research institution; it shall propose the removal of the director, or give its consent to the removal of the director under Section 17(2),
 - i) discuss the draft research plans and research and development project proposals of a public research institution,
 - j) discuss the proposals for conclusion of agreements on foreign cooperation and agreements on co-operation with the institutions of the Czech Republic.
- (3) The institution's Board shall have at least 5 and at most 15 members. The number of the Board members according to the total number of employees of a public research institution, the details concerning membership of the Board, the procedure at election and removal of the Board members not provided for in this Act shall be governed by the election rules of the institution's Board.
- (4) Besides employees of the public research institution from the rank of research workers, the Board members must include also experts from other legal entities or organisational bodies of the state, as the case may be, engaged in research, and users of the research results (hereinafter referred to as the "external members"). The external members of the Board shall make up at least one third and at most one half of the Board members.
- (5) The elections of Board members shall be by direct, equal and secret ballot. The Board members shall be nominated and elected by research workers of the public research institution. The director shall invite also representatives of other legal entities or organisational bodies of the state engaged in research and development, or other representatives of the expert public to make their nominations for external Board members. An absolute majority of research workers of the public research institution has to show up in order for the elections to be valid. Candidates shall be elected by an absolute majority of valid votes.
- (6) For the purpose of this Act, the research workers of a public research institution shall mean the employees of a public research institution, who are involved with research and development within their work or manage such activities. Details shall be laid down in the election rules of the institution's Board.
- (7) The length of the Board member's tenure is 5 years. The same person may be elected as the Board member repeatedly, with no limitation to the number of tenures.
- (8) Only a natural person meeting the conditions under Section 17(4) may become the Board member. Meeting these conditions shall be proved under Section 17(5). The Board members may be remunerated for discharging their offices, including travel expenses compensation connected with the discharge of their offices within the scope of the act on travel expenses compensation. The amount of remuneration shall be defined by the founder on the basis of the annual report.
- (9) The course of action of the institution's Board shall be laid down in the Board's rules of procedure.

- (10) The membership in the Board shall cease to exist by
 - a) expiration of tenure,
 - b) resignation,
 - c) removal from the office, or
 - d) death.
- (11) Any member of the Board may be removed from his/her office by research workers of the given public research institution; an absolute majority of the research workers of a public research institution has to show up in order for the removal to be valid; for removing a member from his/her office an absolute majority of valid votes is necessary.
- (12) In case that no meeting of the institution's Board has taken place in the past 6 months though the Board was established for the whole period, the tenure of all Board members shall terminate on the last calendar day of the sixth month of the Board's inactivity. The director shall nominate new members of the Board under paragraphs 4 and 5.