RULES AND REGULATIONS

GUIDANCE COMMITTEE (COMA)

ADOPTED BY

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE F.R.S.-FNRS

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ARTICLE 1: ROLE OF THE GUIDANCE COMMITTEE

The role of the Guidance Committee is to suggest to the Board of Trustees the names of scientific participants to the successive steps of the procedure for the ex ante evaluation of the application files (fellowships and projects) submitted to the F.R.S.-FNRS:

- The chairperson of the Scientific Commissions and juries[1] of the F.R.S.-FNRS and its Associated Funds;
- The other experts of the Scientific Commissions and juries of the F.R.S.-FNRS and its Associated Funds;
- The possible first-step individual experts.

The Guidance Committee may suggest possible improvements of the procedure to the Secretary General of the F.R.S.-FNRS, on the basis of the experience of its members in the evaluation procedure.

ARTICLE 2: COMPOSITION OF THE GUIDANCE COMMITTEE

The Guidance Committee is made up of 13 members:

- 12 members: each scientific field (SEN: Exact and Natural Sciences; SVS: Life and Health Sciences; SHS: Human and Social Sciences) is represented by 4 members, who are appointed by the UCL (1 member), the ULB (1 member), the ULg (1 member) and the small and medium sized universities, i.e., UNamur, UMons or USL-B (1 member);
- The Guidance Committee shall be chaired by the Secretary General of the F.R.S.-FNRS.

Every year, the composition of the Guidance Committee is adopted by the Board of Trustees during the last meeting of the academic year.

ARTICLE 3: TERMS OF OFFICE

As from the academic year 2017-2018, term of office of every member of the Guidance Committee shall not exceed 6 years.

ARTICLE 4: INCOMPATIBILITY

The office of Guidance Committee member is incompatible with the function of member within the Scientific Commissions and juries of the F.R.S.-FNRS and its Associated Funds.

Research Directors of the F.R.S.-FNRS only, among permanent researchers, may be members of the Guidance Committee.

ARTICLE 5: CONVENING MEMBERS AND MEETINGS ORGANISATION

The F.R.S.-FNRS shall organise the meetings and carry out the related clerical work.

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[1] *Presidents of FRIA juries excepted. They are appointed by the Board of Trustees of the FRIA upon collegiate proposal of members of the jury who shall recommend 2 "candidates" from different academic or non-academic institutions. The Board of Trustees of the FRIA shall take the final decision while respecting balance between institutions for all juries as possible.*