

CHART OF THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE EUROPEAN PHYSICAL JOURNAL

ARTICLES

I. The Steering Committee of *The European Physical Journal* (EPJ) consults the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) on scientific matters concerning the trends in research to be covered in the journal. The Scientific Advisory Committee advises the Steering Committee or the publishers on choosing the editors-in-chief and, as well, dedicated associate editors.

II. The journal will be published under the auspices of the Scientific Advisory Committee of EPJ. Physical societies or academies of sciences may become members of the Scientific Advisory Committee by invitation of the Steering Committee only. The academies of sciences or societies represented as members of the Scientific Advisory Committee are listed in the front matter of each issue of *The European Physical Journal*. The members of the Scientific Advisory Committee will encourage the scientists in their country to support *The European Physical Journal* and to publish their best and most innovative results there.

III. The Scientific Advisory Committee is made up of delegates. Each member appoints one delegate to the Scientific Advisory Committee. The delegates are appointed for a period of three years.

Each delegate has one vote. In case that one country sends more than one delegate to the Scientific Advisory Committee only one vote is counted. The Scientific Advisory Committee decides on a simple majority.

The Scientific Advisory Committee elects its chairperson. Only delegates of the Scientific Advisory Committee are eligible. The chairperson presides over the Scientific Advisory Committee for one year. The chairperson and the chairperson elect remain members of the SAC until their term in the chair expires.

The chairperson stays in office for the calendar year and serves as past chairperson for one more year. At the beginning of his/her term he/she has to preside over the election of his/her successor who shall act as chairperson elect during the chairperson's term. The chairperson assisted by the past chairperson and the chairperson elect run the affairs of the Scientific Advisory Committee.

IV. The Scientific Advisory Committee meets at least once a year. The chairperson of the Scientific Advisory Committee presides over the meetings and organizes the meetings in cooperation with the Steering Committee.

The members of the Steering Committee of *The European Physical Journal* should attend the meetings of the Scientific Advisory Committee. The Scientific Advisory Committee has the right to send a delegate to attend the annual meetings of the Steering Committee of *The European Physical Journal*.

V. The delegate of the Scientific Advisory Committee attending the meetings of the Steering Committee has no vote in financial matters.

VI. An acting SAC delegate can propose to the acting SAC chair a deputy who will take part at SAC meetings on his/her behalf. Notice of this must reach the acting SAC chair at least three weeks before the actual meeting takes place.

VII. The Scientific Advisory Committee may install and propose members for task forces any time, on its own decision or through commissioning by the Steering Committee, with the objective to investigate EPJ-related publication matters of urgent relevance and to communicate the results to the Steering Committee as soon as the task is completed.

Technical Addendum

For suggestions as EPJ editors-in-chief, the Steering Committee requires any proposal by the Scientific Advisory Committee to be formal, complete and well motivated. The same applies for the suggestions concerning associate editors.

Proposals will be submitted by the SAC chair to:

- the acting chairperson of the Steering Committee for suggestions regarding future editors-in-chief;
- the acting editors-in-chief of the relevant EPJ section for suggestions regarding new associate editors.

The Steering Committee respectively the editors-in-chief remain free in their decisions and will reply to these suggestions within reasonable delay. In the interest of an efficient procedure, the Steering Committee respectively the editors-in-chief may reject suggestions immediately on formal grounds if a proposal is considered incomplete.