



Statutes of ScanBalt ACADEMY (SBA)

Preamble

- ScanBalt BioRegion is defined both as a geographical and a thematically macro-region in Europe:
- As a geographical macro-region ScanBalt BioRegion encompasses Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Sweden, northern part of Germany and north-western part of Russia.
- Thematically ScanBalt BioRegion has a major potential of knowledge, capital and human resources within life sciences and health.
- With visionary management of cultural, economic, social and legislative resources, ScanBalt BioRegion is a major player in the European and global life science and health arena and contributes to prosperity and health in the region.
- In addition ScanBalt BioRegion interacts with neighboring regions of particular interest.
- ScanBalt BioRegion encompasses a number of regional networks between universities, industry, hospitals, public institutions and other important actors.
- These regional networks' aims are the basis for the not-for-profit association ScanBalt (fmba). ScanBalt is a unique concept with the purpose of building a strong competent ScanBalt BioRegion on Top of Europe able to compete at the global level.
- ScanBalt Academy is an independent non-profit organization bringing together renowned and distinguished scientists within Life Science and Health from different sectors and regions all over the ScanBalt BioRegion.

Based upon these common understandings the following STATUTES describe the role and organization of ScanBalt Academy:

§1 Name and Registered Office

- The association's name is "ScanBalt Academy" (SBA).
- The association is registered in Copenhagen.

§2 Purpose of ScanBalt Academy

- SBA is an independent, non-profit organization acting under the umbrella of ScanBalt.
- SBA will support efforts in developing ScanBalt BioRegion to a globally known brand on Top of Europe.
- SBA brings together distinguished scientists either located in academic institutions and/or research based industry and/or organizations in fields related to the Life Sciences and Health.
- SBA acts as Advisory Board to ScanBalt fmba and its activities.
- SBA organizes scientific meetings.
- SBA promotes mobility, exchange of information and establishment of contacts with organizations with similar objectives especially within ScanBalt Bioregion.

§3 Material Means

- SBA, being an independent organization, will finance and generate support for its activities from public grants and any other public and private sources.

§4 Membership

Acquisition of membership

- Membership will be based on scientific merit in fields of relevance to the Life Sciences and/or Health.
- In extraordinary cases also prominent personalities without scientific merit but with great potentials for supporting the SBA objectives may be invited to become SBA members.
- Membership can only be proposed by SBA members.
- Election to membership will be proposed by the SBA presidium with subsequent confirmation by the general assembly.
- An updated list of SBA members will be provided annually to ExCo of ScanBalt fmba.
- SBA members must be citizens of, working in or having any other professional affiliation to ScanBalt Bioregion.

Termination of membership

- by voluntarily leaving SBA at any time stated in writing to the SBA presidium,
- by exclusion of by unanimous decision by the presidium followed by the confirmation at the general assembly by simple majority.

Rights of members

- to take part in the general assembly and to execute their voting rights,

- to stand for election to the SBA presidium,
- to propose new members, based on these statutes,
- to attend any SBA activity,
- to use the title "Member of SBA".

§5 Offices

General Assembly of SBA

- the general assembly is the highest body of the Academy.

Presidium

- the presidium functions as an executive committee and consists of a maximum of 6 members: the president of SBA the president elect, the past president, and up to five vice-presidents, one of whom is general secretary/treasurer.

§6 General Assembly

- The regular general assembly is held annually, preferably in conjunction with the annual ScanBalt Forum.
- The general assembly may be held electronically
- An extraordinary general assembly must take place if so decided by the presidium or if so proposed in writing by at least one third of members.
- The general assembly is to be set with an issued agenda by the presidium
- Amendment to the agenda is possible by simple majority of the members present at the general assembly.
- All members are entitled to take part in regular or extraordinary general assemblies and have to be invited in writing or by electronic mail at least 3 weeks prior to the event.
- All SBA members are eligible to vote and stand for election as well as making proposals for election of other SBA members.
- If the general assembly has been convened according to the articles of these statutes, it constitutes a quorum regardless of the number of members present.
- Voting rights cannot be transferred to other members.
- The president chairs the general assembly. In the event of his absence one vice-president takes the chair.
- Elections and decisions in the general assembly require a simple majority. Resolutions concerning changes of SBA's statutes or its dissolution require a qualified majority of two thirds of the cast of valid votes.
- Personal decisions (election of president and vice-presidents) are taken by secret voting.

§7 Presidium

- Only members of SBA can be members of the presidium.
- The presidium consists of up to 6 members according to § 5.

- The presidium is elected as a president and a team of up to 5 additional members by the general assembly.
- For general assemblies, where the SBA president's function terminates, the presidium prepares for proposal of at least one new presidium team.
- All SBA members can suggest new presidium teams.
- The term of office of the president and presidium members is 4 years; in exceptional cases 2 or 3 years. Reelection is possible, with 8 years being the maximum period of function.
- Changes in the presidium team – except the replacement of the president - such as retirement or replacement of individual members, can be decided by the presidium itself, but requires confirmation at the first-coming ordinary or extraordinary general assembly.

§8 Duties and responsibilities of the Presidium

- to set the goals and the priorities according to the mission of SBA,
- general management of SBA,
- maintenance of relationships to ScanBalt fmba and other institutions,
- preparation and recommendations for the general assembly,
- installment of special working groups.