RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR SISSA –International School for Advanced Studies- SIAM STUDENT CHAPTER

This Rules of Procedure (hereinafter called "Rules") apply to the SIAM Student Chapter called "SISSA – International School for Advanced Studies - Chapter of SIAM".

The Student Chapter to which these Rules apply is formed by the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics and shall operate within the Bylaws of the parent organization. The SIAM bylaws specify how Student Chapters are formed; see the SIAM bylaws for details. The Chapter shall not affiliate with any other organization without first obtaining the written approval of SIAM. Provisions for SIAM Student (University) Chapters are contained in the SIAM Bylaws and are included in these Rules. No provisions of these rules shall be construed so as to contradict the Bylaws of SIAM.

ARTICLE I
PURPOSE

The objectives of SIAM, as established in the Certificate of Incorporation, are:

- To further the application of mathematics to industry and science.
- To promote basic research in mathematics leading to new methods and techniques useful to industry and science.
- To provide media for the exchange of information and ideas between mathematicians and other technical and scientific personnel.

Purposes of the Student Chapter shall be consistent with the objectives of SIAM. And in particular they are:

- To promote cooperation and communication among students of different scientific fields (such as mathematical analysis, numerical analysis, scientific computing, mathematical physics, life sciences) to foster exchange of ideas and cultural contamination;
- To enhance the contacts between the academic research and companies, thus making students aware of the main technological problems faced by industries (and hospitals);
- To convince small and medium size enterprises, which represent the majority of Italian industry, of how mathematicians are useful to improve their competitiveness;
- To give students of the Sponsoring Institution (in particular, but not exclusively, master and Phd students in Mathematics), as well as students from other institutions that will be involved in the activities of SISSA Student Chapter, the opportunity to learn about the contemporary research trends in applied mathematics and industrial applications;
- To increase the students’ ability of tackling real-life problems through the promotion of internal and external problem solving competitions;
- To encourage the recognition of the Ph.D. in Italy as the highest training and specialization level offered by our educational system and to let industrial companies know about the extra skills that a doctoral degree provides;
- To put in touch students and young researchers in the fields of applied and industrial mathematics and to promote collaboration with other SIAM Student Chapters, as well as with other societies/organizations/national groups devoted to industrial and applied mathematics in Italy, such as SIMAI -Italian Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM partner), GNCS -National Group of Scientific Computing, ECCOMAS- European Community

ARTICLE II
ACTIVITIES

1) Participation to SIAM conferences and annual meetings, as well as SIAM student chapters initiatives all over the world.
2) Strong synergies with SIAM student chapters, especially the with the ones closest to SISSA
4) Yearly event “Young Scientists Seminars Series” in Scientific Computing
5) Selected seminars in Applied and Industrial Mathematics during semesters from international experts.
6) Interdisciplinary initiatives to enhance mutual knowledge of applied math developments in physics, neuroscience, high performance computing.
7) Participation to educational and outreach activities for younger students to promote mathematics.

ARTICLE III
INSTITUTION SERVED

SISSA has Phd Curricula in Mathematics, Physics and Neuroscience, then master degree programs in mathematics offered jointly with University of Trieste and a professional master in High Performance computing offered jointly with ICTP (International Centre for Theoretical Physics). University of Trieste is located few kilometers far SISSA campus, ICTP is sharing part of a SISSA campus (Miramare) and students of these joint programs reside on SISSA campus for their educational activities.

ARTICLE IV
MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any student engaged or interested in mathematics or computing and their applications shall be eligible for membership in this Chapter. SIAM encourages chapters to be interdisciplinary, including student members from multiple departments. Regular or Student Membership in SIAM is required to be part of the chapter.

Section 2. The Chapter will issue its members student membership with no due. There is no other kind of membership provided.

Section 3. Chapter members shall have the privileges of SIAM membership only if they are regular or student members of SIAM.

Section 4. All members of the chapter who are students enrolled in the sponsoring institution(s) are eligible for free student memberships in SIAM. Chapters shall encourage their members to join SIAM either online, by submitting printed membership applications, or by submitting a list of its student members to SIAM so that complimentary student membership in SIAM can be processed. Free student memberships may be renewed every year that the student remains a student member of the chapter.

Section 5. Termination of student membership will take place upon graduation or withdrawal from the university

ARTICLE V
SPONSORSHIP

Section 1. The Sponsor is the Mathematics Area of International School for Advanced Studies.

Section 2. The Sponsor of the Chapter shall appoint a Faculty Advisor for the Chapter. The Advisor must be a member in good standing with SIAM. In the event said Advisor relinquishes his/her position, the Sponsor shall appoint a new Advisor. The responsibilities, rights and duties of the Faculty Advisor shall be those normally assigned to the Faculty Advisor of student organizations of the Sponsor, but in addition, the Faculty Advisor is expected to take leading role in the development of the Chapter activities consistent with the objectives of SIAM.
ARTICLE VI
OFFICERS

Section 1. The Chapter shall have a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary/Treasurer. Officers shall be chosen from Student Members of the Chapter and must be Student Members in good standing with SIAM.

Section 2. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Chapter (and the Chapter Executive Committee (see Article VII below)). In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President. In the absence of the latter, the Secretary shall assume said duties.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep a record of the affairs of the Chapter, handle correspondence, and submit an annual report of Chapter activities to the Secretary of SIAM, which report shall be suitable for publication in SIAM News or its equivalent.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall receive and take custody of Chapter funds, and shall submit an annual Treasurer's Report and other financial reports, as requested, to the Treasurer of SIAM. The annual Treasurer's Report shall be prepared as of the end of the academic year and shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of SIAM by no later than 30 days following the end of the academic year.

Section 5. Each Chapter officer shall hold office for a term of no more than two year. Extended terms of officers are permissible upon vacancies.

ARTICLE VII
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Chapter shall be managed by the Executive Committee of five people, including current Chapter officers and retired Chapter presidents.

Section 2. The vacancy of the Executive Committee is filled by Chapter members through elections.

ARTICLE VIII
OTHER COMMITTEES

Section 1. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee. Nominees must be eligible as stated in Article VI. The elections of officers or Executive Committee members shall be open to all Chapter members.

ARTICLE X
MEETINGS

Section 1. Section 1. There shall be at least 4 meetings per year. The meeting shall be scheduled by the Chapter officers.

Section 2. The Chapter shall conduct a business meeting once per year during the month of April. Other business meetings may be called by the President or the Treasurer on two weeks notice.

ARTICLE XI
CHAPTER FUNDS

Section 1. The Chapter levies voluntary contributions in any lawful manner consistent with these Rules and the Bylaws and Certificate of Incorporation of SIAM.
Section 2. The Chapter shall deposit all unused funds to which it has legal title in excess of $200 in an insured savings account, unless current operating commitments are in excess of that amount or unless the Chapter Treasurer obtains a written authorization from the SIAM Treasurer.

Section 3. The Treasurer shall maintain books of account that show income and expense items for all activities and balances for all accounts of the Chapter.

Section 4. The Chapter may request a grant or loan from the Treasurer of SIAM under the provision of Article XIi, Chapter 8 of the Bylaws of SIAM. Such requests shall be made by submission of “Request for Funding” form to SIAM and include a current financial statement for the Chapter and a proposed budget for the requested funds.

Section 5. Other than seeking funds from the sponsoring institutions of the chapter, no officers or member of the Chapter may apply for a grant to support the Chapter activities or enter into any contract to support such activities or provide services, without approval of the President and the Treasurer of SIAM or the Executive Director acting on behalf of the Treasurer.

ARTICLE XII
AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These Rules may be altered or amended with the approval of the SIAM Board of Trustees. Submission to the board of proposal alterations or amendments shall be made only after approval by majority vote of members of the Chapter present (or represented by proxy) at a scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE XIII
TERMINATION OF THE CHAPTER

Section 1. A Chapter may terminate itself by the unanimous vote of the members of the Chapter present (or represented by proxy) at a scheduled meeting, provided that notice of the proposed termination and the meeting at which it is to be considered has been given to all Chapter members at least 30 days in advance.

Section 2. A Chapter may be terminated by the board if there has been no Chapter activity for one year.

Section 3. In the event a Chapter terminates, the funds to which it has legal title shall revert to the account of SIAM.

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