

Rules of Procedure for BGSIAM Section

This Section Rules of Procedure (hereinafter called "Rules") applies to the Bulgarian SIAM Section called "BGSIAM".

BGSIAM to which these Section Rules apply is formed under the aegis of SIAM, and shall operate within its bylaws. This Section shall not affiliate with any other organization without first obtaining the written approval of the SIAM Board of Trustees or its designee. No provisions of these Section Rules shall be construed so as to contradict the SIAM Bylaws.

These Section Rules may be modified by the Board with due notice to the Section.

Article I: Purpose

The objectives of SIAM, as established in its 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 proposed BGSIAM shall be consistent with these objectives. Realizing the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration and the role that applied mathematics plays in advancing science and technology in industry, we solicit the support of SIAM as the major international organization for Industrial and Applied Mathematics in order to promote the application of mathematics to science, engineering and technology in Republic of Bulgaria. We hope that under the leadership of SIAM, as a vibrant and effective professional society, we will find the best way to ensure that applied mathematics receives the recognition and resources it needs to meet the educational, scientific and industrial challenges that lie ahead in the developing of our country.

Article II: Activities

The Bulgarian Section of SIAM will (co-)organize seminars, workshops and conferences on advanced topics in applied mathematics and computational sciences. BGSIAM will stimulate the enhanced collaboration between universities' research groups and the related institutes of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. The Section will work to strengthen of the connection between research groups from the academic departments and the industrial partners. The joint projects with Bulgarian Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) will be strongly encouraged and supported. The participation of the Bulgarian mathematicians into SIAM activities will further expand the international collaboration of the local community. The participation of mathematicians from the neighboring countries into activities of BGSIAM is among the priorities of the Section.

The organization of related scientific meetings, workshops and conferences in Bulgaria will be encouraged to apply for „in cooperation with BGSIAM“ status. For such events, if there is a discounted registration fee offered to members of any sponsoring or cosponsoring organization, the same discounted fee must also be offered to the members of BGSIAM.

Article III: Territory

The Bulgarian SIAM Section (BGSIAM) will operate on the territory of Republic of Bulgaria and will draw membership from Bulgarian Universities, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and also from outside the traditional academic departments. By doing so, we would like to enrich our community and increase the role, influence and the impact of mathematics on science, education, technology and the society as a whole.

Article IV: Membership

Any member of SIAM engaged or interested in mathematics and its applications and who is a Bulgarian resident shall be eligible for membership in the Section. A written application to the Chair of the BGSIAM is required. Any member of SIAM who does not live in Bulgaria may join the Section and participate in its activities, except that that member will not be a voting member nor will that member be eligible for officer in the Section. A candidate for nonresident membership shall be advised of these rules at the time of that member's application for membership. Section members will be designated as nonresident members if they reside outside Bulgaria.

Article V: Officers

Section 1. The Bulgarian Section of SIAM shall have a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. The

Secretary combines the duties of the Treasurer. The officers shall be regular members of SIAM in good standing.

Section 2. The Chair of the Section shall preside at the meetings of the Section. In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair shall assume the duties of the Chair.

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

Section 4. The Secretary shall receive and take custody of Section 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 December 31 and shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of SIAM by no later than January 15 of the year following.

Section 5. The BGSIAM officers are elected for a period of two years. Re-election of an officer for an additional term is permissible.

Article VI: Meetings

Section 1. There shall be at least one technical meeting per year.

Article VII: Elections

Section 1. Section elections shall be secret ballot at the annual Section business meeting, or by mail ballot. The winners of the election shall be determined by the plurality of the votes cast for each officer. Mail ballots must be submitted to the Section members at least 20 days in advance of the date of the annual Section business meeting.

Section 2. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Chair. Nominees must be eligible as stated in Article V. The nominations made by the Section members are to be sent to the Nominating Committee at most 30 days in advance of the date of the annual Section business meeting.

Article VIII: Annual Business Meeting

Section 1. The Section shall conduct an annual Section business meeting once per year in the

period November 5 – December 20. Other business meetings may be called by the Chair on four weeks' notice.

Article IX: Section Funds

Section 1. The Section can accept donations.

Section 2. The Section 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 Section Treasurer obtains a written authorization from the SIAM Treasurer.

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

Section 4. Requests for funds in support of Section activities shall be made in writing to the Treasurer of SIAM who will forward it to the SIAM Committee on Section/Chapter Funds. Grants to Sections may be made by the SIAM Treasurer acting on behalf of the Committee on Section/Chapter Funds. Only one such grant may be made to any given Section during any fiscal year. Other requests for funds shall be substantiated by a proposed budget for expenditures and a current statement of accumulated revenue and expenses.

Section 5. No officer or member of the Section may apply for a grant to support Section activities or enter into any contract to support such activities or provide services, or have authority to contract debts for, pledge the credit of, or in any way bind SIAM, except to the extent that Section funds exist.

Section 6. All Society dues of Section members shall be payable to SIAM.

Article X: Amendments

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

Article XI: Termination of the Section

Section 1. BGSIAM may terminate itself by the unanimous vote of the members of the Section 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 Section members at least 30 days in advance and to the Board at least 90 days in advance.

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

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