

# Statutes of the Scientific Advisory Board at the Natural History Museum Vienna

## Preamble

The Natural History Museum Vienna (NHM) is a scientific institution under public law according to the 2002 Federal Museums Act. It preserves, documents and researches natural history and cultural collections and contributes to educating the general public on matters of science. This work relies on the support of an international Scientific Advisory Board aimed at helping the museum to continue its development towards becoming a research institution of European and international standing.

## § 1 Tasks of the Scientific Advisory Board

The Scientific Advisory Board advises the NHM Vienna. It has no decision-making powers.

Advice shall be provided on the following areas:

- The NHM Vienna's long-term research and development strategies (in particular its strategies on research, collection, digitalisation and scientific communication) with regard to global challenges and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their implementation in practice.
- The quality of the NHM Vienna's scientific and academic work.
- Supporting the exchange of information at national and international level.

## § 2 Members

The members of the Scientific Advisory Board shall be appointed by the NHM Vienna management team. The Board of Trustees as well as the Heads of Department shall have the opportunity to propose members.

The number of members shall be seven. The members shall cover the following areas:

Biodiversity research; systematics; taxonomy
Scientific communication; museum studies
Earth sciences; mineralogy
Cultural and physical anthropology; archaeology; early history
History of science; archival sciences; library sciences; history of art
Development of collections
Museum management; scientific policy; organisational development; open science; EOSC

Assuming they possess the necessary professional qualifications and experience, the members of the Scientific Advisory Board should be diverse in age, gender and nationality.

Members are appointed for three years. They can serve more than one term.

### § 3 Spokesperson

The members shall appoint a spokesperson from among themselves. This person is the main point of contact between the NHM Vienna and the members of the Scientific Advisory Board.

### § 4 Convening of meetings

The Scientific Advisory Board shall meet at least twice a year.

### § 5 Confidentiality

The members of the Scientific Advisory Board shall keep confidential the information made available to them. Furthermore, they are obliged to treat the issues discussed in their meetings as well as the expert opinions provided by the Scientific Advisory Board as confidential, unless the management of the NHM Vienna waives this confidentiality obligation.

### § 6 Validity

These Statutes shall apply with effect from 24.11.2020.

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