



STATUTE OF EVGENI KHARADZE ABASTUMANI NATIONAL ASTROPHYSICAL OBSERVATORY OF ILIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Evgeni Kharadze Abastumani National Astrophysical Observatory of Ilia State University in its activities is guided by the Constitution of Georgia, Legislation of Georgia, the Law of Georgia on Science, Technology and their Development, the Charter of Ilia State University and the Statute of the Observatory.

ARTICLE 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Evgeni Kharadze Abastumani National Astrophysical Observatory of LEPL Ilia State University (hereinafter -- "the Institute") is an organisational unit of the University;
2. In its activities, the Institute is guided by the laws of Georgia, the Charter of the University and this Statute;
3. The Institute was created in 1932 and by Ordinance of 2007 of the Government of Georgia joined Ilia State University.

ARTICLE 2 – OBJECTIVES, TASKS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE INSTITUTE ARE TO:

1. develop fundamental and applied research in the areas of astronomy, aeronomy, cosmic research and other related fields through application of the existing material, technical and scientific potential; apply the existing material and technical database in order to produce highly qualified staff in this fields at master and doctoral levels;
2. conduct fundamental science research on Mount Kanobili by effective application of its material and technical database, as well as intellectual and technical resources of its Department in Tbilisi; expand science and research-related influence of the University in the area of Natural Sciences, make career in science more prestigious, develop existing connections with science centres abroad, and build new contacts in accordance with the Strategic Development Plan of the University;
3. popularise astronomy in young generations by organising different science lectures, study courses, regional and international schools;
4. assess science and research projects in astronomy, stellar, galactic, extragalactic, solar, earth atmosphere and planets physics, astrophysical tides, cosmology, etc.;
5. produce young, highly qualified specialists at bachelor, master and doctoral levels by organising study and science centres;
6. conduct applied science research and works under the order of the state or private individuals;
7. carry out support programmes for young scientists and researchers, programmes for professional development of young specialists in partnership with leading universities, observatories and science centres around the world;
8. organise and implement study courses and workshops;
9. hold international workshops, conferences, symposiums by involving local and foreign specialists;
10. draw up periodical reports on the bases of analysing outcomes of science and research activities and present them to the Academic Board of the University.

ARTICLE 3 - ORGANISATION OF INSTITUTE

1. The Institute is comprised of the Director and the Board of the Institute;
2. The Institute is staffed with professors and researchers whose workload is stipulated in the agreement concluded with the Institute.

ARTICLE 4 - MANAGING AUTHORITIES OF THE INSTITUTE AND THEIR FUNCTIONS

Managing authorities of the Institute are: Director of the Institute and the Board of the Institute, which comprises all its professors and researchers.

1. The Board of the Institute:
 - a) reviews and develops recommendations in relation to the programme on its science-research activities presented by the Director;
 - b) agrees upon the budget project of the Institute formulated by the Director;
 - c) the Board of the Institute makes decisions if a decision is approved by the absolute majority of those present at the session.
2. The Director of the Institute:

Professors or associate professors who are appointed or dismissed by the rector may be appointed as a director of the Institute.

 - a) The Director of the Institute: supervises its activities;
 - b) presents its budget project and the programme on its science and research activities to the Academic Board;
 - c) presents the Rector suggestions on the candidatures of professors to be hired;
 - d) presents Academic Board an annual report on his/her activities.
3. Board Session
 - a) A Board Session is convened by the Director or the Board of the Institute;
 - b) After the Board Session, the session minute is drawn up which is signed by the board chairman or a secretary;
 - c) Session minutes shall be accompanied by the list of those present at the session with their signatures;
 - d) The Board makes decisions as the "Decision of the Board."

ARTICLE 5 - PERSONNEL OF THE INSTITUTE

1. The institute has its academic personnel, researchers and aids;
2. Work-related duties to be performed by the personnel shall be specified by an employment contract;
3. Academic personnel shall be hired by complying with the procedure determined by the Law of Georgia on Higher Education and the Charter of the University.

ARTICLE 6 - RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF PROFESSORS AND RESEARCHERS

Professors and researchers are entitled to:

1. carry out scientific research independently and promulgate research outcomes except for the cases when they may not made public in accordance with the regulation of the University, employment contract, or in the event that they include state secrets;
2. independently determine contents of their scientific research, research methods and means;
3. carry out other rights conferred by the legislation of Georgia;
5. Professors and researchers shall perform obligations assumed by their employment contract;
6. Responsibilities of the professors, associate and assistant professors include training of students within bachelor, master and doctoral programmes;
7. Professors and associate professors are entitled to supervise students in writing their thesis.

ARTICLE 7 - PROPERTY AND BUDGET OF THE INSTITUTE

1. The sources of financing of the programmes of the Observatory are as follows: budget assignments, science and/or other grants, contributions, agricultural and other revenues allowed by law;
2. Disposal of finances of the Observatory and its programmes are governed by the legislation of Georgia, the Charter of the University and this Statute;
3. If agreed with the University Administration, the Observatory may have a seal and its title page;
4. Professors and researchers at the Institute shall apply the property of the University in accordance with the procedure determined by it.

ARTICLE 8 - PROPOSING CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTE

1. The project for proposing changes and amendment to this Statute shall be drawn up by the Director of the Institute, shall be presented to the Dean and the Academic Board afterwards for review and the Board of Representatives for approval;
2. The project for proposing changes and amendments to the Statute shall be substantiated and shall prove the necessity for proposing the said changes and amendments to the Statute.

