



Nansen
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Bylaws for
**Nansen Scientific
Society**
an idealistic foundation
for

**Knowledge Without
Borders**

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Vision

The Foundation's vision is that education and research within global environment and climate problems, including their impacts on society, for students and young researchers from different nations and cultures, will provide a foundation for greater understanding and coexistence in the world – in the spirit of Fridtjof Nansen.



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Founding

- Nansen Scientific Society is an idealistic foundation established by:
 - Nansen Environmental and Remote Sensing Center
 - Trond Mohn with family
 - GC Rieber Funds
 - Sparebanken Vest
- The Foundation's board can include members in the Foundation who will contribute to the Foundation's purpose.
- The Foundation has a capital of NOK 200.000,- which is immovable.
- The operation of the Foundation is based on contributions from the Founders, research gifts, financial income and project incomes in cooperation with the Nansen Group and other stakeholders.
- The Foundation is seated in Bergen.
- The Foundation can participate in other companies.



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Objectives

The Foundation will be complimentary to all existing and future Nansen Centres, focusing on the following tasks:

- The Foundation shall finance and coordinate a Nansen Fellowship Program within global environmental and climate problems – including their impact on society, that will be used for education and research for young people from different nations and cultures, to create lasting long term international relations and a better world.
- The Foundation shall initiate, finance and coordinate new research ideas and research projects within environmental and climate problems for the Nansen Center in Bergen, including G.C. Rieber Climate institute and Mohn-Sverdrup Center for Ocean studies, and Nansen Centre in St. Petersburg, Nansen-Zhu Centre in Beijing and Nansen Centre in Cochin, India – with the aim of promoting continuity and quality throughout the Nansen Group.
- The Foundation shall initiate Nansen Centres in other parts of the world where it is needed, specifically in developing countries with significant environmental and climate problems, and contribute to finance these in cooperation with the Nansen Group and other scientific and financial partners.



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- The Foundation shall regularly arrange international scientific meetings and conferences of high quality
- The Foundation shall organize, finance and coordinate Summer and Winter schools for students and young researchers
- The Foundation shall initiate, finance and coordinate global expeditions to increase the understanding of environmental and climate processes



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- The Foundation shall publish the results of the scientific activities in cooperation with the Nansen Group in quality scientific journals and books, in addition to popularizing these results in relevant publications and media.
- The Foundation shall conduct extensive national and international scientific promotion focused on the environment and climate for children, young people, students, adults and decision makers at all levels – including politicians, to increase the understanding of the environment and climate situation in the world and influence on how it can be improved.

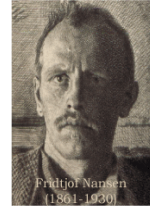


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The Foundation's organs

The Foundation has a board and council:

- The Board: The Foundation's activities are directed by a board consisting of following members:
 - 1 member appointed by Nansen Environmental and Remote Sensing Center
 - 1 member appointed by Trond Mohn with family
 - 1 member appointed by the GC Rieber Funds
 - 1 member appointed by Sparebanken Vest
 - Up to 3 external board members appointed by the board members who are designated by the founders.



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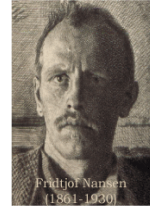
- The board shall have maximum 7 members and minimum 4 members.
- The board's function time is 3 years with the opportunity to reappointment. At retirement or reappointment of board members, the same procedure as in the original appointment of the board's members is followed.
- The board elects its own Chairman, "President" and vice Chairman, "Vice President".
- The board has a quorum when at least 3 of the board members are present.
- The board shall establish the necessary administration and provide ongoing accounting and auditing. The board selects the auditor.
- The Foundation's firm is signed by the Chairman of the board or two board members together.



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- The Council: The Foundation shall have a council. The council consists of:
 - 1 member appointed by Nansen Environmental and Remote Sensing Center
 - 1 member of Trond Mohn with family
 - 1 member of GC Rieber Funds
 - 1 member from Sparebanken Vest
 - Maximum 7 external members appointed by the board.



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- The council shall have maximum 11 members.
- The council meets at least once a year and is presented the board's report on the activities in the course of the year and the board's plan for the Foundation's operations and activities for the coming year. The council shall conduct an ongoing evaluation of the Foundation's activities and work both as a coordinating and initiating agency to promote the Foundation. The council is fully subject to the Board's reversal and instructional authority.
The Council members have a term of 3 years and may be reappointed. At retirement or re-appointment of Council members, the same procedure as for the original appointment of the Council members is followed.
- The Council Chairman, "President of Council" is appointed by the board. The Chairman calls for Council meetings.



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Changes in the bylaws

- The bylaws can be changed by the board after the matter has been submitted to the council.



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Dissolution of the Foundation

- The Foundation can only be dissolved or converted by an unanimous and complete board
- If the Foundation is dissolved, The Foundation funds shall be allocated for the promotion of the Purposes described in the bylaws.



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The bylaws signed by Nansen Scientific Society's founders 12-01-2008

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