

**European Physical Society**  
**Condensed Matter Division**  
**Statutes**

**Article 1 – Scope**

The Condensed Matter Division of the European Physical Society represents and provides a forum for European scientists interested in any aspect of the physics of condensed matter.

**Article 2 – Tasks**

The tasks of the Division are, inter alia:

- to promote the support and co-ordination of research activities;
- to facilitate contacts with and between its members, in particular through the organisation and co-ordination of meetings, workshops, schools, etc.;
- to help in the training of young researchers and in the development of their abilities in ways which may facilitate their future professional life;
- to co-operate with other Divisions of the European Physical Society, and other similar organisations in any common field of interest;
- to offer expertise and advice to other bodies of the European Physical Society as well as to other European institutions in the field of condensed matter physics;
- to promote the public understanding and appreciation of condensed matter physics.

**Article 3 – Membership**

Membership of the Division is open to individual scientists, groups, and laboratories who define their interest in agreement with Article 1 of the present Statutes and who are members of the European Physical Society under Articles 4a, 4c, 4d, 6 or 7 of its Constitution. Members are accepted upon personal application. Non-members of the European Physical Society may participate in the scientific activities of the Division, about which they will receive information upon request.

**Article 4 – Structure**

The Division contains Sections, consisting of Division members interested in particular fields. The Board, in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws of EPS and its General Statutes concerning Divisions, carries out the management of the Division.

New thematic Sections can be proposed at any time. A new Section is adopted following agreement by a 2/3 majority of the Board. The new Section is presented at the EPS Council following the vote. This disposition includes the splitting of a Section into multiple Sections, as well as the merger of multiple Sections into one, the Section(s) resulting of the split or merger being considered “new Sections”.

Proposals for name change of thematic Sections may be adopted following agreement by a 2/3 majority of the Board and of a 2/3 majority of the Section Board concerned.

Sections that have not organised activities of any kind (including meetings) for a period of more than four years are considered redundant, and can be eliminated, or replaced by a new thematic Section, following agreement by a 2/3 majority of the Board.

**Article 5 – Board**

The Board of the Division is composed of the Chairperson, the vice-chairperson, up to six elected members, the Chairperson, or Secretary of each Section and, possibly of additional members (no more than four), co-opted by the other members of the Board. The normal term of election or cooption is 4 years (though shorter term co-options are possible). The Chairperson and vice-chairperson are appointed by the Board and the Secretary is elected from among its members. No one will normally serve on the Board more than two successive terms.

## **Article 6 – Appointment and term of the Chairperson and the Vice-chairperson**

The term of the Chairperson shall not be shorter than 2 years, and not exceed 4 years. No one will serve more than one successive term as Division Chairperson. The Board appoints the Chairperson for the next term no later than one year before the end of the term of the current Chairperson. The appointee subsequently holds the position of Vice-chairperson, until the end of the current Chairperson's term.

## **Article 7 – Elections**

Elections to replace retiring elected Board members will be held every 2 years, either by electronic means, by mail correspondence, or during a General assembly of the Division. Only EPS-CMD members are electors or eligible to elect Board members. Each elector has only one vote. In preparing the list of nominees, the Board will consult the members.

## **Article 8 – Elections (Section Boards)**

Membership of a Section is open to any member of the Division interested in the particular field of the Section. Within its field, each Section supports the Division in carrying out the tasks specified by Article 2 of the present Statutes.

Each Section will elect a Committee of six from among its members. The Committee will contain a Chairperson, a Secretary, and other officers; the Chairperson or the Secretary will represent the Section on the Divisional Board. The nominations of the chairperson and the Secretary, length of service, electoral procedures, and rules for co-option should be identical to those of the divisional Board, but may be varied with the agreement of the Board.

## **Article 9 – Meetings**

At appropriate time intervals, the division will organize a General European Conference on Condensed Matter Physics. Furthermore, the division will hold scientific meetings that will, as far as possible, be organized, or co-organized, by the Sections.

## **Article 10 – General Assembly**

A General Assembly of the Division shall be held at least every four years, preferably during a General Conference of the Condensed Matter Division.

## **Article 11 – Statutes**

These Statutes may be revised by a 2/3 majority of the Board.

## **Article 12 – European Magnetism Association EMA**

The European Magnetism Association EMA will fulfill the duties of a Magnetism section of EPS-CMD. As such, EMA delegates its president or vice-president to the board of the EPS Condensed Matter Division. The EMA representative has full voting rights in the EPS-CMD Board.