

**MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION
OF
THE NATIONAL AGRI-FOOD BIOTECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE VISION**

To be a nodal organization for knowledge generation and translational science leading to value added products based on agri- food biotech innovations.

MISSION

- To transform agri-food sector into globally rewarding and sustainable biotechnology based enterprise through innovative solutions in primary, secondary and tertiary agriculture including high end food processing.
- To develop synergy among knowledge providers and investors in agri-food sector to carry innovations to marketplace.

AREA OF OPERATION

Distt. SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab

1. NAME OF THE SOCIETY

The name of the Society shall be the 'National Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute (NABI).

2. REGISTERED OFFICE

The registered office of the Society shall be at Mohali, Punjab and is currently located at C-127, Phase-VIII, Industrial Area, Mohali, Punjab.

3. AIMS & OBJECTIVES:

The Society shall carry out major research and development functions within the following overall goals and framework:

- a. To develop new opportunities to promote the cause of agriculture and food sector in the country.
- b. To develop a centre of excellence in genomics, precision breeding and designer crops.
- c. To develop a centre of excellence in agri-biotech translational work for developing designer crop varieties, hybrids, genes, molecular markers, technologies, high value molecules and food products.
- d. To discover genes for breeding crops for stress tolerance, nutrition improvement, shelf life extension and other value added traits for food processing.
- e. To improve varieties of cereals, pulses, oilseeds, cotton, fruits and vegetables and products thereof.
- f. To synergize with industry for developing designer varieties of crop plants for food, fruit and nutrition industry.
- g. To establish translational capacity for :
 - a. Performance trials of GM crops,
 - b. Coordinating trials of value added food products.
- h. To develop resource centers by establishing linkages with national and regional institutions and biotech parks.

- i. To develop human resource in agri-food biotechnology and nutrition sectors so as to enhance country's capability in agri-food research and product development through uniquely designed inter - disciplinary educational programmes.
- j. To set up "Gene and Germplasm Resource Centre(s)" in the State of Punjab and elsewhere. These Centres would have access to the various translational facilities of the NABI and would therefore receive opportunities for learning state-of-art biotechnological processes through short and long term training. The resource centers to be identified in existing institutions will work closely on research projects with the NABI, help in evaluation of new technologies, provide and maintain multi location facilities and receive funds from the NABI as per agreements.
- k. To interact on long term basis and develop formal and informal linkages with Bio Processing Unit (BPU) which is an autonomous unit co-located at Mohali, Punjab under the Department of Biotechnology and also with Agri-Food Biotech Park (ABP) also located at Mohali, Punjab.
- l. The NABI may create industry-partnered chairs, user-friendly technology incubators and platform technology centers and promote shared-cost research and development programs and create research and development centers in partnership with industry to achieve the goals of the NABI.
- m. The NABI may proactively seek resources in support of its mission from the Government, foundations, industry, and philanthropic sources, both nationally and internationally and develop nationally and globally networked research programmes.
- n. The NABI may create business development centre in partnership with the ABP.
- o. The NABI will fully participate in collective governance of the ABP at Mohali, Punjab to be established by Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India along with the Government of Punjab.

All the income, earning, movable, immovable properties of the Society shall be solely utilized and applied towards the promotion of its aims and objectives only set forth in the Memorandum of Association and no profit thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, profits or in any manner whatsoever to the present and past members of the Society or to any person claiming through any or more of the present or past members. No member of the Society shall have any personal claim on any moveable or immovable properties of the Society or make any profit, whatsoever by virtue of his membership.

4. GOVERNING BODY

The names, addresses, occupations and designations of the present members of the Governing Body to whom the management of the Society is entrusted as required under section 2 of The Societies Registration Act, 1860 as applicable to the State of Punjab are as follows:

Sl. No.	Name	Address	Occupation	Designation in Society
1	Prof. M. K. Bhan Secretary, Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, GoI	F 14, Hauz Khas Enclave, New Delhi - 110 016	Scientist/ Administrator	Chairman, Ex-officio
2	Shri K. P. Pandian JS&FA, Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, GoI	E-2/92 Asian Games Village Complex, New Delhi-110049	Administrator	Member, Ex-officio
3	Dr. N. Sathyamurthy Director, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Mohali,	MGSIPA Complex, Sector 26, Chandigarh- 160019	Scientist/ Administrator	Member, Ex-officio
4	Dr. Akhilesh Tyagi Director, National Institute of Plant Genome Research, New Delhi	Aruna Asaf Ali Marg, P.O. Box No. 10531, New Delhi-110067	Scientist/ Administrator	Member, Ex-officio
5	Dr. S. Nagarajan Chairperson, Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority, New Delhi	NASC Complex, (Opp. Village Todapur), D.P.S. Marg, New Delhi - 110012	Scientist/ Administrator	Member, Ex-officio
6	Dr. V. Prakash Director, Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore	Central Food Technological Research Institute Mysore-570 020	Scientist/ Administrator	Member , Ex-officio
7	Dr. B. SesiKaran Director, National Institute of Nutrition, Indian Council of Medical Research, Hyderabad	National Institute of Nutrition, Indian Council of Medical Research, Jamai- Osmania P.O., Hyderabad-500 007 (A.P.)	Scientist/ Administrator	Member, Ex-officio
8	Dr. Rajesh Kapur, Advisor/Scientist 'G', Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, GoI	Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, GoI, New Delhi	Scientist/ Administrator	Member, Ex-officio

5. DESIROUS PERSONS

We, the undersigned are desirous of forming a Society namely the 'National Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute' under the Societies

Registration Act, 1860 (XXI of 1860) as applicable to the State of Punjab in pursuance of the Memorandum of Association of the Society. We , the several persons, whose names & addresses are given below, having associated ourselves for the purposes described in this Memorandum of Association and set out several & respective hands hereunto and form ourselves into a Society under the Societies Registration Act ,1860 (XXI of 1860), this 23rd day of November Two thousand nine.

Sl. No.	Name & Address	Age	Occupation	Signature
1	Prof. M. K. Bhan S/o Shri S N Bhan Secretary, Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, GoI, F14, Hauz Khas Enclave, New Delhi 110 016	62 years	Scientist/ Administrator	Sd/-
2	Shri K. P. Pandian S/o Shri Samuel Raja Singh Daliah JS&FA, Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, GoI , E-2/92 Asian Games Village Complex, New Delhi-110049	59 years	Administrator	Sd/-
3	Dr. N. Sathyamurthy S/o Shri G. Narayanasami Director, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Mohali, MGSIPA Complex, Sector 26, Chandigarh-160019	58 years	Scientist/ Administrator	Sd/-
4	Dr. Akhilesh Tyagi S/o Shri Bhagwat Prasad Tyagi Director, National Institute of Plant Genome Research, Aruna Asaf Ali Marg, P.O. Box No. 10531, New Delhi-110067	53 years	Scientist/ Administrator	Sd/-
5	Dr. S. Nagarajan S/o Shri Nemmeli Swaminathaiyer Subrahmaniam Chairperson, Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority, NASC Complex, (Opp. Village Todapur), D.P.S. Marg, New Delhi - 110012	64 years	Scientist/ Administrator	Sd/-
6	Dr. V. Prakash S/o Shri Vishweshwaraiah Director, Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore-570 020	58 years	Scientist/ Administrator	Sd/-
7	Dr. B. SesiKaran S/o Shri Venkateswara Rao Boindala Director, National Institute of Nutrition, Indian Council of Medical Research, Jamai- Osmania P.O., Hyderabad-500 007 (A.P.)	58 years	Scientist/ Administrator	Sd/-
8	Dr. Rajesh Kapur S/o Shri Harendra Kapur Advisor/Scientist 'G', Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, GoI, New Delhi	52 years	Scientist/ Administrator	Sd/-

**RULES & REGULATIONS
OF
THE NATIONAL AGRI-FOOD BIOTECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE**

SHORT TITLE

1. **These Rules & Regulations shall be called the Rules & Regulation of the National Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute (NABI), hereinafter referred to as “Rules”.**

INTERPRETATION

2. In these Rules, the following words and abbreviations shall have the meanings given to them, unless there is anything contrary in the subject or context:
 - a. The “Institute” shall mean the National Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute.
 - b. The “Society” shall mean the National Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute.
 - c. The “Central Government” shall mean the administrative Ministry of the Government of India concerned with Science & Technology.
 - d. The “Governing Body” shall mean the Governing Body of the Institute.
 - e. The “President” shall mean the President of the Society.
 - f. The “Chairman” shall mean the Chairman of the Governing Body of the Institute.
 - g. The “Executive Director” shall mean the Executive Director of the Institute appointed under the Rules , who shall be Secretary of the Society.
 - h. “Bye-Laws” shall mean the Bye-laws framed under these Rules.
 - i. The “year” shall mean the period of 12 calendar months commencing from the first day of April and ending on the 31st day of March of the subsequent year.

Words importing the singular number shall include the plural number and vice-versa. Words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender.

MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE

3. The “Institute” shall consist of all members of the Governing Body set up under Rule 22 of the Rules and such other persons who may be nominated by the Government of India.
4. The “Institute” shall keep a roll of members, giving their addresses and occupations and every member shall sign the same.

5. The "Institute" shall function notwithstanding any vacancy in its body and no act or proceeding of the Institute shall be invalid merely by reasons of such vacancy or of any defect in the appointment of any of its members.

AUTHORITIES AND OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTE

6. The following shall be the authorities of the Institute:
 - a. The Governing Body
 - b. The Executive Director, who shall be a distinguished scientist, shall be appointed by the Governing Body, following the procedure laid down by the Central Government and relevant Bye-laws of the Institute in this behalf. He shall be the Principal Executive Officer of the Institute and would also be the Member Secretary of the Society. Until such time a full time Executive Director of the Institute is appointed in accordance with Rules and Bye-laws, the Governing Body may appoint a distinguished scientist as Honorary Director and the person so appointed shall have full powers, functions and status of the Executive Director in accordance with these Rules, and
 - c. Such other authorities and officers as may be constituted/ appointed as such by the Governing Body.
7. The Minister of Science & Technology, Govt. of India, or his nominee shall be the President of the Institute if he accepts the office or the Chairman of the Governing Body shall be the President of the Institute. The Secretary of the Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India shall be the Chairman of the Governing Body.
8. The Society shall establish and maintain its own office, laboratories and workshops. Appointment to various posts under the Institute shall be made in accordance with the Bye-laws framed for the purpose by the Governing Body.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY

9. Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held at such time, date & place as may be determined by the President giving not less than fifteen days' clear notice. At such Annual General Meeting, the Secretary shall submit the Annual Report and the Audited Accounts of the Society, together with the Auditor's Report thereon. The Annual Report duly passed and adopted by the Society shall be submitted to the Government for placing the same before the Parliament.
10. The President may convene a Special General Meeting of the Society, whenever he/she thinks fit.

11. The President shall convene a Special General Meeting of the Society on written requisition of not less than 50% of the members of the Society.
12. Any requisition so made by the members of the Society shall express the objectives of the meeting proposed to be called and shall be left at the address of the Secretary or posted to his address.
13. At all Special General Meetings, no subjects other than that stated in the notice or requisition, as the case may be, shall be discussed except when specially authorized by the President.
14. Excepting as otherwise provided in these Rules, all meetings of the Society shall be called by notice under signature of the Secretary or the President.
15. Every notice calling a meeting of the Society shall state the date, time and place at which such meeting will be held and shall be served upon every member of the Society not less than fifteen clear days before the day appointed for the meeting.
16. The accidental omission to give notice to or the non-receipt of notice by any member shall not invalidate the proceedings of the meeting.
17. The President of the Institute shall preside at all meetings of the Society and if he is not present at any meeting or in his absence, the Chairman of the Governing Body shall preside at that meeting. In case the Chairman of the Governing Body is also not present or in his absence, a member shall be elected from amongst those present to preside over that meeting.
18. No business shall be discussed at a meeting of the Society, whilst the chair is vacant except the election of a Chairman.
19. Four members of the Society present in person shall form a quorum at every meeting of the Society.
20. All disputed questions at meetings of the Society shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present and voting.
21. Each member of the Society shall have one vote. In case of an equality of votes, the President, Chairman or member presiding over the meeting, as the case may be, shall have a casting vote.

THE GOVERNING BODY

22. The affairs of the Society shall be managed, administered, directed and controlled by the Governing Body subject to Rules, Bye-laws and Orders of the Society. The Governing Body of the Society for the purpose of Societies Registration Act, 1860 (XXI of 1860) shall consist of the following:
 - i. Secretary, Chairman, Ex- Officio
Department of Biotechnology,
Govt. of India

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| ii. | Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser
Department of Biotechnology,
Govt. of India | Member, Ex- Officio |
| iii. | Adviser,
Department of Biotechnology,
Govt. of India | Member, Ex- Officio |
| iv. | Chief Executive Officer,
Bio Processing Unit, Mohali | Member, Ex- Officio |
| v. | Director, IISER, Mohali | Members, Ex-Officio |
| vi. | Three faculty members by annual rotation
from the NABI, to be nominated by the
Chairman, Governing Body | Member(s) |
| vii. | Six external Scientists, two each from Agri,
Food, & Nutrition Sciences to be nominated
by the Chairman, Governing Body | Member(s) |
| viii. | Executive Director of the Institute | Member-Secretary |
23. Unless membership of the Governing Body is terminated as provided in Rule 24 and subject to the provisions of Rule 26, each nominated member of the Governing Body shall relinquish his membership on expiry of three years from the date on which he becomes a member of the Governing Body, but he shall be eligible for re-appointment. In case of a casual vacancy, the person appointed to fill the vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of the out-going member.
24. A member of the Governing Body shall cease to be a member on the happening of any of the following events:
- a. If he resigns, becomes of unsound mind, becomes insolvent or is convicted of a criminal offence involving moral turpitude, or his employer refuses to grant him permission to serve on the Governing Body or he goes abroad for a continuous period exceeding one year.
 - b. If he does not attend three consecutive meetings of the Governing Body.
25. Whenever a member desires to resign from the membership of the Governing Body, he shall forward a letter containing his resignation addressed to the Secretary and his resignation shall take effect only on its acceptance by the Chairman.
26. Whenever a person holds the membership of the Governing Body by virtue of an office held by him (ex-officio), his membership shall terminate when he ceases to hold that office and the vacancy so caused shall be filled by his successor to that office.
27. The members of the Governing Body shall not be entitled to any remuneration from the Society excepting the full time Executive Director of the Institute. The members of the Governing Body or any Committee appointed by it may be paid by the Society such traveling

and daily allowances and honorarium as may be provided for in the Bye-laws.

28. A person holding the membership of the Governing Body by virtue of an office held by him (ex-officio) shall normally attend the Governing Body meetings himself in person but in exceptional circumstances shall have the right to nominate a representative to act on his behalf at a particular meeting of the Governing Body and the representative so nominated shall be entitled to take part in the proceedings of that meeting, but not to vote thereat.
29. The Secretary shall attest the signatures of all the members of newly elected Governing Body and will ensure that the said signature of the outgoing Governing Body tally with the annual list as filed with the Registrar of Societies before 15 days of the succeeding month in which elections were held.

FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

30. The Governing Body shall generally carry out and pursue the objectives of the Society, as set forth in the Memorandum of Association. The management of all the affairs and funds of the Society shall, for this purpose, vest in the Governing Body.
31. The Governing Body shall exercise all the powers of the Society, subject, nevertheless, to such limitations as the Government of India may from time to time, impose in respect of the expenditure from the funds of the Society and of grants made by the Government of India.
32. In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions, the Governing Body shall have the power, subject to the provision of these Rules and the Bye-laws to:
 - i consider annual and supplementary budgets placed before it by the Executive Director from time to time, and pass them with such modifications as the Governing Body may think fit.
 - ii create and abolish posts in accordance with the relevant Bye-laws of the Institute.
 - iii appoint various scientific, technical, administrative and other officers and staff of the Society, fix their remuneration and define their duties and terms of employment.
 - iv enter into arrangements with the Government of India and with the State Government and other public or private organizations or individuals within the country for securing and accepting grants-in-aid, endowments, donations or gifts to the Society, on mutually agreed terms and conditions; provided that such terms and conditions, if any, shall not be contrary to, inconsistent or in conflict with the objectives of the Society; provided, for any such arrangement with foreign and/ or international agencies or organizations, prior approval of the Government of India has been obtained.

- v take over, acquire by purchase, gifts, exchange, lease or hire or otherwise from Government of India, State Governments and other public or private bodies or individuals, institutions, libraries, laboratories, immovable properties, endowments or other funds together with any attendant obligations and engagements not inconsistent with the objectives of the Society; provided for any such activity involving a foreign and/ or international agency or organization, prior approval of the Government of India has been obtained.
- vi appoint Committees and Sub-Committees for such purposes and with such powers and for such periods and on such terms as it may deem fit, and dissolve any of them.
- vii delegate such administrative and financial powers as it may think proper to the Chairman, the Executive Director, Deans and such other officers of the Society as may be considered necessary; and
- viii frame, amend or repeal Bye-laws, for the administration and management of the affairs of the Society and in particular to provide for the following matters:-
 - a) preparation and sanction of budget estimates, sanctioning of expenditure, entering into and execution of contracts, investment of the funds of the Society, sale or alteration of such investments and maintenance of accounts and their audit;
 - b) procedure for recruitment of scientists and officers in the service of the Society;
 - c) terms and tenures of appointments, emoluments, allowances, rules of discipline and other conditions of service of the establishments of the Society;
 - d) terms and conditions governing the grant of scholarships, fellowships, awards and grants-in-aid for research schemes and projects not inconsistent with the objectives of the Society.
 - e) such other matters as may be necessary for the administration of the affairs and funds of the Society.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

- 33. Every meeting of the Governing Body shall be presided over by the Chairman and in his absence, a member chosen from amongst themselves by members present, to provide for the occasion.
- 34. Seven members of the Governing Body present in person shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Governing Body.
- 35. Not less than fifteen days' clear notice of every meeting of the Governing Body shall be given to each member of the Governing Body. The accidental omission to give notice to or the non-receipt of

- notice by any member shall not invalidate the proceedings at the meeting.
36. Normally one meeting of the Governing body shall be held at least once in each half of the year or more frequently, if need arises in the opinion of the Chairman.
 37. The decision of the Governing Body shall be taken by consensus of the members present or the majority of the members present and voting.
 38. The Chairman may himself call, or by a requisition in writing signed by him, may require the Secretary to call a meeting of the Governing Body at any time and on receipt of such a requisition, the Secretary shall forthwith call such a meeting.
 39. Seven members of the Governing Body may, by a requisition in writing signed by them; request the Secretary to call a meeting of the Governing Body and on receipt of such a requisition, the Secretary shall call such a meeting within a period of one month in consultation with the Chairman.
 40. Each member of the Governing Body shall have one vote, except as provided in Rule 28 and, if there shall be an equality of votes on any question to be decided by the Governing Body, the Chairman or the member presiding over the meeting shall have a casting vote.
 41. Any business which may be necessary for the Governing Body to perform may be performed by a resolution in writing circulated among all its members and any such resolution so circulated and approved by a majority of the members by signing, shall be as effectual and binding as if such resolution had been passed at a meeting of the Governing Body provided that at least five members of the Governing Body have recorded their approval to the resolution.
 42. The Chairman may, irrespective of the opinion of the members of the Governing Body, refer any question, which in his opinion is of sufficient importance, for decision to the Government of India. The decision of the Government of India shall be binding on the Society and its Governing Body.

FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE CHAIRMAN

43. The Chairman shall exercise such powers for the conduct of the business of the Society as may be delegated to him by the Governing Body.
44. The Chairman may, in writing, delegate such of his powers as he may think necessary to the Executive Director.

FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

45. Subject to any order that may be passed by the Chairman in exercise of the powers delegated to him by the Governing Body, the Executive Director shall be responsible for the proper administration of the affairs and funds of the Society under the direction and guidance of the Governing Body. He shall be vested with such executive and administrative powers of the Society as may be necessary or incidental for the purpose, subject to these Rules and Bye-laws.
46. The Executive Director shall, subject to the provisions of these Rules and Bye-laws and decisions of the Governing Body and the Chairman, exercise general supervision and disciplinary control over the officers and the staff of the Society, and prescribe their duties and functions through the respective Deans of the Institute.
47. The Executive Director of the Institute shall be the Secretary of the Society. For the purposes of the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (XXI of 1860), the Secretary shall be considered the Principal Secretary of the Society and the Society may sue or be sued in the name of the Secretary of the Society.
48. The Executive Director shall be responsible for designing and maintaining unified integrity of perspective for the NABI, and ensuring that various centers of the Institute function coordinately in the framework of this perspective.
49. The Executive Director will conduct the administration and financial business of the Society and the Institute through the 'Institute Management Committee' (IMC) comprising of all the Deans of the Institute (ex-officio members), one faculty member by annual rotation from each of the centers of the Institute, and himself as the Chair. The IMC will prepare the Institute budget which shall be submitted to Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India or other funding sources by the Executive Director. The other major responsibilities of the IMC include the constitution of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Institute, and the Technical Advisory Committees of various departments, Management Committees of the various departments of the NABI along the similar lines, allocation of budgets to various departments of the Institute, and the general administration of the Institute. Where the Departments are developed in partnership with outside agencies, the terms of agreement for governance shall be adhered to, within the overall the NABI spirit of collaborative management.
50. Further, the Executive Director shall delegate administrative and financial powers to the individuals Dean(s) for day to day functioning of their respective Departments/Centers (Agri, Food & Nutrition Sciences) with the approval of Governing Body.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND BUSINESS ADVISORY & PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

51. The administrative, technical and financial management of the Institute would vest in the Governing Body of the Institute. The Governing Body would conduct periodical review and monitoring of the activities and take remedial measures as deemed fit to meet the aims and objectives of the Institute. The Governing Body would nominate the Finance Committee, the Scientific Advisory Committee and the Business Advisory & Product Development Committee.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

52. The Finance Committee would consist of the following:
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| i. | Secretary,
Department of Biotechnology | Chairman, Ex-Officio |
| ii. | Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser,
Department of Biotechnology | Member, Ex-Officio |
| iii. | The Executive Director of the Institute | Member, Ex-Officio |
| iv. | Adviser
Department of Biotechnology | Member, Ex-Officio |
| v. | All the three Deans of the Institute | Members, Ex-Officio |
| vi. | Senior Finance Officer of the Institute | Non-Member |
53. The Finance Committee will consider important financial matters and make its recommendations to the Governing Body. It should meet at least twice a year or as often as considered necessary.

THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

54. The Scientific Advisory Committee shall evolve the scientific and technical programmes of the Institute, review them periodically and shall take further course of action as would be deemed fit for furthering scientific and technological research and other functions of the Institute. The recommendations of the Committee would be submitted to the Governing Body for approval. It should meet at least once a year. The tenure of the Committee shall ordinarily be for a period of 3 years, which can be extended or reconstituted by the Governing Body after 3 years.
55. The Scientific Advisory Committee shall be serviced by three "Technical Advisory Committee(s)" (TAC) to be constituted individually for Agriculture, Food & Nutrition Sciences. Each of the three TACs would be constituted by the respective Dean(s) in consultation with the Executive Director and shall be Member Secretary of the TACs. The TACs would review the Scientific

programmes of the individual Departments of Agriculture, Food & Nutrition Sciences: design future plans for new areas/mission more programmes and also provide oversight or hiring process of scientific staff : supervise all the field trial/clinical trials/validation studies along with devising and overseeing the synergy with all other institutions being set up in the “Knowledge City”, Sector-81, Mohali Punjab, viz., Bio Processing Unit, Biotech park, Indian Institute of Science Education & Research, Institute of Nano Science & Technology.

56. The Chairman and the Member Secretaries of the three TACs would be Members of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the NABI.
57. The Scientific Advisory Committee of the NABI to have the following composition.
 - i. A renowned and distinguished scientist in agri, food and nutrition sciences (Chairman).
 - ii. Representative from the Department of Biotechnology (Member).
 - iii. Chairmen of the three constituted “Technical Advisory Committee(s)” of Agriculture, Food & Nutrition Sciences (Members).
 - iv. All the three Deans of the Institute (Members, Ex-Officio).
 - v. Six distinguished Scientists, two each in the area of agri, food and nutrition sciences to be nominated by the Governing Body. (Members).
 - vi. The Executive Director of the Institute (Member-Secretary, Ex-Officio)

THE BUSINESS ADVISORY & PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

58. Given the translational goals of the NABI, a Business Advisory & Product Development Committee (BAPDC) will be established by the Governing Body to create policies and system for technology transfer, commercialization, national and global partnerships and the management of user charge based facility for industry and public institutions. All technologies developed in the Institute will be handled by the technology transfer unit which will have requisite expertise in relevant areas and support of consultant. The BAPDC will also negotiate early stage technology transfer from Institutions in India and abroad for further development. The BAPDC shall have the following composition:
 - i. A renowned and distinguished technocrat in agri, food and nutrition sciences.....(Chairman).
 - ii. Representative from the Department of Biotechnology(Member).
 - iii. Three representatives from Venture Capital Organization/Institutions.....(Members).
 - iv. CEO-Bio Processing Unit, Mohali.....(Member).

- v. Two experts from Agri, Food and Nutrition Industry.....(Members)
- vi. One IPR expert.....(Member)
- vii. One expert from business management sciences.....(Member)
- viii. The Executive Director of the Institute....(Member-Secretary, Ex-Officio)

FUNDS OF THE SOCIETY

- 59. The funds of the Society will consist of the following:
 - i Lump sum, recurring, and non-recurring grant made by the Govt. of India.
 - ii Research projects undertaken from other project funding agencies and industry.
 - iii All money received by the Society by way of grants, gifts, donations or other contributions
- 60. All funds of the Society shall be paid into the Society's account with either in a Government Treasury/ Sub Treasury or Reserve Bank of India, branches of the State Bank of India and its subsidiaries or in a scheduled/ nationalized bank and shall not be withdrawn except on cheques signed and countersigned by such officers as may be duly empowered on this behalf by the Governing Body.
- 61. The income and property of the Society, however derived, shall be applied towards the promotion of the objectives thereof as set forth in this Memorandum of Association subject nevertheless in respect of the expenditure grants made by the Government of India to such limitations as the Government of India may from time to time impose. No portion of the income and property of the Society shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly to any of the members through any means either by way of dividends, bonus, or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Society or to any of them or to any persons claiming through them or any of them provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any member thereof or other person in return for any service rendered to the Society and payments in lieu of intellectual property as per guidelines framed by the Governing Body.

ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

- 62. The Accounts of the Society shall be audited by such person or persons who is a Chartered Accountant and may be nominated by the Central Government. The nature of audit to be applied and the detailed arrangements to be made in regard to the form of accounts

and their maintenance and the presentation of the accounts for audit shall be prescribed by Bye-laws to be framed by the Governing Body and approved by the Government of India.

ANNUAL REPORT

63. Annual Report of the proceedings of the Society and of all work undertaken during the year shall be prepared by the Executive Director of the Institute under the supervision of Governing Body for the information of the Government of India and the members of the Society. This report and the audited accounts of the Society along with the auditor's reports thereon shall be placed before the Society at every Annual General Meeting.

ALTERATION OF RULES

64. The Rules of the Society may be altered at any time on the recommendation of the Governing Body by a resolution passed by a majority of the members of the Society present at any meeting of the Society.
65. These alterations shall come into force when approved at a meeting by the Society which shall have been duly convened for the purpose.

SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL LIST OF GOVERNING BODY

66. Once in every year, a list of members of the Governing Body shall be filed with the Registrar of Societies as required under Section 4 of the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (XXI of 1860) as applicable to the State of Punjab.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

67. The Society may sue or be sued in the name of the President/Secretary as per the provision laid down under Section 6 of the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (XXI of 1860) as applicable to the State of Punjab.
68. No suit or legal proceedings shall lie against the Central Government or the Institute or an officer of the Institute or a Member of the Institute in respect of anything done or purported or intended to be done in pursuance of any clauses of the Memorandum of Association or the Rules or Bye-laws made there under.

AMENDMENT IN THE CONSTITUTION OF THE SOCIETY

69. Any kind of amendment in the Constitution of the Society shall be made as per Section 12 of the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (XXI of 1860) as applicable to the State of Punjab.

WINDING UP

70. Upon a resolution passed by a majority of the members of the Society, not less than 2/3rd of the total members of the Society can determine that the Society shall be dissolved forthwith or on such date as may be agreed upon and confirmed by 2/3rd of the members present at a second special meeting.
71. The Society shall at the same meeting and at the time of passing a resolution dissolving the Society, determine the method to be followed for disposal and settlement of its property and debts. In the event of dissolution, the property and funds of the Society that remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liability shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society or any of them but shall be given to some other Society with similar aims and objectives which has been recognized by the Income Tax authorities under the provisions of Income Tax Act, 1961 provided that such other Society shall be determined by the votes not less than 3/4th of the members present personally at the time of the dissolution or in default thereof by the Principal court of original civil jurisdiction of the district in which the registered office of the Society is then situated.

APPLICABILITY OF THE SOCIETIES REGISTRATION ACT, 1860

72. All provisions contained in the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (XXI of 1860) as applicable to State of Punjab, shall apply to this Society.

We, the following members of the Governing Body certify that the Rules of the Society given above are correct.

Sl. No.	Name & Address	Age	Occupation	Signature
1	Prof. M. K. Bhan S/o Shri S N Bhan Secretary, Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, GoI, F14, Hauz Khas Enclave, New Delhi 110 016	62 years	Scientist/ Administrator	Sd/-
2	Shri K. P. Pandian S/o Shri Samuel Raja Singh Daliah JS&FA, Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, GoI , E-2/92 Asian Games Village Complex, New Delhi-110049	59 years	Administrator	Sd/-
3	Dr. N. Sathyamurthy S/o Shri G. Narayanasami Director, Indian Institute of Science	58 years	Scientist/ Administrator	Sd/-

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4	Dr. Akhilesh Tyagi S/o Shri Bhagwat Prasad Tyagi Director, National Institute of Plant Genome Research, Aruna Asaf Ali Marg, P.O. Box No. 10531, New Delhi-110067	53 years	Scientist/ Administrator	Sd/-
5	Dr. S. Nagarajan S/o Shri Nemmeli Swaminathaiyer Subrahmaniam Chairperson, Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority, NASC Complex, (Opp. Village Todapur), D.P.S. Marg, New Delhi - 110012	64 years	Scientist/ Administrator	Sd/-
6	Dr. V. Prakash S/o Shri Vishweshwaraiah Director, Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore-570 020	58 years	Scientist/ Administrator	Sd/-
7	Dr. B. SesiKaran S/o Shri Venkateswara Rao Boindala Director, National Institute of Nutrition, Indian Council of Medical Research, Jamai-Osmania P.O., Hyderabad-500 007 (A.P.)	58 years	Scientist/ Administrator	Sd/-
8	Dr. Rajesh Kapur S/o Shri Harendra Kapur Advisor/Scientist 'G', Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, GoI, New Delhi	52 years	Scientist/ Administrator	Sd/-