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Art. 1 - Content

1. The present Executive Regulations document defines establishment, management and conduct of Transdisciplinary Programs of the International PhD Program in Biomolecular Sciences.

Art. 2 – Objectives

1. Beyond to the objectives listed in the Regulations of the International PhD Program in Biomolecular Sciences, upon the establishment of Transdisciplinary Programs the following additional objectives are pursued:
 - a. promotion of transdisciplinary research within the PhD Program;
 - b. training of PhDs with transdisciplinary knowhow;
 - c. extension of external collaborations.

Art. 3 – General characteristics

1. A Transdisciplinary Program is a training program that offers secondary training and research opportunities complementary to the Ph.D. primary program.
2. The secondary program integrates the primary program without modifying its rules and requirements. Additional requirements limited to the completion of the secondary program might be in place.
3. It is possible to successfully obtain the primary program PhD title without the secondary, but not vice versa.
4. A Transdisciplinary Program is organized and supervised by a Panel of experts representative of the multiple disciplines. The Panel together with the PhD program Committee oversees and certifies the training path of the PhD student that needs to be of relevance and of good quality also for the secondary program.

Art. 4 – Establishment of a Transdisciplinary Program

1. A Transdisciplinary Program is established by the PhD Program Committee upon proposal by one or more members of the Committee.
2. The proposal will include:
 - a. a description of the rationale and the list of the aims of the secondary program together with the secondary title;
 - b. the criteria for entering the program and achieving the secondary title (e.g. number of students allowed, number of required credits characterizing the secondary program, student proficiency assessment) in accordance to art. 5 and art. 9 of the Executive Regulations for Transdisciplinary Programs;
 - c. the list of members for the composition of the Panel.
3. The PhD Program does not necessarily allocate dedicated funds to the secondary program in the absence of extra-mural funding.
4. The PhD Program Committee can terminate a Transdisciplinary Program. Enrolled students are granted the possibility to complete the secondary program.
5. The PhD Program Committee selects one member of the Committee to be the referent of the Transdisciplinary Program. The referent will report to the Committee on the secondary program activities.
6. Upon approval, the Transdisciplinary Program will be posted on the PhD Program web-site.



Art. 5 – Constraints of the Transdisciplinary Program

1. Under no circumstance, the conferral of the secondary program title can relax the requirements for the conferral of the primary program title.
2. The minimum number of the secondary program credits will be equal to 40% of the educational credits of the primary program. Additional credits are allowed.
3. An expert of the secondary program discipline will participate to the evaluation procedures of the students as established by the PhD Program.

Art. 6 – Panel Composition

1. The minimum number of Panel members is 5.
2. The Panel includes:
 - a. at least one member of the PhD Program Committee that supports the program;
 - b. external members for at least half of the Panel composition.
3. The Panel elects one member as President.
4. The Panel members are required to have established research and tutoring experience in the secondary program topics.
5. Changes to the Panel composition can be proposed by the PhD Program Committee or by the Panel members upon approval by the PhD Program Committee.
6. The Panel composition is approved by the PhD Program Committee.

Art. 7 – Joint Panel

1. Joint Panel can be established with complementary Transdisciplinary Programs from other PhD Programs.
2. Each PhD Program Committee approves at most one third of the Panel members.
3. The rest of the members is approved by all Committees.
4. Each PhD Program Committee nominates a Referent among the members of the Panel who are part of the PhD Program Committee.
5. Members of the Panel who belong to more than one PhD Program Committee count only once with respect to art. 6 comma 2 of the Executive Regulations for Transdisciplinary Programs.

Art. 8 – Panel duties

1. The Panel (Art. 6 and Art. 7) is responsible for the implementation of the criteria for entering the secondary program and obtaining the secondary title.
2. The Panel identifies experts to be included in the Panel and proposes their approval to the PhD Program Committee.
3. Every year the Panel suggests to the primary program committee the courses for secondary program (to be included in the 'Manifesto of Studies' of the PhD Program).
4. The Panel composition lasts for 3 years since its first approval.

Art. 9 – Requirements and regulations to enter a secondary program

1. Candidates should express their interest in the secondary program at time of application to the primary program. The admission Committee will consider them 'suitable' or 'not suitable' for the secondary program.
2. Accordingly, admission to the secondary program will then be granted upon approval by the tutor.



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3. Primary program students can apply to the secondary program within the first year in the primary program upon tutor's agreement.

Art. 10 – Duties of Interdisciplinary Program Students

1. The student will select courses of the secondary program to fulfill the required credits.
2. Upon consultation with the tutor, the student identifies a co-tutor for the secondary program.
3. The student complies with the evaluation criteria and the certification of the secondary program.

Art. 11 – Certification of Secondary Program

1. Upon positive final evaluation of the secondary program, the transcripts of the University of Trento will report that the student fulfilled the requirements of the transdisciplinary program.
2. The student will receive a Certificate from the PhD Secretariat that certifies his/her participation to the secondary program.

Art. 12 – Changes to the Regulations

1. Any change to the current Regulations has to be approved by the Centre for Integrative Biology upon notification to the PhD Program Committee.

Art. 13 – Final Regulations

1. Any topic not addressed by this Regulations follows the Internal Rules of the PhD Program in Biomolecular Sciences.