

# **Dryad Consortium**

## **Constitution**

### **Preamble**

The Dryad Consortium is an organization of Partners founded at the National Evolutionary Synthesis Center in 2009. This Constitution and the accompanying Bylaws establish the organizational identity for the Dryad Consortium.

### **Article I. Name**

This organization will be called the Dryad Consortium.

### **Article II. Purposes**

The purposes of the Dryad Consortium are to develop, support, and manage Dryad, a repository for data underlying scientific publications, with an initial focus on evolutionary biology, ecology, and related fields; to oversee the long-term use and development of Dryad; to support and foster the adoption of joint data archiving in the life sciences; to conduct such other activities as may be authorized in accord with the Bylaws; and to obtain the resources necessary to accomplish these purposes.

### **Article III. Partnership**

The eligible Partners of the Dryad Consortium are scientific journals, particularly in evolutionary biology, ecology, and related fields, that have adopted the Joint Data Archiving Policy, and are committed to ensuring the long term sustainability of Dryad. Services and data interchange will be provided to Partner journals in accord with the Bylaws and Board Policy Manual. Associate Partners are journals which are interested in Dryad and have not yet met the requirements of full Partner.

### **Article IV. Governance**

An official representative chosen by the journal, or its sponsoring society, will represent each Partner on the Dryad Consortium Management Board. The official

representatives, with authority to act on behalf of the Partner, may set policy, direct priorities, and carry out activities to execute the purposes specified in Article II. The composition, election, and organization of the Board will be set forth in the Bylaws.

#### **Article V. Voting Rights**

Each Partner journal will have one vote on the Dryad Consortium Management Board, to be cast by the official representative designated by the Partner. Societies that publish more than one Partner journal may designate more than one official representative, or may ask one official representative to represent multiple journals; in the latter case the official representative may therefore cast multiple votes.

Associate Partnership does not carry voting privileges on the Dryad Consortium Management Board.

#### **Article VI. Meetings**

The Board will hold regular and special meetings as provided in the Bylaws, but no less than once a year. The official representatives will meet at regular intervals as provided in the Bylaws. A quorum necessary for official business is established as the presence (in person or via real-time virtual/electronic attendance) of two-thirds of the voting Partners at the time of the meeting.

The Board may invite Associate Partners, representatives of repositories or associations, or other experts to attend meetings and participate in discussions.

#### **Article VII. Bylaws**

The Dryad Consortium may adopt Bylaws, consistent with this Constitution, for the conduct of its affairs. Bylaws may be enacted, amended, or repealed by a three-quarters majority vote of all members of the Board eligible to vote, at a meeting of the Board or in a mailed or electronic ballot after written notice of at least 30 days.

#### **Article VIII. Amendments**

Amendments to this Constitution may be adopted by a three-quarters majority vote of the official representatives eligible to vote, in a ballot after written notice of at least 90 calendar days.

**Article IX. Ratification**

This Constitution becomes effective when adopted by a consensus of the members of the Board.

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