

## **Regulations for the organization of the University of Fribourg Interfaculty Center for Cognition**

### **Article 1 Statute**

The Interfaculty Center for Cognition (hereafter referred to as The Center) is associated with the University of Fribourg in accordance with Article 5 of the rules and regulations of the University. Its functioning is governed by the present regulations that concern:

The Faculty of Science of the University of Fribourg  
The Faculty of Letters of the University of Fribourg  
The Institute of Multilingualism of the University of Fribourg

In addition, The Center collaborates with H-FR, the RFSM and the DICS. Additional collaborations may be extended to other faculty or schools.

### **Article 2 Goals**

2.1. The above mentioned Faculties associated with The Center commit to a collaboration designed to ensure the training of pre- and post-graduate students in the domains of Cognition, Learning, Language, Experimental and Clinical Neurosciences, which will offer a cross-disciplinary approach to already established programs.

2.2. The Faculties commit to using all available means to strengthen the coordination of research in Cognition, Learning, Language and the Neurosciences.

### **Article 3 Missions of the Center for Cognition**

3.1 In the domains specified in article 2.1, the Center represents the University of Fribourg with parties such as the Canton of Fribourg, the Lémanique Neuroscience Program, BENEFRIS or the Suisse Romande Doctoral Program.

3.2 The Center is the official representative of Fribourg for the development of projects in Cognition, Learning, Language and the Neurosciences envisioned at the University of Fribourg.

3.3 The Center coordinates and administers courses offered in the domain of Cognition at the University of Fribourg. It establishes a list of courses in accordance with the Guideline of Studies of the University.

3.4 The Center coordinates and advances research in Cognition and Neuroscience performed in Fribourg that is deemed as priority, with respect to local interests and abilities.

3.5 The Center seeks to increase and strengthen interactions with the city of Fribourg and will assume the organization of Brain Awareness Week ("la semaine du cerveau"). It also organizes an annual "Cognition Day" near the beginning of each academic year, and another larger event focused on cognition once every 4 years (e.g., "Cognition Night").

### **Article 4 Coordination of teaching**

4.1. The Center coordinates the interactions between the Rector of the University of Fribourg and the respective scientific committees overseeing doctoral students in Psychology, Cognitive and Pedagogic Sciences, and Neuroscience, according to existing

regulations.

4.2. The Center coordinates and administers courses in Cognition and Neuroscience offered at the University of Fribourg.

4.3. The Center is responsible for and coordinates courses in Cognition required by students enrolled in Cognitive or Neuroscience Master Programs in Fribourg.

4.4 The Center supports interfaculty Master programs, deemed as priority, in front of the Rectorate and deans. If necessary, The Center can demand the advice of external experts.

#### **Article 5 Coordination of research**

5.1 The Center supports research in the domains of Cognition, Learning, Language, Experimental and Clinical Neuroscience, by encouraging the creation of common research facilities and the development of interactive projects between research groups associated with different departments within the University of Fribourg and at the Cantonal Hospital of Fribourg.

5.2 The Center identifies critical areas of research within the domain of Cognition and facilitates the interaction between groups that are active within these critical areas of research.

#### **Article 6 Organization and direction**

6.1 The Center falls under the authority of the Rector of the University of Fribourg, who consults any concerned Deans of the Faculty.

6.2 The internal organization of The Center consists of a Steering Committee, a Director, and the Council of Principal Investigators (PIs) of the associated research groups.

6.3 The Steering Committee of The Center is composed of an equal number of members from the Faculty of Sciences and the Faculty of Letters. Each committee member is appointed by the PIs of the associated research groups of his/her Faculty, for a period of two (2) years, renewable.

6.4 The Director of the Center is appointed, for a period of two years, non-renewable, by the PIs of the Center. He/She is chosen from among the members of the Steering Committee, and the appointment approved by the Rector. With administrative support provided by the Rectorate, he/she is responsible for the proper functioning of the Center and the optimal use of its resources.

6.5 The Director and the Steering Committee are responsible for administering and ensuring the proper execution of the present rules and regulations.

6.6 The Council is composed of the PIs of the research groups associated with The Center.

#### **Article 7 Associated research groups**

7.1 All PIs of research groups that are members of the University of Fribourg, and who conduct research in the domain of Cognition, can request to join (or be invited to join) The Center.

7.2 Groups who wish to be officially associated with The Center must be approved by the Steering Committee. Association with the Center is for a period of four (4) years, and is renewable without limit.

7.3 Status as a Center research group authorizes group members to officially mention their affiliation to The Center (e.g., on publications, etc).

7.4 The affiliation of a research group to The Center should be recorded in the PIs professional activities dossier, and that PI agrees to take an active part in research, teaching and colloquia organized by The Center.

### **Article 8 Center Resources**

8.1 The Center is under the surveillance of the Rector of the University of Fribourg.

8.2 Expenses resulting from the required teaching duties of PIs are the responsibility of the Faculty to which they belong.

8.3 The Center has at its disposition a budget arising from three separate sources: (1) resources provided by the Faculties and their groups (2) resources provided by the Rectorate of The University; and (3) resources provided by external sources.

8.4 The Center has a financial service to administer its own budget.

### **Article 9 Report**

9.1 Every other year, The Center will report to the Rector and to the Deans of the Faculty regarding its activities and accomplishments.

### **Article 10**

Enter into effect

The present Directives will enter into effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012

Any modification to the present Directives must be approved by the Rector after consultation with the Faculties.