

Objectives – Bylaws – Membership Privileges

Friends of the Ifo Institute

**Society for the Promotion of Economic Research
(reg. society)**

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Objectives of the Society

The Society for the Promotion of Economic Research (Friends of the Ifo Institute) has as its goal the financial support of the non-profit work of the Ifo Institute for Economic Research, Munich, especially in the areas of basic research and in the further development of economic and social-scientific survey methods.

The Society awards an annual prize for excellent work in empirical economic research published in an outstanding economics journal. The winner is decided by a committee consisting of the President of the Ifo Institute, the Chairperson of the Scientific Advisory Board and the Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the Friends of the Ifo Institute.

The Society is recognised as a non-profit organisation on the basis of its promotion of scientific goals. The Society receives its funds from the voluntary contributions and fees of its Members. Membership fees and voluntary contributions can be deducted from taxable income. Membership is possible for individuals, businesses, business federations and German and international corporations.

Currently the Society has approximately 60 Members: leaders in the business world, large industrial enterprises, banks, insurance companies and business associations.

Membership contributions currently amount to approximately €80,000. Most individual contributions are between €1,200 and €6,000.

Supervisory Board and Executive Committee

The Supervisory Board and Executive Committee carry out the tasks stated in the Bylaws.

The **Supervisory Board** is elected by the Membership Assembly. Its tasks include deciding on assistance measures and supporting the Executive Committee in its fund-raising efforts.

From its Members, the Supervisory Board elects a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and a treasurer. These individuals form the Society's Executive Committee, which is charged with conducting the Society's business.

A list of current Members of the Supervisory Board and the Executive Committee is enclosed with this brochure.

Privileges of Society Members

The Ifo Institute makes the following available, on request, to Society Members:

1. ifo Schnelldienst (twice monthly, German)
In this journal, the Ifo Institute publishes the results of its studies that are relevant for economic practitioners.
2. ifo Konjunkturperspektiven (monthly, German)
This journal contains the results of the monthly business surveys.
3. Ifo World Economic Survey (quarterly, English)
Detailed country results of the Ifo Institute's international economic survey.
4. CESifo Report on the European Economy (EEAG) (annually, English)
Contains the reports on economic-policy topics by the European Economic Advisory Group at CESifo.
5. Annual Report of the Ifo Institute (German and English)
6. CESifo Forum (quarterly, English)
Short articles on economic issues written by academics and practitioners from various countries with a focus on Europe.
7. CESifo DICE Report (quarterly, English)
The CESifo DICE Report – Journal for Institutional Comparisons – contains articles that present and analyse institutional regulations and economic-policy measures in cross-country comparisons.
8. CESifo Bulletin
An English newsletter that reports on the research activities, lectures and guest researchers at the Center for Economic Studies (CES), CESifo and the Ifo Institute four times a year.
9. ifo Investitionsberichte (twice a year, German)
Interpretations of the regular investment surveys in manufacturing, construction and leasing.
10. EU-Konjunkturtestergebnisse (monthly)
EU Business Survey Results Results of the business surveys conducted in EU countries
11. Timely, personal information on the results of the monthly Ifo Business Climate Index for Germany as a whole and for individual economic sectors.
12. Monatliche Konjunkturspiegel (German)
From manufacturing, construction, wholesaling and retailing for 500 market sectors (25% price reduction)
13. On all further Ifo publications (e.g. research monographs) a 25% price reduction.
14. Access to Ifo databases
Information on the content of the databases and access prices for Society Members is available by calling 089/9224-1350 or -1434.

Society Bylaws

Art. 1 Name, location and business year

1. The Society's official name is: "Society for the Promotion of Economic Research (Friends of the Ifo Institute)".
2. The Society is located in Munich and is listed in the Register of Societies.
3. Its business year is coincident with the calendar year.

Art. 2 Purpose

1. The Society's sole purpose is to support the Ifo Institute for Economic Research in Munich in conducting its tasks.
2. The conducting of any business beyond the administration and utilisation of the Society's funds as stated in the bylaws is prohibited.

Art. 3 Non-profit status

1. The Society sole purpose is the promotion of non-profit activities in conformance with Art. 52ff. of the German Tax Code of 1977.
2. The assets and income of the society are only to be used for the for purposes of the Society as stated in the bylaws. The Members receive no dividends or other payments from the Society's assets.
3. No one shall benefit from administrative tasks that are foreign to the purposes of the Society or from disproportional remuneration.

Art. 4 Membership

1. Society membership is granted to individuals, commercial enterprises, business associations and administrative agencies willing to promote the purposes of the Society.
2. A written application for membership must be submitted. The decision to accept the application is made by the Executive Committee
3. Membership is terminated by
 - a) resignation
 - b) death or loss of legal status
 - c) exclusion.
4. Exclusion may result in cases of Members acting against the purposes of the Society or for non-payment of membership fees despite repeated reminders. The decision to exclude is made by the Supervisory Board; notification of exclusion is by registered mail. The decision can be appealed to the Membership Assembly one month after receipt of notification of exclusion.

Art. 5 Membership fees

1. Members may determine their annual membership fee. The Membership Assembly may fix a minimum fee.
2. Membership fees are voluntary contributions for the non-profit purpose of furthering scientific activity.

Art. 6 Society organisation

1. The Society is composed of
 - a) the Membership Assembly
 - b) the Supervisory Board
 - c) the Executive Committee
2. The Supervisory Board and the Executive Committee perform their duties without remuneration.

Art. 7 Membership Assembly

1. The annual membership Assembly usually takes place during the first half of the fiscal year.
2. A special Membership Assembly may be called according to the interests of the Society or if at least 1/10 of the Members call for an assembly in writing stating the purpose and reasons.
3. Written notification of the Membership Assembly is given by the Chairperson of the Supervisory Board or his/her deputy three weeks in advance including the agenda. Notification of petitions for bylaw changes are to be made with the agenda.
4. The Membership Assembly is conducted by the Chairperson of the Supervisory Board or his/her deputy.
5. The decisions of the Membership Assembly are listed in the minutes. A copy of the minutes is to be signed by the leader of the Assembly and by a member of the Executive Committee.
6. The Membership Assembly has the following tasks:
 - a) Election of the members of the Supervisory Board;
 - b) Decision on bylaw changes;
 - c) Election of auditors;
 - d) Receive the annual report from the Executive Committee
 - e) Decision on the annual closing and vote of approval for the Executive Committee;
 - f) Decision on appeals in cases of exclusion of Members;
 - g) Decision on the disbanding of the Society.
7. In the Membership Assembly, every Member has one vote. The power to vote may be transferred in written form to a proxy.
8. Providing that no other stipulations are made in these bylaws, the Membership Assembly has a quorum regardless of the number of those in attendance; for tie votes, the Chairperson casts the deciding vote.
9. The members can propose items for the agenda of the Membership Assembly in written form to the Chairperson of the Supervisory Board; they must reach him/her ten days before the Membership Assembly at the latest.
10. For decisions on bylaw changes and on the disbanding of the Society, a 3/4 majority of members present is required. For decisions on disbanding the Society at least half of the Members must be present; if less than half of the Members are present, an additional Membership Assembly must be called within six weeks which can then make the decision regardless of the number of members present.

Art. 8 Supervisory Board

1. The Supervisory Board consists of at least seven members.
2. The members of the Supervisory Board are elected from among the Membership Assembly. The election is valid until the third following annual Membership Assembly. Re-election is permissible.
3. The members of the Supervisory Board elect from their midst a Chairperson and a Deputy, who represents the Chairperson in all tasks, and a Treasurer. These form the Executive Committee.
4. The Supervisory Board meets after every annual Membership Assembly. Additional meetings may be called by the Chairperson in written form at two-weeks' notice. Decisions can also be made in written form.
5. The Supervisory Board has the following tasks:
 - a) Election of the Executive Committee (Art. 8, Sec. 3);
 - b) Decisions on assistance measures (Art. 2, Sec. 1);
 - c) Decisions on disposition of expenses and income;
 - d) Support of the Executive Committee relating to the purpose of the Society, especially in the budgeting of required funds;
 - e) Examination of the annual closing account, without the participation of those members who are on the Executive Committee.

Art. 9 Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee needs a simple majority for its decisions, with the Chairperson casting the deciding vote in cases of tie votes. In urgent cases, the Executive Committee can take its decisions in written form. The decisions of the Executive Committee are also governed by Art. 28, 32 and 34 of the German Civil Code.
2. The Executive Committee is elected for a period of three years. Its term of office ends with the meeting of the Supervisory Board after the third Membership Assembly following the election. Re-election is permissible.
3. The Executive Committee has the following tasks:
 - a) Conducting the business of the Society in accordance with the bylaws and the decisions of the Supervisory Board
 - b) Preparation of the disposition of expenses and income;
 - c) Preparation of the annual closing;
 - d) Preparation of the annual report.

Art. 10 Representation of the Society in and out of court

In accordance with Art. 26 of the German Civil Code, the Society is jointly represented by two members of the Executive Committee.

Art. 11 Dissolution of the Society

When the Society is dissolved, its assets are to be used for non-profit purposes. Decisions of future utilisation of assets may only be made after approval from the German tax authorities.

The Ifo Institute and its activities

Information and research – two elements essential for a modern economy – have characterised the Ifo Institute since its founding in 1949. The work of the Institute builds on three pillars: As a research-based service institution it provides services for research and for the interested public, advises economic policy-makers, and is itself also active in economic research.

With CESifo GmbH, a joint venture with the University of Munich, the Ifo Institute co-operates with the Faculty of Economics and its Center for Economic Studies – CES. This co-operation is also expressed in the name that the Ifo Institute had had since 2002: The Ifo Institute for Economic Research at the University of Munich.

Services for researchers and the business community

The Ifo Institute provides data, information, and other service products to the public, especially in connection with its project-related and its regular surveys of national and international business that are conducted by the Department for Business Surveys. The Database for Institutional Comparisons in Europe (DICE) is intended as a service for researchers. Since the beginning of 2003 the results of institutionally oriented studies and comparative presentations of institutional regulations are published in a quarterly journal, *CESifo DICE Report*, and made available to the public.

The Ifo Institute is an economics think-tank, serving politics and business. With its empirical research of economic issues, the provision of analyses and forecasts, and the development of scenarios and visions, it addresses decision-makers in business, society and politics, draws attention to new ideas, and develops the theoretical foundations for economic policy decisions. In international consulting projects the Ifo Institute offers its expertise to other countries, especially those outside the OECD.

Economic research

In its research, the Ifo Institute focuses on areas that are also of great relevance to policy consulting. Towards this end, research activities in the departments of Public Finance, Social Policy and Labour Markets, and Human Capital and Innovation are being intensified. Other areas of importance are Business Cycle Analyses and Financial Markets, Industry Branch Research, and Environment, Regions, Transportation. In order to facilitate research on questions related to the integration of eastern and western Germany, a branch was established in Dresden in 1993.

The Ifo Institute enriches and supplements its activities via constant, close contacts with the business community. These contacts are maintained by means of regular seminars, events and conferences as well as by the Ifo surveys, which assure an on-going exchange of information between the participating firms and the Ifo Institute.

More detailed information is available at the Website www.cesifo-group.de.

Members of the Executive Committee and the Supervisory Board of the Society for the Promotion of Economic Research (Friends of the Ifo Institute)

Status: July 2006

Executive Committee

Chairman:

Dr. Ferdinand **Graf von Ballestrem**, Munich †
MAN Finance GmbH

Deputy:

Hans Ulrich **Ramm**, Frankfurt
Commerzbank AG

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(Date and place)

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I (we) apply for membership in the registered society

“Society for the Promotion of Economic Research (Friends of the Ifo Institute)“,
Munich

to take effect as of the

Our annual membership fee will amount to

€.....

Our proportionate contribution for the current year of €..... will be
transferred to Account No. 5804003012 at the HypoVereinsbank Munich (Bank Code
No. 700 202 70) after receipt of membership confirmation.

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(Signature)

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