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CHART OF THE SCIENTIFIC  
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THE EUROPEAN PHYSICAL JOURNAL

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- I • The Steering Committee of *The European Physical Journal* consults the Scientific Advisory Committee on scientific matters concerning the trends in research to be covered in the journal. The Scientific Advisory Committee advises the Steering Committee or the publishers on choosing the editors-in-chief.
  
  - II • The journal will be published under the auspices of the Scientific Advisory Committee of *EPJ*. The member societies represented on the Scientific Advisory Committee are listed in the front of *The European Physical Journal*. The societies present on the Scientific Advisory Committee will encourage the scientists in their country to publish their best and most innovative results in *The European Physical Journal*.
  
  - III • The Scientific Advisory Committee is made up of delegates. Each Society appoints one delegate to the Scientific Advisory Committee. The delegates are appointed for a period of three years.  

Each delegate has one vote and the Scientific Advisory Committee decides on a simple majority.

The Scientific Advisory Committee elects its chairman. Only members of the Scientific Advisory Committee are eligible. The chairman presides over the Scientific Advisory Committee for one year.
  
  - IV • The Scientific Advisory Committee meets at least once a year.  

The Scientific Advisory Committee will send a delegate to each meeting of the editorial board of the journals to discuss their scientific policy.

The chairman of the Steering Committee of *The European Physical Journal* attends the meetings of the Scientific Advisory Committee to consult on matters relative to their sphere of activities. The Scientific Advisory Committee has the right to send a delegate to attend the annual meetings of the Steering Committee of *The European Physical Journal*.
  
  - V • The delegate of the Scientific Advisory Committee attending the meetings of the Steering Committee has no vote in financial matters.
  
  - VI • At its first meeting the Scientific Advisory Committee elects its chairman. He then presides over the meeting. At the first meeting the Scientific Advisory Committee works out the rules for organising the meetings and performing its task.
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The historical legacy of scientific journals in Europe resulted in a multitude of national publications that in the past rendered great service to the development of science, not only in Europe, but also throughout the world.

The emergence of the "European idea", the founding of the European Physical Society, and more recently the implementation of true European institutions led physicists to ponder on the necessity of such divisions. Thus, during a meeting between the scientific editors of *Zeitschrift für Physik B & D* and those of *Journal de Physique I & II* in October 1994 (and following correspondence between the Deutsche Physikalische Gesellschaft and the Société Française de Physique), the idea to merge these two journals into one was suggested.

Negotiations between both journals led to the launching of a new journal, *The European Physical Journal*, on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1998. Further negotiations with the Società Italiana di Fisica, the publisher of *Il Nuovo Cimento*, resulted in the merger on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1999 of three centennial national journals into a single European journal.

*The European Physical Journal* now offers the physics community in Europe and throughout the world, a unified and high-quality forum with which to develop international collaboration and the dissemination of physical science world-wide.

***To ensure the highest scientific standards for  
The European Physical Journal***

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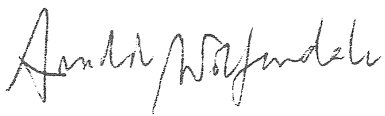
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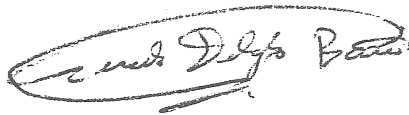
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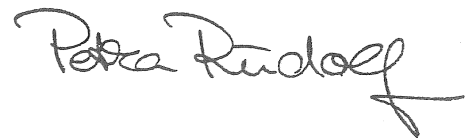
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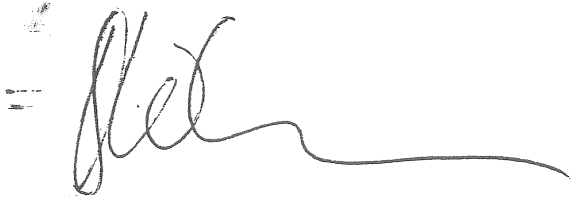
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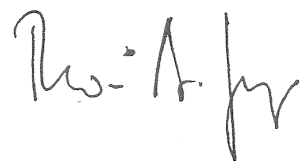
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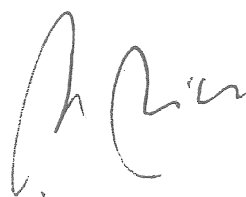
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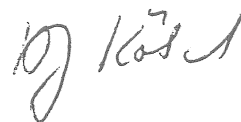
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