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Note: The following document is a translation of the statute governing the USSR Academy of Sciences and as such setting forth de jure the pattern of its internal organization. It does not necessarily provide an accurate guide to the actual practices in the management of the Academy and the exercise of de facto authority. The statute, for example, is silent on the role of the Communist Party units in the Academy, there being included only an oblique reference to their existence (in Paragraph 41-1), although it is well known that the Party "aktiv" of the Academy plays a very important role in the life of the Academy. The statute does not define the authority of the Chief Scientific Secretary of the Presidium although in actual practice he appears to be the real head of the Academy. De jure, "the highest organ of the Academy" is its General Assembly (Section V, Paragraphs 34-38). As to the Assembly's actual role one may note, for example, a comment by one of its members. Academician I. Ye. Tamm, speaking at the assembly held in 1956 to elect the Academy's president made the following observation:

The by-laws state that the General Assembly is the supreme body of the Academy. It determines the directions of scientific work and decides basic questions of its activity. In recent years, however, general assemblies of the Academy have in great majority of instances been devoted to various anniversaries and have been purely formal. If individual sessions were held for really important questions, in every case these were only limited questions. As for general questions, they were touched upon only in the annual reports of the Chief Scientific Secretary, which, however, were never made subject to discussion.*

The 1959 statute continued in effect until 1963 when it was replaced by a new statute to reflect instructions issued by the Council of Ministers and the Central Committee on April 11, 1963 in a decree entitled "On Measures for the Improvement of Activity of the USSR and the Union Republic Academies of Sciences."** The new statute became effective in July 1963. The text of the new statute has not been published in time for inclusion here but its major provisions have been outlined*** and some of the consequent organizational changes are noted within the appropriate sections of the 1959 statute which follows.

*Vestnik AN, No. 11, November 1956, pp. 3-9, in CDSP, Vol. IX, No. 1, p. 5.

**Vestnik AN, No. 6, June 1963, pp. 12ff. The text of the decree is included in KPSS o kul'ture, prosveschenii i nauke /CPSU on Culture, Education, and Science/, Moscow: Politizdat, 1963, pp. 532-536.

***E.g., in Pravda, July 5, 1963 (see CDSP, Vol. XV, No. 27, pp. 19-20) and in Vestnik AN, No. 6, June 1963, pp. 3-22.



STATUTE OF THE USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES¹

(Approved by the General Assembly of the USSR Academy of Sciences on March 28, 1959.)

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The Academy of Sciences of the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics² is the foremost scientific institution of the USSR, uniting as its members the most outstanding scientists of the country.

The Academy is subordinated directly to the USSR Council of Ministers to which it submits a yearly account of its activity.

2. The Academy carries out scientific investigations which contribute to the advancement of all branches of science in the USSR.

By its scientific research and its entire work the Academy actively participates in the building of a communist society in the USSR, assists in the task of protecting socialist gains of the toilers and in strengthening peace in all the world.

3. The Academy prepares and submits for the approval of the USSR Council of Ministers long-range plans for the solution in the USSR of

complex scientific and scientific-technical problems of the greatest theoretical and practical significance; it contributes to the coordination of scientific work conducted in the USSR; and it evaluates and makes proposals on the problems of organizing scientific work in the USSR.

4. In order to fulfill its objectives the Academy:

- a) Concentrates its work on the leading problems of science.
- b) Studies the natural wealth and productive forces of the country and also the cultural and economic achievements of mankind.
- c) Contributes toward the timely and rational utilization of scientific, scientific-technical, and cultural achievements of mankind in the course of the building of communism in the USSR.
- d) Carries out the commissions of the highest organs of the government on the conduct of scientific expert surveys and consultations.
- e) Publishes in the periodical journals, collections, and books the approved works of the members of the Academy, the coworkers at the scientific institutions of the Academy, and other scientists who submit to it their research papers.

5. The Academy and its institutions conduct their work in accordance with a plan worked out by the Academy on the basis of directives of the

USSR Council of Ministers and affirmed by the directing organs of the Academy in accordance with the procedure prescribed by the General Assembly of the Academy. The plan for the most important scientific research projects of the Academy is affirmed by the USSR Council of Ministers.

6. The Academy has eight divisions:³ the Division of Physico-Mathematical Sciences, the Division of Chemical Sciences, the Division of Geologo-Geographic Sciences, the Division of Biological Sciences, the Division of Technical Sciences, the Division of Historical Sciences, the Division of Economic, Philosophical, and Legal Sciences, and the Division of Literature and Languages; and also the Siberian Division of the Academy which unites academicians and corresponding members who conduct work at the scientific institutions of Siberia and the Far East.

7. The Academy forms within its organization scientific research institutions: institutes, laboratories, observatories, stations, affiliates of the Academy, libraries, museums, botanical gardens, permanent and temporary commissions and committees, scientific research expeditions, and other scientific institutions.

Associated with the Academy there are scientific societies organized in accordance with the procedure established by the Presidium of the Academy.

The Academy is given the right to participate in the creation of international scientific institutions and organizations in agreement with the scientific institutions of other countries.

8. The Academy convenes scientific sessions, assemblies, conferences, and meetings for the discussion of scientific problems and questions of coordinating scientific research projects.

9. The Academy lends assistance to the academies of sciences of the Union republics in the conduct of scientific investigations and organizes coordination of their work on the leading problems of science; it maintains and develops scientific connections with the academies of sciences of the Union republics, specialized academies of sciences, scientific research institutes, higher educational institutions, scientific societies, and other scientific establishments of the USSR; and also with the Councils of the National Economy, industrial and other enterprises, and other organizations engaged in scientific research.

10. The Academy maintains and develops scientific connections with the academies of sciences and other scientific institutions of foreign countries, participates in the international scientific conventions, conferences, and meetings, [and] participates in international scientific organizations.

11. The Academy conducts training of scientists at the graduate facilities of its institutions and is active in the work of raising the qualifications of scientific workers.

12. For outstanding scientific work, scientific discoveries, and inventions the Academy grants gold medals and memorial prizes.

13. The Academy awards the honorary academic degree of Doctor to especially outstanding Soviet and foreign scholars.

The honorary academic degree of Doctor is awarded by the decision of the General Assembly of a Division reached in a secret ballot by a two-thirds majority vote and confirmed by the Presidium of the Academy.

14. The Academy is a corporate entity. The budget of the Academy is included in the State Budget of the USSR.

II. THE COMPOSITION OF THE ACADEMY

15. The Academy has active members (academicians), corresponding members, and foreign members.

16. Scientists who have enriched science by work of first-rank scientific importance are elected active members (academicians) of the Academy.

17. Outstanding scientists in various branches of science are elected corresponding members of the Academy.

18. The total number of active members and corresponding members of the Academy is determined upon request from the Academy by the USSR Council of Ministers.

19. The Academy may elect foreign members. The rights and obligations of the foreign members are determined by the General Assembly of the Academy.

20. The election of active members, corresponding members, and foreign members of the Academy is conducted in accordance with this statute and the provision on elections to the Academy approved by the General Assembly of the Academy.

III. ELECTION OF ACTIVE MEMBERS, CORRESPONDING MEMBERS, AND FOREIGN MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMY

21. The election of active and corresponding members of the Academy is conducted annually as designated by the Presidium of the Academy:

a) Up to the number of existing vacancies in fields of specialization approved by the Presidium of the Academy.

b) In the event the USSR Council of Ministers establishes new vacancies, for the vacancies thereby created.

22. The decision of the Presidium of the Academy to hold an election of active and corresponding members of the Academy is published in the central press not later than two months in advance of the election.

23. Within one month following the publication, scientific institutions, public organizations, and individual or groups of scientific workers have the right to submit to the Academy in writing, together with an appropriate argumentation, the names of candidates for election as active or corresponding members of the Academy in the designated fields of specialization.

The names of candidates to active membership of the Academy are published in the press.

24. The list of candidates for active membership of the Academy and reviews of the scientific works of the candidates are considered by the General Assembly of the appropriate Division of the Academy. Thereafter the election of the candidates takes place by a secret vote, the elected candidates being those who receive the vote of not less than two-thirds of the registered number of academicians of the given Division.

The registered list does not include those academicians of the Division who at the time of the election are away on a foreign assignment.

The names of the candidates selected by the Divisions are announced at the General (annual) Assembly of the Academy, and the election of the active members of the Academy is made in a secret vote by a simple majority.

25. The list of candidates for election as corresponding members of the Academy and reviews of their scientific works are considered by the General Assembly of the appropriate Division. Thereafter the election is

conducted by a secret vote, the elected candidates being those who receive not less than two-thirds of the registered number of academicians of the given Division.

The registered list does not include those academicians of the Division who at the time of the election are away on a foreign assignment.

The election of the corresponding members by a Division is confirmed by a simple majority vote of the General Assembly of the Academy.

26. Candidates for election to active or corresponding membership at the Siberian Division of the Academy are first considered and recommended by the General Assembly of the appropriate Academy's Division, depending on the field of the candidate's specialization (the recommendation being determined by a simple majority vote of the active members of the Academy in the given Division). The recommendation of the appropriate Division of the Academy is a necessary condition for the election to membership in the Siberian Division.

27. In the election of active and corresponding members of the Academy the right to vote at the General Assembly of the Divisions is held by the active members of the given Division of the Academy.

In the questions which concern the Siberian Division the right to vote is also enjoyed by the academicians of the Siberian Division who are in the applicable field of specialization.

Not fewer than two-thirds of the active members of the given Division of the Academy must be present at the election of active and corresponding members.

28. At the election of active members of the Academy and the confirmation of the corresponding members elected by the Divisions not less than two-thirds of all active members of the Academy must be present.

29. Candidates for the foreign membership of the Academy are suggested by the General Assemblies of the Divisions. The election is made by a secret vote of the General Assembly of the Academy with not less than two-thirds majority vote being required for the candidate to be elected.

IV. OBLIGATIONS AND RIGHTS OF THE ACTIVE AND CORRESPONDING MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMY

30. The main obligation of an active or corresponding member of the Academy is to enrich science by new achievements and discoveries by individually conducted scientific research, by organizing team-work on the leading scientific problems, and by scientific guidance of such work.

Active and corresponding members have the right to receive from the Presidium of the Academy the material support necessary for the carrying out of the scientific work personally undertaken by them in accordance with the decision of the appropriate Division and of the Presidium of the Academy.

Active and corresponding members of the Academy participate in the undertakings of the Academy for the introduction [vnedreniye] of the achievement of science into the national economy, conduct the work in training and in increasing the competence of the scientific personnel,

and fulfill other tasks delegated to them by the Academy.

The active and corresponding members of the Academy participate in the work of the General Assembly of the Academy and in that of the General Assemblies of the appropriate Divisions.

31. Every active and corresponding member of the Academy is a member of one of the Academy's divisions in accordance with the field of scientific specialization.

Active and corresponding members elected under one Division may, with the consent of another Division, at the same time be included in another Division.

On electing new academicians and corresponding members the active members of the Academy who are members of two or more Divisions enjoy the right of vote only in one Division.

Note: Active and corresponding members of the Academy elected in other [than Siberian] Divisions who at their request are transferred for permanent work at scientific institutions of the Siberian Division enjoy all the rights of the members of the Siberian Division and those of the Division in which they were elected.

Active and corresponding members of the Academy who were elected in the Siberian Division may enjoy all the rights of the members of the Division in their particular field of scientific specialization, provided that a decision to that effect is adopted by the General Assembly of the corresponding Division. Decisions on such questions are made with reference to each active and corresponding member individually by a secret vote at the General Assembly of the Division by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the active members of the Division.

32. Active and corresponding members of the Academy yearly submit to the appropriate Division of the Academy an account of their activity.

The accounts of the active and corresponding members of the Academy are periodically heard at the General Assembly of the Academy and at the meetings of the Presidium of the Academy, at the general assemblies and bureau meetings of the Divisions, and also at the meetings of the Learned Councils of scientific institutions.

33. In the event their activity is directed to harm the USSR, active and corresponding members of the Academy by the decision of the General Assembly of the Academy may be deprived of their title.

For the expulsion of an active or corresponding member of the Academy the same voting procedure is applicable as that for the election.

V. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ACADEMY

34. The highest organ of the Academy is the General Assembly of the active and corresponding members of the Academy.

35. The General Assembly of the Academy establishes the general direction of the scientific work of the Academy; settles the basic organizational questions; approves reports submitted by the Presidium of the Academy; reviews reports of the Divisions, affiliates, and other organizations of the Academy and also those of individual members; discusses problems of scientific, scientific-technical, and scientific-organizational character; elects the active and foreign members of the Academy and the

Presidium of the Academy; confirms [the election of] the corresponding members of the Academy and the directors of the scientific research organizations of the Academy.

36. Sessions of the General Assembly are called whenever necessary and at least twice per year. The annual meetings begin on the first Monday in February.

Every member of the Academy who wishes to introduce an item for discussion at the General Assembly must inform the Presidium in advance in writing.

37. Active members of the Academy have the right to vote at the General Assembly.

Corresponding members of the Academy and the heads of scientific institutions have consultative votes.

38. Decisions of the General Assembly are arrived at by a simple majority vote of the active members present except in those cases which by this statute require not less than two-thirds majority vote.

VI. THE PRESIDIUM OF THE ACADEMY

39. The Presidium of the Academy includes the President of the Academy, the Vice-Presidents, the Chief Scientific Secretary of the Presidium, the

Academic Secretaries of the Academy's Divisions, and other members in such number as may be determined by the General Assembly of the Academy.

The President and Vice-Presidents of the Academy are elected by the General Assembly from the list of active members of the Academy for a term of five years.⁴

Academic Secretaries of the Divisions are elected by the General Assemblies of the Divisions from the list of active members of the Academy for a term of three years subject to confirmation of the General Assembly of the Academy.

Other members of the Presidium of the Academy are elected by the General Assembly of the Academy from the list of its active members for a term of three years.

The election of the President and the Vice-Presidents, the confirmation of Academic Secretaries of the Divisions, and the election of other members of the Presidium are conducted by a secret vote requiring a simple majority.

The Chief Scientific Secretary of the Presidium of the Academy is elected by the Presidium from the list of active members of the Academy.

The division of duties among the President, Vice-Presidents, Chief Academic Secretary, and other members of the Presidium is determined by the Presidium of the Academy.

40. The Presidium of the Academy carries out the decisions of the General Assembly of the Academy, and during the periods between the sessions of the General Assembly it guides the entire activity of the Academy.

In all its activity the Presidium of the Academy is accountable to the General Assembly of the Academy. The Presidium reports to the General Assembly on all the major decisions made by it during the period between the sessions of the General Assembly.

The General Assembly of the Academy may by a two-thirds majority vote of the active members reelect the Presidium or its individual members before the normal expiration of their term in office.

The decision on such reelection of the Presidium of the Academy or of its individual members is arrived at by a secret vote.

41. The Presidium of the Academy⁵

- a) calls the sessions of the General Assembly;
- b) establishes, in accordance with the existing legal provisions, scientific research institutions, auxiliary scientific institutions, and enterprises necessary for the fulfillment of the Academy's tasks and approves provisions for the operation of these institutions and enterprises;
- c) calls scientific assemblies, conferences, and meetings and organizes research expeditions;
- d) confirms plans for the scientific research projects of the Divisions and of the scientific institutions under the Presidium of the Academy and verifies the fulfillment of these plans;
- e) confirms the publication plans of the Academy;

f) submits for discussion and confirmation of the General Assembly of the Academy printed annual reports on the activity of the Academy and the Presidium of the Academy;

g) undertakes measures to assure the assimilation of scientific discoveries and results of scientific research by the national economy;

h) maintains scientific contacts with the academies of sciences and other scientific institutions of the USSR and the Union republics;

i) jointly with public organizations, calls meetings of the activists among the scientific workers aktivov of the Academy's institutions;

j) maintains scientific contacts with the academies of sciences and other scientific institutions abroad;

k) awards gold medals and memorial prizes for the outstanding scientific works, scientific discoveries, and inventions;

l) establishes procedures for the organization of scientific societies at the Academy and approves their by-laws.

42. The Presidium of the Academy confirms the appointments of the deputy directors of the scientific research institutions of the Academy, members of the presidiums, and members of the councils of the Academy's affiliates, and confirms the composition of the editorial boards of the Academy's journals.

43. The Presidium of the Academy is responsible for the over-all financial management of the Academy. It approves the annual budget of the Academy, distributes the funds allotted by the government among the Academy's institutions in accordance with the plan of scientific research, and verifies the propriety of expenditures incurred by the Academy's institutions.

44. The Presidium of the Academy sees to it that the statute of the Academy is complied with by all institutions and officials of the Academy.

45. There are under the Presidium of the Academy

a) The Council for the Study of Productive Forces, individual scientific research institutes which are not in the jurisdiction of the Divisions, and other scientific institutions established by the General Assembly of the Academy.

b) The Council on the Coordination of Scientific Activities.

c) Commissions, councils, and committees of scientists on specific problems.

d) The Commission on the International Scientific Contacts of the Academy.

e) Editorial-Publishing Council and the Academy Press.

f) The Libraries Commission and the libraries of the Academy.

g) Enterprises and organizations established by the Presidium

serving the needs of the Academy and operating on the basis of fiscal accounting.

46. The Presidium of the Academy has a staff operating in accordance with the provisions established with respect thereto by the Presidium of the Academy.

VII. DIVISIONS OF THE ACADEMY

47. A Division of the Academy is a scientific and science-organizational center uniting within the Academy scientists of one or several branches of science.

A Division of the Academy has institutes and other scientific institutions which in all their scientific and science-organizational activities are subordinated directly to the Division.

48. The highest organ of a Division of the Academy is the General Assembly of the Division, which includes the active and the corresponding members of the Academy in that Division.

The General Assembly of the Division discusses basic directions and fundamental questions in the advancement of science; hears scientific reports in disciplines within its competence; considers the questions of planning research in the branches of sciences represented in the Division and of the employment of research findings in the national economy; hears and passes on the report of the work of the Division; elects candidates

for active membership of the Academy; elects corresponding members of the Academy and the directors of the Division's scientific institutions with a subsequent approval of such elections by the General Assembly of the Academy.

49. The leading body of a Division during the periods between the sessions of the General Assemblies is the Divisional Bureau elected by the General Assembly of the Division from its membership by a secret vote for a term of three years and consisting of the Academic Secretary of the Division, the Deputy Academic Secretaries, and members of the Bureau.

The Divisional Bureau maintains scientific and organizational supervision over the Division's institutions and also guides the scientific activity of the related (with respect to the branch of science in question) institutions of the Academy's affiliates; considers questions on the organization of new scientific institutions within the Division and at the Academy's affiliates and also questions on changes in the structure and in the direction of work of the existing institutions, and submits with reference to such questions appropriate proposals to the Presidium of the Academy; examines and affirms the plans for research and also the reports submitted by the academicians and corresponding members in the Division; maintains supervision of the editorial boards of the Division's journals and control over the quality of journals published by institutions of the Division; and maintains general guidance of the scientific societies of the Division.

50. The right to vote at the General Assembly of a Division is held by the active and corresponding members of the Academy in the given Division except during the elections of the candidates for active membership and of the corresponding members. At these elections, according to the present statute, only the active members of the Academy have the right to vote.

A director of an institute, who is neither an active nor a corresponding member of the Academy, sits at the General Assembly of the Division with the right of consultative vote.

51. Decisions at the General Assembly of a Division are arrived at by a simple majority vote of those present and qualified to vote except in cases when, according to this statute, a not less than two-thirds majority vote is required.

52. Regulations applicable to a Division of the Academy are established by the General Assembly of the Academy.

VIII. THE SIBERIAN DIVISION OF THE ACADEMY

53. The Siberian Division of the Academy is the scientific center which unites those academicians and corresponding members of the Academy who work at the scientific institutions in Siberia and the Far East.

The Siberian Division embraces institutes, affiliates, and other scientific establishments which in their scientific research and science-organizational activities are directly subordinate to the Division.

New scientific institutions are organized within the Siberian Division by the Presidium of the Academy at the request of the Siberian Division concurred in by the RSFSR Council of Ministers.

54. The basic aim of the Siberian Division is broad expansion of theoretical and experimental research in mathematical, physico-technical, and other natural sciences and humanities directed toward solution of the most important scientific problems and fulfillment of the tasks contributing to the most successful development of productive forces of Siberia and the Far East.

55. The Siberian Division is subordinate to the Presidium of the Academy and to the RSFSR Council of Ministers.

56. The Siberian Division and its institutions conduct their work according to the plan developed by the Division, confirmed by the Presidium of the Academy and concurred in by the RSFSR Council of Ministers.

The Siberian Division submits annual accounts of its activity to the Presidium of the Academy and to the RSFSR Council of Ministers.

57. The highest body of the Siberian Division of the Academy is the General Assembly of the Division, composed of the active and corresponding

members of the Academy in this Division and enjoying the same rights held by the General Assemblies of other Divisions.

58. The guiding body of the Siberian Division during the interval between the sessions of the General Assembly is the Presidium of the Siberian Division.

The Presidium of the Siberian Division includes the Chairman of the Siberian Division, the Deputy Chairmen of the Division, the Chief Scientific Secretary of the Division, and Members of the Presidium of the Division.

The Chairman of the Siberian Division (Vice-President of the Academy) and the First Deputy Chairman of the Division (Member of the Presidium of the Academy) are elected by the General Assembly of the Academy from the active members of the Academy for the terms of five and three years respectively.

The Deputy Chairman of the Siberian Division and the members of the Presidium are elected by the General Assembly of the Siberian Division from the academicians, corresponding members, and scientists who hold the degree of Doctor of Sciences, subject to confirmation by the Presidium of the Academy.

The Deputy Chairman of the Siberian Division in Charge of Organizational Matters and the Chief Scientific Secretary of the Division are appointed at the request of the Chairman of the Siberian Division by the Presidium of the Academy.

The Presidium of the Siberian Division carries out the decisions of the General Assembly of the Division and during the intervals between sessions of the General Assembly guides all activities of the Division.

The Presidium of the Siberian Division is the chief fiscal agent of the Division. It establishes the annual budget of the Division; distributes, in accordance with the plan for research to be done, the funds allocated by the government among the institutions of the Division; and verifies the propriety of expenses incurred by the institutions of the Division.

In all its activities the Presidium of the Siberian Division is accountable to the General Assembly of the Division. The Presidium reports to the General Assembly on the most important decisions made by it during the interval between sessions of the General Assembly.

59. The by-laws of the Siberian Division are subject to approval by the General Assembly of the Academy.

IX. AFFILIATES OF THE ACADEMY

60. The Academy has its affiliates in certain republics, regions, and oblast' subdivisions of the Soviet Union. The affiliates are complexes of the scientific research institutes and other scientific institutions of the Academy.

The affiliates of the Siberian Division in their scientific and science-organizational work are responsible directly to the Division.⁶

61. An affiliate of the Academy is administered by the Presidium of the Affiliate. The Presidium consists of the Chairman of the Presidium of the Affiliate who is elected for a term of three years by the General Assembly of the Academy at the request of the Presidium of the Academy, Deputy Chairmen, and members.

62. Regulations applicable to the affiliates of the Academy are established by the General Assembly of the Academy.

X. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INSTITUTES OF THE ACADEMY

63. The basic organization for the scientific research activity of the Academy are its scientific research institutes.

Scientific research institutes of the Academy are attached to:

- a) the Presidium
- b) the Divisions of the Academy
- c) the affiliates of the Academy

64. At the head of a scientific research institute of the Academy is the Director of the Institute.

The Director of an institute is elected for a term of three years from the panel of leading scientists (academicians, corresponding members, and other outstanding scientists) in the corresponding branch of science.

The Directors of the institutes of a given Division or affiliate are elected by the General Assembly of the corresponding Division by a secret vote subject to confirmation, at the request of the Presidium of the Academy, by the General Assembly of the Academy.

The Directors of the institutes attached to the Presidium of the Academy are elected by the Presidium subject to confirmation, at the request of the Presidium, by the General Assembly of the Academy.

65. Scientific research institutes of the Academy operate on the basis of by-laws of the institute of the Academy established by the General Assembly of the Academy.

XI. SPECIAL RIGHTS OF THE ACADEMY

66. The Academy has the right to keep original manuscripts of scientists and the creators of literature and the arts, and also the archival materials of the institutions of the Academy and other materials of value to the history of science, in the archives of the Academy and the archives of the scientific institutions of the Academy rather than transmitting them to the statewide archives.

67. The Academy has the right of exchanging published materials with scientific establishments, institutions of higher education, and libraries

of the USSR and of the Union republics, and also with scientific institutions and institutions of higher education, libraries, museums, publishing houses, societies of friendship, and government institutions of other countries.

68. The General Assembly of the Academy, the Presidium of the Academy, the Divisions of the Academy, the affiliates of the Academy, scientific research institutes, and other equivalent scientific institutions of the Academy have seals depicting the state seal of the USSR and designating the name of the corresponding institution.

XII. PROCEDURE FOR AMENDING THE STATUTE OF THE ACADEMY

69. Changes in the statute of the Academy are made by a decision of the General Assembly of the Academy made by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the total number of the active members of the Academy.

Notes

1. Translated from Vestnik Akademii nauk SSSR [Herald of the USSR Academy of Sciences], No. 5 (May) 1959, pp. 7-17.
2. Hereafter referred to as "the Academy."

3. In 1962 a separate division of Economic Sciences was formed making a total of 9. By the 1963 statute (see Introductory Note) the number of divisions was raised to 15, as follows:

Mathematics;
General and Applied Physics;
Nuclear Physics;
Physico-Technical Problems of Energetics;
Earth Sciences;
Mechanics and Control Processes;
General and Technical Chemistry;
Physical Chemistry and Technology of Inorganic Materials;
Biochemistry, Biophysics, and the Chemistry of Physi-
ologically Active Compounds;
Physiology;
General Biology;
History;
Philosophy and Law;
Economics; and
Literature and Language.

4. The 1963 statute provides for a term of four years.

5. The 1963 statute sets 3 Sections within the Presidium: Section for Physico-Technical and Mathematical Sciences; Section for Chemical-Technological and Biological Sciences; and Section for Social Sciences.

6. The 1961 reform (see Korol, Soviet Research and Development: Its Organisation, Personnel, and Funds, Ch. 1) placed the affiliates under the jurisdiction of the RSFSR Council of Ministers.