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**OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE
INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDY OF SYMMETRY
(ISIS-SYMMETRY)**

Adopted by the General Assembly, Budapest, August 16, 1989

Article 1 Name and Address

The name of the organization is *International Society for the Interdisciplinary Study of Symmetry* (abbreviation: *ISIS-Symmetry*; shorter name: *Symmetry Society*). The interest of the Society covers any interdisciplinary, inter-cultural study of various aspects of symmetry and related concepts (e.g., proportion, rhythm, invariance) in science, art, and technology ("symmetrology").

The *Office* of the Society resides at the residence of the President or the Executive Secretary (currently in Budapest, Hungary). The Society may have additional regional offices.

Article 2 Purpose

The purposes of the Society are:

- (1) to bring together artists and scientists, educators and students devoted to, or interested in, the research and understanding of the concept and application of symmetry (asymmetry, dissymmetry);
- (2) to provide regular information to the general public about events in symmetrology;
- (3) to ensure a regular forum (including the organization of symposia, and the publication of a periodical) for all those interested in symmetrology.

Article 3 Non-profit organization

The Society is a non-profit organization. Members of the Board, including the President, serve without any remuneration from the Society.

Article 4 Membership

There are four types of Membership: Ordinary, Student, Institutional and Honorary.

Ordinary Members: Any scientist, artist, or educator in the world engaged in research or in application of any field of symmetrology, may apply for Ordinary Membership.

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Student Members: Students at degree granting institutions may apply for Student Membership. At the end of the year of graduation this membership will be terminated and the former Student Members shall then be eligible to apply for an Ordinary Membership.

Institutional Members: Any institution with corresponding interests may apply for Institutional Membership. The Institution may nominate up to five representatives who may act as Ordinary Members.

Honorary Members are elected by the General Assembly or by the Board.

Article 5 Membership fee

Membership fees are determined by the Board. Currently Ordinary Members pay an annual fee of US\$30.00, Student Members US\$15.00. Institutional Membership fees are determined by the Board. Decisions on waivers can also be made by the Board.

Article 6 Board

The highest decision-making body of the Society is the *General Assembly*. The *Board* is elected by the General Assembly and acts on behalf of it until its next meeting. The Officers are elected by open voting for the period between two *Interdisciplinary Symmetry Symposia* (usually for three years). All Members have the right to nominate candidates. The Board consists of the *President*, the *Vice-Presidents*, the *Regional Chairpersons*, and the *Executive Secretary* (or two Executive Secretaries). The Board may invite *Honorary Presidents*, *Chairpersons of Projects*, *Liaison Persons* to related societies or journals, etc. The Board may also appoint *ad hoc* Committees for specific purposes, e.g., Scientific Advisory Committee of the Symposia, Editorial Board of publications.

Article 7 Officers

The *President* shall be the chief executive officer of the Society; shall be responsible for executing the general policies of the Society and the concrete decisions made by the Board or the Members; shall act as a spokesman; and shall represent the Society in general at other scientific meetings.

The *Vice-Presidents* shall represent the Society and may substitute for the President in any function at the decision of the Board or at the request of the President.

The *Regional Chairpersons* shall represent the Society primarily in their geographic region.

The *Executive Secretary* (Secretaries) is responsible for conducting the affairs of the Society under the supervision of the President, and performs the functions of a treasurer.

Contributions to *SYMMETRY: CULTURE AND SCIENCE* are welcomed from the broadest international circles and from representatives of all scholarly and artistic fields where symmetry considerations play an important role. The papers should have an interdisciplinary character, dealing with symmetry in a concrete (not only metaphorical!) sense, as discussed in "Aims and Scope" on p. 112. The quarterly has a special interest in how distant fields of art, science, and technology may influence each other in the framework of symmetry (symmetrology). The papers should be addressed to a broad non-specialist public in a form which would encourage the dialogue between disciplines.

Manuscripts may be submitted directly to the editors, or through members of the Board of ISIS-Symmetry.

Contributors should note the following:

- All papers and notes are published in English and they should be submitted in that language. The quarterly reviews and annotates, however, non-English publications as well.
- In the case of complicated scientific concepts or theories, the intuitive approach is recommended, thereby minimizing the technical details. New associations and speculative remarks can be included, but their tentative nature should be emphasized. The use of well-known quotations and illustrations should be limited, while rarely mentioned sources, new connections, and hidden dimensions are welcomed.
- The papers should be submitted either by electronic mail to both editors, or on computer diskettes (5 1/4" or 3.5") to György Darvas as text files (IBM PC compatible or Apple Macintosh); that is, conventional characters should be used (ASCII) without italics or other formatting commands. Of course typewritten texts will not be rejected, but the preparation of these items takes longer. For any method of submission (e-mail, diskette, or typescript), four hard-copies of the text are also required, where all the necessary editing is marked in red (inserting non-ASCII characters, underlining words to be italicized, etc.). Three hard-copies, including the master copy and the original illustrations, should be forwarded to György Darvas, while the fourth copy should be sent to Dénes Nagy. No manuscripts, diskettes, or figures will be returned, unless by special arrangement.
- The papers are accepted for publication on the understanding that the copyright is assigned to ISIS-Symmetry. The Society, however, aiming to encourage the cooperation, will allow all reasonable requests to photocopy articles or to reuse published materials. Each author will receive a complimentary copy of the issue where his/her article appeared.
- Papers should begin with the title, the proposed running head (abbreviated form of the title of less than 35 characters), the proposed section of the quarterly where the article should appear (see the list in the note "Aims and Scope"), the name of the author(s), the mailing address (office or home), the electronic mail address (if any), and an abstract of between 10 and 15 lines. A recent black-and-white photo, the biographic data, and the list of symmetry-related publications of (each) author should be enclosed; see the sample at the end.
- Only black-and-white, camera-ready illustrations (photos or drawings) can be used. The required (approximate) location of the figures and tables should be indicated in the main text by typing their numbers and captions (Figure 1: [text], Figure 2: [text], Table 1: [text], etc.), as new paragraphs. The figures, which will be slightly reduced in printing, should be enclosed on separate sheets. The tables may be given inside the text or enclosed separately.
- It is the author's responsibility to obtain written permission to reproduce copyright materials.
- Either the British or the American spelling may be used, but the same convention should be followed throughout the paper. *The Chicago Manual of Style* is recommended in case of any stylistic problem.
- Subtitles (numbered as 1, 2, 3, etc.) and subsidiary subtitles (1.1, 1.1.1, 1.1.2, 1.2, etc.) can be used, without over-organizing the text. Footnotes should be avoided; parenthetical inserts within the text are preferred.
- The use of references is recommended. The citations in the text should give the name, year, and, if necessary, page, chapter, or other number(s) in one of the following forms: ... Weyl (1952, pp. 10-12) has shown...; or ... as shown by some authors (Coxeter et al., 1986, p. 9; Shubnikov and Koptsik 1974, p. chap. 2; Smith, 1981a, chaps. 3-4; Smith, 1981b, sec. 2.12; Smith, forthcoming). The full bibliographic description of the references should be collected at the end of the paper in alphabetical order by authors' names; see the sample. This section should be entitled *References*.

Sample of heading (Apologies for the strange names and addresses)

SYMMETRY IN AFRICAN ORNAMENTAL ART BLACK-AND-WHITE PATTERNS IN CENTRAL AFRICA

Running head: Symmetry in African Art

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Abstract

The ornamental art of Africa is famous ...

Sample of references

In the following, note punctuation, capitalization, the use of square brackets (and the remarks in parentheses). There is always a period at the very end of a bibliographic entry (but never at other places, except in abbreviations). Brackets are used to enclose supplementary data. Those parts which should be italicized – titles of books, names of journals, etc. – should be underlined in red on the hard-copies. In the case of non-English publications both the original and the translated titles should be given (cf., Dissymmetrist, 1990).

Asymmetrist, A.Z. (or corporate author) (1981) *Book Title: Subtitle*, Series Title, No. 27, 2nd ed., City (only the first one): Publisher, vii + 619 pp.; (further data can be added, e.g.) 3rd ed., 2 vols., *ibid.*, 1985, viii + 444 + 484 pp. with 2 computer diskettes; Reprint, *ibid.*, 1988; German trans., *German Title*, 2 vols., City: Publisher, 1990, 986 pp.; Hungarian trans.

Asymmetrist, A.Z., Dissymmetrist, S.Z., and Symmetrist, W.M. (1980-81) Article or e-mail article title: Subtitle, Parts 1-2, *Journal Name Without Abbreviation*, [E-Journal or Discussion Group address: journal@node (if applicable)], B22 (volume number), No. 6 (issue number if each one restarts pagination), 110-119 (page numbers); B23, No. 1, 117-132 and 148 (for e-journals any appropriate data).

Dissymmetrist, S.Z. (1989a) Chapter, article, symposium paper, or abstract title, [Abstract (if applicable)], In: Editorologist, A.B. and Editorologist, C.D., eds., *Book, Special Issue, Proceedings, or Abstract Volume Title*, [Special Issue (or) Symposium organized by the Dissymmetry Society, University of Symmetry, San Symmetrino, Calif., December 11-22, 1971 (those data which are not available from the title, if applicable)], Vol. 2, City: Publisher, 19-20 (for special issues the data of the journal).

Dissymmetrist, S.Z. (1989b) *Dissertation Title*, [Ph.D. Dissertation], City: Institution, 248 pp. (Exhibition Catalogs, Manuscripts, Master's Theses, Mimeographs, Patents, Preprints, Working Papers, etc. in a similar way; Audiocassettes, Audiotapes, Compact Disks, Computer Diskettes, Computer Software, Films, Microfiches, Microfilms, Slides, Sound Disks, Videocassettes, etc. with necessary modifications, adding the appropriate technical data).

Dissymmetrist, S.Z., ed. (1990) *Dissimetriya v nauke* (title in original, or transliterated, form), [Dissymmetry in science, in Russian with German summary], Trans. from English by Antisymmetrist, B.W., etc.

Phyllotaxist, F.B. (1899/1972) *Title of the 1972 Edition*, [Reprint, or Translation, of the 1899 ed.], etc.

[Symmetrist, W.M.] (1989) Review of *Title of the Reviewed Work*, by S.Z. Dissymmetrist, etc. (if the review has an additional title, then it should appear first; if the authorship of a work is not revealed in the publication, but known from other sources, the name should be enclosed in brackets).

In the case of lists of publications, or bibliographies submitted to *Symmetry-graphy*, the same convention should be used. The items may be annotated, beginning in a new paragraph. The annotation, a maximum of five lines, should emphasize those symmetry-related aspects and conclusions of the work which are not obvious from the title. For books, the list of (important) reviews, can also be added.

Sample of biographic entry

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Awards: Symmetry Award, 1987; Dissymmetry Medal, 1989.

Publications and/or Exhibitions: List all the symmetry-related publications/exhibitions in chronological order, following the conventions of the references and annotations. Please mark the most important publications, not more than five items, by asterisks. This shorter list will be published together with the article, while the full list will be included in the computerized data bank of ISIS-Symmetry.

There are many disciplinary periodicals and symposia in various fields of art, science, and technology, but broad interdisciplinary forums for the connections between distant fields are very rare. Consequently, the interdisciplinary papers are dispersed in very different journals and proceedings. This fact makes the cooperation of the authors difficult, and even affects the ability to locate their papers.

In our "split culture", there is an obvious need for interdisciplinary journals that have the basic goal of building bridges ("symmetries") between various fields of arts and science. Because of the variety of topics available, the concrete, but general, concept of symmetry was selected as the focus of the journal, since it has roots in both science and art.

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- (1) to bring together artists and scientists, educators and students devoted to, or interested in, the research and understanding of the concept and application of symmetry (asymmetry, dissymmetry);
- (2) to provide regular information to the general public about events in symmetryology;
- (3) to ensure a regular forum (including the organization of symposia, and the publication of a periodical) for all those interested in symmetryology.

The *Society* organizes the triennial *Interdisciplinary Symmetry Symposium and Exhibition* (starting with the symposium of 1989) and other workshops, meetings, and exhibitions. The forums of the *Society* are *informal* ones, which do not substitute for the disciplinary conferences, only supplement them with a broader perspective.

The Quarterly – a non-commercial scholarly journal, as well as the forum of *ISIS-Symmetry* – publishes original papers on symmetry and related questions which present new results or new connections between known results. The papers are addressed to a broad non-specialist public, without becoming too general, and have an interdisciplinary character in one of the following senses:

- (1) they describe concrete interdisciplinary "bridges" between different fields of art, science, and technology using the concept of symmetry;
- (2) they survey the importance of symmetry in a concrete field with an emphasis on possible "bridges" to other fields.

The Quarterly also has a special interest in historic and educational questions, as well as in symmetry-related recreations, games, and computer programs.

The regular sections of the Quarterly:

- **Symmetry: Culture & Science** (papers classified as humanities, but also connected with scientific questions)
- **Symmetry: Science & Culture** (papers classified as science, but also connected with the humanities)
- **Symmetry in Education** (articles on the theory and practice of education, reports on interdisciplinary projects)
- **Mosaic of Symmetry** (short papers within a discipline, but appealing to broader interest)
- **SFS: Symmetric Forum of the Society** (calendar of events, announcements of *ISIS-Symmetry*, news from members, announcements of projects and publications)
- **Symmetry-graphy** (biblio/disco/software/ludo/historio-graphics, reviews of books and papers, notes on anniversaries)
- **Reflections: Letters to the Editors** (comments on papers, letters of general interest)

Additional non-regular sections:

- **Symmetrospective: A Historic View** (survey articles, recollections, reprints or English translations of basic papers)
- **Symmetry: A Special Focus on ...** (round table discussions or survey articles with comments on topics of special interest)
- **Symmetry: An Interview with ...** (discussions with scholars and artists, also introducing the Honorary Members of *ISIS-Symmetry*)
- **Symmetry: The Interface of Art & Science** (works of both artistic and scientific interest)
- **Recreational Symmetry** (problems, puzzles, games, computer programs, descriptions of scientific toys; for example, tilings, polyhedra, and origami)

Both the lack of seasonal references and the centrosymmetric spine design emphasize the international character of the *Society*; to accept one or another convention would be a "symmetry violation". In the first part of the abbreviation *ISIS-Symmetry* all the letters are capitalized, while the centrosymmetric image *iSiS!* on the spine is flanked by "Symmetry" from both directions. This convention emphasizes that *ISIS-Symmetry* and its quarterly have no direct connection with other organizations or journals which also use the word *Isis* or *ISIS*. There are more than twenty identical acronyms and more than ten such periodicals, many of which have already ceased to exist, representing various fields, including the history of science, mythology, natural philosophy, and oriental studies. *ISIS-Symmetry* has, however, some interest in the symmetry-related questions of many of these fields.

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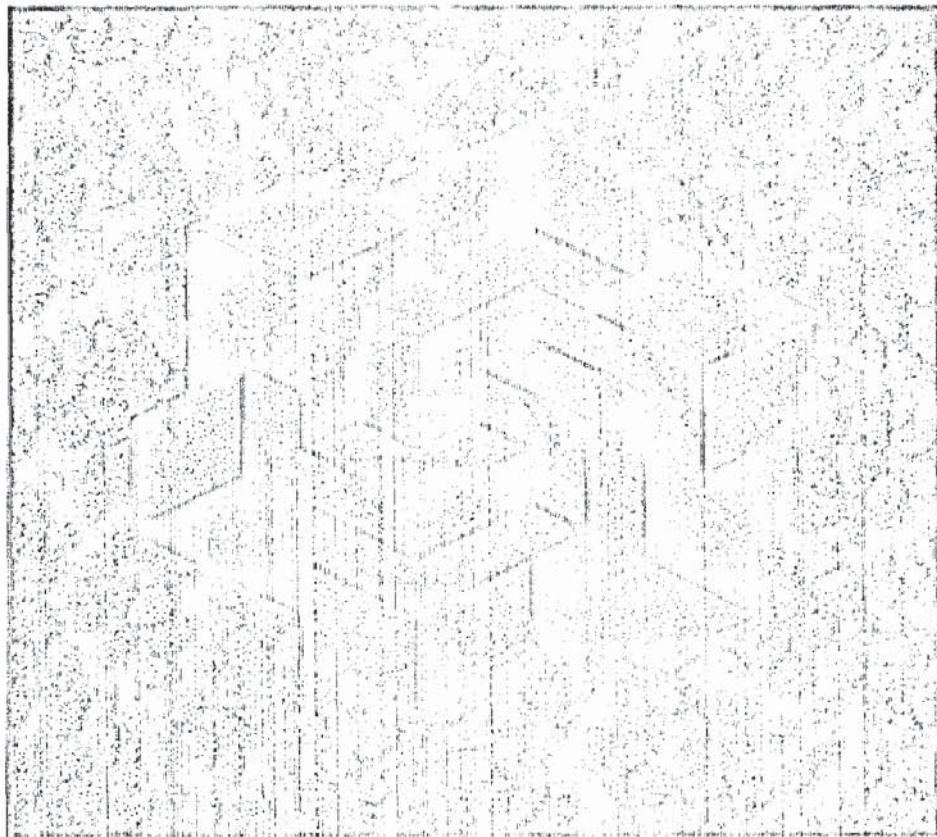
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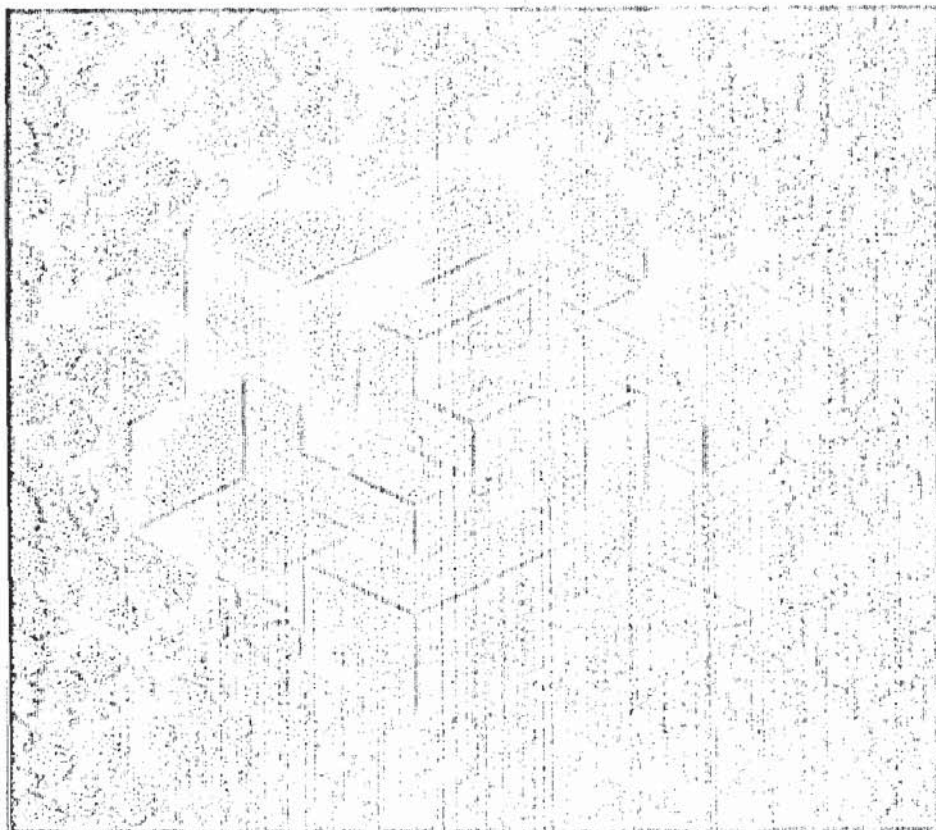
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