

NIMS Alumni Association Membership Agreement

Article 1 General Rules

1. This Agreement stipulates the terms and conditions regarding the activities of NIMS Alumni Association (hereinafter referred to as the "Association") held by the National Institute for Materials Science (hereinafter referred to as the "NIMS"), between NIMS and the Association Members.
2. NIMS shall retain the right to amend this Agreement from time to time without the prior consent of the members.

Article 2 Membership

1. A member shall be an individual who accepts this Agreement, registers as a member of the Association with the prescribed application form, and whose registration is accepted by NIMS.
2. If an individual properly registered as a member is determined by NIMS to be inappropriate to be a member of the Association, NIMS may revoke his or her membership at that time.

Article 3 Scope of the Association's Activities

1. The Association shall be able to provide the following services to the members.
 - (1) Publishing the NIMS's periodicals and providing other information to members
 - * Sending out "NIMS NOW"
 - * Invitation to various NIMS events
 - * Issuing membership cards
 - (2) Providing forums for members to interact
2. With the aim of facilitating operation of this Association and NIMS, this Association shall be able to ask for members' cooperation in the following:
 - (1) Regarding joint research projects, joint research proposals and collaborations
 - (2) Regarding cooperation required for using the association as a base for recruiting
 - (3) Regarding cooperation for Internship Programs and Graduate Schools Cooperation Programs

Article 4 Changes of matters notified, and others

1. Members shall notify NIMS of a change of their information without delay.
2. Members shall acknowledge in advance that in case any communication from NIMS is undelivered due to their failure of notification in the previous Clause 1, such communication is deemed to be delivered by the time it should have been reached.

Article 5 Handling of membership information

1. The information provided for membership registration shall be the property of NIMS. Members agree that NIMS may use the information obtained thereby for the Association's activities referred in Article 3.
2. NIMS shall not disclose any information that would identify any individual, such as name, e-mail address, telephone number, etc., to any third party except in the following cases:
 - * if the member agrees to such disclosure
 - * if such disclosure is required by law
 - * if such disclosure is required to protect an individual's life, well-being or property
3. Regarding any registered information of a member, should any data falls under any of the following situations, said data may be amended or deleted by NIMS without notice to the said member.
 - * if the registered information is determined to be obviously false
 - * if there is no record of the use of services and/or no record of participation in the Association's activities for a certain period after registration
 - * in any other situations that are determined inappropriate by NIMS

Article 6 Canceling or modifying the Association's activity contents

1. NIMS may halt or amend all or any part of the Association's activity contents without notice to the members and without the members' consent.
2. NIMS shall not be held liable to members for inconvenience or damage arising out of the halting or amending made under the previous Clause 1.

This Agreement shall become effective as of March 20, 2007.