

**The Statutes of Organization and Operation**  
**of the**  
***Centre for Frontier Studies and Research in Theology (CFSRT)***

**CHAPTER 1. GENERAL DISPOSITIONS**

1. The *Centre for Frontier Studies and Research in Theology (CFSRT)*, in Romanian: *Centrul de Studii și Cercetări de Frontieră în Teologie (CSCFT)*, is created as a research unit of the Faculty of Greek Catholic Theology of Babeș-Bolyai University, subordinated to the Dean and the University Council.

2. The CFSRT is based at the Faculty of Greek Catholic Theology, 26 Moșilor Street, 400 001 Cluj-Napoca (CJ), Romania.

3. The Centre is established for an indefinite period.

**CHAPTER 2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF CFSRT**

**Aims**

4. The aim of the Centre is to carry out frontier studies and research in theology that allow intra-, inter-, trans- and multi-disciplinary approaches.

**Objectives**

***Education:***

5. - involvement of undergraduate, masters and doctoral students in frontier issues in theology (in conferences, presentations, round tables, lectures, etc.)

6. - to improve and update the formative-educational process according to recent research, conceptual developments and results published in the country and abroad

***Research:***

7. - to carry out exploratory research involving new forms of interdisciplinary, intradisciplinary, transdisciplinary and multidisciplinary cooperation

8. - research, starting from the frontier, which involves drawing boundaries, building bridges of dialogue and finding horizons of meaning between disciplines (through publications, organising conferences, symposia, workshops, obtaining grants, scholarships, contracts, etc.).

9. - the supervision of doctoral theses that focus on theological thinking on the frontier, specific to the Centre

***Relations with society:***

10. - making use of research results through offering services to society (popularisation, presentations, round tables, conceptual clarification, etc.)

**CHAPTER 3. MEMBERS OF THE CENTRE**

11. CFSRT can have full members and associate members (in accordance with Senate Decision no. 13.356/21.09.2020) with proven expertise in their own fields of research which contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the Centre within the FGCT.

12. Full members of the CFSRT are researchers / faculty members / doctoral students either having direct work contracts with the BBU or status of research fellows (collaborating researcher). The Centre encourages the membership of research fellows from abroad or of senior staff of the UBB who continue their research during retirement (according to HCA no. 12818/4.07.2016).

13. Associate members of the CFSRT can be external fellows of the UBB (including former employees) who do not have the status of research fellow (collaborating researcher), students other than doctoral students, or any other contributors whose research / development / innovation activity is justified.

14. It is mandatory for full members of the Research Unit (RU) to have a publicly accessible Google Scholar profile and an institutional affiliation with the UBB (except for the researchers who have their primary affiliation with other institutions according to the status of research fellow (collaborating researcher).

15. As a general rule, a person can be a member of at most one Research Unit (RU). Well founded exception can be made for faculty members with a concrete material involvement (e.g. laboratories or offices in their names with ongoing research activities) in a RU outside their own Faculties or which involve members from several Faculties with activities, contributions and reports separate from other accredited Units (and similarly to researchers from Institutions unaffiliated with the Faculties).

16. Any person (from the country or abroad) can become a full or associate member of the CFSRT with the written recommendation or proposition of two members of the Centre and the approval of the General Assembly (simple majority).

17. Obligations of CFSRT members

- a. To respect the provisions of the CFSRT Statutes
- b. To promote the CFSRT through at least one type of activity per year (teaching, research, or services to society).
- c. To not cause any prejudice to CFSRT by their actions.

**18. Rights of CFSRT members**

- a. To elect and be elected in positions of management, administration and control of CFSRT (applies only to full members)
- b. To propose improvements for the current Statutes of the CFSRT
- c. To propose activities, projects and directions of research
- d. To consult the decisions and minutes of the Scientific Council

**19.** Membership of the Centre can be lost either *by exclusion* – as a result of breaking this Statute or the decisions of the governing bodies or as a result of the member’s unlawful behaviour – or *at request*. Exclusion is decided by a 2/3 majority of the members.

**CHAPTER 4. ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT**

**20.** The CFSRT is organized and managed, in the following order, by: the General Assembly of the members, the Scientific Council, and the Director of the CFSRT. These have the following attributions:

**21.** The General Assembly of CFSRT Members ensures the good operation of the Centre. For this reason, it:

- a. Assembles on a yearly basis or at the written request of one of the members.
- b. May modify the Statutes of the CFSRT but the modification will only take effect after approval of the Council of the FGCT.
- c. May appoint or revoke the governing bodies
- d. May include/exclude members into/from the Centre or may extend the Scientific Council
- e. Approves the CFSRT fund management plan.

**22.** The Scientific Council is made up by:

- a. Director, elected by the General Assembly for a 4-year period

The Director must be a faculty member of the FGCT and prove their competence through publications and national and international recognition.

b. Vice-Dean, responsible for scientific matters

c. One member proposed by each FGCT department.

**23.** The *Scientific Council* proposes and evaluates the scientific activities of the Centre.

**24.** The Secretary of the CFSRT is appointed by the Director.

## **CHAPTER 5. FINAL PROVISIONS**

**25.** The CFSRT may be dissolved at the request of its members by 2/3 of the votes.

**26.** Any dispute will be settled amicably or in the situations established by law and UBB Regulations.