

CS³ – Complex Systems Society Spanish Chapter

Objectives

This proposal is intended to constitute the Spanish Chapter of the Complex Systems Society or CS³. The community of Complex Systems researchers in Spain is numerous and with a strong presence in the Complex Systems research at an international level. It has been so far agglutinated by some associations, such as Complexitat in Catalonia, ComplejiMAD in Madrid or COMSOTEC (Spanish Association for the Study of Socio-Technical Systems) at a national level. The idea behind CS³ is to coordinate these efforts, to widen the spectrum of topics beyond those covered so far and provide a stronger visibility to the Complex Systems research at a national level. At the international scale, we expect that the relations with sister chapters and with groups in neighboring countries (France, Italy, Portugal and UK) can foster collaborations in common projects.

Relying on the activity of the Supporting groups and associations, CS³ activity will compress the organization of yearly meetings and periodic summer schools for PhD students and young postdocs. Besides, CS³ will also actively search to knowledge transfer from our research activities to Public and Private institutions, organizing periodic workshops with interested stakeholders in order to foster Complex Systems Research societal impact.

Geographic Area

The Chapter is initially born with the aim of coordinating activities revolving around Complex Systems Research in Spain. The door is, certainly, open to the participation in such activities of researchers from culturally affine countries of the Luso-Hispanic World, starting by Portugal as well as Latin and North American, African and Asian countries. Once CS³ is firmly established, the possibility of strengthening and formalizing these relations with research groups and similar associations of these countries will be explored.

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Article 1: Definition

1. The Complex Systems Society Spanish Chapter (CS³ Chapter) is a local chapter organization based on the Complex Systems Society (CSS)'s Statute Article 2.3(d) as a subordinate body of the CSS specializing in organizing activities and providing services to the community of complex systems researchers and students in all Spain.

Article 2: Purpose

The CS³ Chapter's purpose is to promote complex systems research, to assist and advise on problems of complex systems education, to concern itself with the broader relations of complex systems to society, to establish a sense of identity amongst complexity scientists, and to represent the complexity community, at the Spanish regional level.

The CS³ Chapter aims to provide researchers and students working on complex systems in Spain with a professional venue where they can share their work, network with peers and potential collaborators, and achieve further professional development.

The CS³ Chapter also aims to serve its members and participants as a gateway to the CSS at a global scale.

Article 3: Memberships

Members of the CSS, primarily those who live and/or work in the geographical areas described in Article 1, can obtain a membership of the CS³ Chapter. Memberships of the CS³ Chapter requires memberships of the CSS.

Memberships of the CS³ Chapter must not be restricted because of race, ethnicity, age, gender, religion, culture, or any other social, political, or demographic factors.

Memberships of the CS³ Chapter are not necessarily required to participate in the Chapter's activities, which should be open and accessible to anyone who is working on, studying, or interested in complex systems.

Article 4: Governance

The CS³ Chapter is governed by its Executive Committee that consists of 5 to 10 members. Two of them will be designated as the Chief Coordinator and the Associate Coordinator.

The members of the Executive Committee are appointed by nominations followed by democratic elections voted by the Chapter's members.

The Chief Coordinator and the Associate Coordinator will be selected from the elected Executive Committee members by the Executive Committee.

Executive Committee members are elected for a three-year term. Re-election is not prevented.

Article 5: Supporting associations

The following associations are supporting CS³: COMSOTEC, ...

This list of associations will be updated by majoritarian agreement in the Chapter Executive Committee. Associations may request their addition or removal by a communication of their directive bodies to the Chief Coordinator of the Executive Committee.

The members of the associations will participate in the activities of CS³ and will be members of the Chapter as well, as long as they fulfill the requirement 3.1.

Article 6: Activities

The CS³ Chapter's activities are planned and executed by its members, with its Executive Committee playing a coordinator role.

The CS³ Chapter's activities include (but are not limited to):

- i. Yearly meeting of CS³ Chapter
- ii. Schools and career events for young researchers
- iii. Information dissemination via the Chapter's website and social media
- iv. Other smaller (topical) meetings

Article 7: Communications

1. The CS³ Chapter creates and manages its own website and other online channels to promote their activities.
2. The CS³ Chapter prepares and submits an annual report of activities to its members and to the CSS's Executive Committee once a year, typically by the end of an academic year (July).
3. The CS³ Chapter should maintain close communication with the CSS and other local chapters to exchange information and coordinate activities for mutual benefit.

Article 8: Finance

1. The CS³ Chapter is financially independent from the CSS for its operation.

Article 9: Hosting Organization

1. The CS³ Chapter is hosted and operated by the following hosting organization:

IFISC (CSIC-UIB)

Campus Universidad Islas Baleares, 07122 Palma

Article 10: Amendments

1. This statute may be amended with support by at least two thirds of the votes cast by the Executive Committee.

Supporting Institutions and Research groups

As members of the COMSOTEC council, this proposal is presented by the following researchers:

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