

CHARTER OF THE GERMAN CHAPTER OF THE SYSTEM SAFETY SOCIETY

ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1.1. The name of the Chapter shall be the **GERMAN CHAPTER** (herein referred to as the Chapter) of the **System Safety Society** (herein referred to as the Society).

ARTICLE II - JURISDICTION

Section 2.1. The Chapter's boundaries shall incorporate Germany.

Section 2.2. As long as in another European country no national chapter of the Society exists, the activities of the German chapter may be extended to cover this country also.

ARTICLE III - OBJECTIVES

Section 3.1. The objectives of the Chapter are

- to advance the science and application of System Safety,
- to promote management and understanding of System Safety,
- to improve the communication, dissemination of knowledge and cooperation between interested groups and individuals in this field and related fields,
- to improve public understanding and awareness of the System Safety discipline,
- to promote and improve the development of System Safety professionals and standards, and
- to promote within the Chapter's jurisdiction the activities and objectives of the System Safety Society.

ARTICLE IV - CHAPTER-SOCIETY RELATIONSHIP

Section 4.1. The Chapter shall function under the direct sponsorship of the System Safety Society and shall be governed by the provisions of the Society Constitution and By-Laws and those of the Chapter.

Section 4.2. The Charter shall be prepared in duplicate form. The original shall be in the custody of the officers of the Chapter; a duplicate copy shall be retained by the executive secretary of the Society. The duly authorized signature of the president of the Society appearing on the Charter obligates the Chapter to the provisions of the Charter.

Section 4.3. The Chapter shall not use the name of the System Safety Society or obligate in any way the officers or members of the Society without first obtaining the approval of the duly authorized representatives of the Society.

Section 4.4. Any conflict requiring an interpretation of the provisions of the Charter shall be resolved by the Executive Council of the Society.

Section 4.5. The Chapter president shall submit to the president of the Society an Annual Report concerning the activities of the Chapter by July 1st of each year.

Section 4.6. The Chapter will not require any budget or funding from the Society, but expects support in membership services.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

Section 5.1. Every person who is listed on the official roster of the Society and whose address is located within the geographical jurisdiction of the Chapter shall automatically become a member of the Chapter.

Section 5.2. As long as in another European country no chapter of the Society exists, the members from this country may join the German chapter, if they expressly so wish.

Section 5.3. Participation in Chapter lectures, workshops and conferences is open to members and non-members, however members have precedence over non-members when attendance is limited. The Executive Committee may restrict certain services to members only.

ARTICLE VI - ADMINISTRATION

Section 6.1. The Executive Committee of the Chapter shall administer the affairs of the Chapter in accordance with its objectives, performing those functions as may be customary with the office and as further defined in the By-Laws of the Chapter.

Section 6.2. The By-Laws of the Chapter shall provide for the election or appointment of persons and committees to assist in the administration of the affairs of the Chapter.

ARTICLE VII - CHAPTER BY-LAWS

Section 7.1. The administration of the activities of the Chapter shall be performed in accordance with the By-Laws established by the Chapter and in accordance with the provisions of the Charter. The By-Laws of the Chapter shall in no way conflict with the provisions of the Constitution of the System Safety Society or the By-Laws of the System Safety Society or the Charter of the Chapter.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER

Section 8.1. Amendments may be initiated by a petition of at least 10% of the current Chapter membership or by a majority of the Executive Committee. Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the executive secretary of the Society for concurrence with rationale for requested changes.

Date: 24 March 2003

Approved:



President, System safety Society