

**Bylaws**  
**of the German Centre for integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv)**  
**Halle-Jena-Leipzig**

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## **Section 1**

### **Legal status, location, cooperation partners**

- (1) The DFG research centre for integrative biodiversity research shall be entitled German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv) Halle-Jena-Leipzig (in German: Deutsches Zentrum für integrative Biodiversitätsforschung (iDiv) Halle-Jena-Leipzig) and is established as a central facility of Leipzig University according to Section 92(1) of the Saxon Freedom of Institutes of Higher Education Act (SächsHSFG). The centre is operated in accordance with the cooperation agreement and the respective Higher Education Acts and regulations of Leipzig University (UL), Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg (MLU), Friedrich-Schiller-University of Jena (FSU) as well as the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research GmbH - UFZ.
- (2) In addition to the above mentioned, the following non-university research institutions are cooperation partners of iDiv:
  - Leibniz Institute for Plant Biochemistry (IPB),
  - Leibniz Institute for Plant Genetics and Crop Plant Research (IPK),
  - Senckenberg Natural Research Society (SGN),
  - Leibniz Institute DSMZ – German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures GmbH,
  - Max Planck Institute for Biogeochemistry (MPI-BG),
  - Max Planck Institute for Chemical Ecology (MPI-CE),
  - Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology (MPI-EVA).

These partner institutions support the joint research institute iDiv through close scientific cooperation and individual contributions. They, together with the four executing institutions, form the iDiv network.

- (3) iDiv is located in Leipzig. Leipzig University acts as the speaker university and coordinates iDiv. Nature and extent of engagement as well as rights and obligations of the participating universities and non-university cooperation partners (hereafter referred to as cooperation partners) is defined by the cooperation agreement.

## **Section 2**

### **Aims and objectives**

Aims and objectives of iDiv are:

1. providing the scientific basis for a sustainable biodiversity management, and
2. establishing and further developing integrative biodiversity research as a new interdisciplinary research field.

In order to ensure a continuous development and expansion of iDiv, the four executing institutions promote biodiversity research as a major aspect in their strategic development plans.

### **Section 3 Structure**

- (1) iDiv consists of a partner network and a core centre. The network comprises of individual members (Appendix 1). The Science Strategy Board can suggest further members for appointment by the Board of Trustees. The iDiv network represents iDiv's main research areas. The core centre consists of the research groups established by iDiv (core professorships and junior research groups), research platforms, the Synthesis Centre sDiv, the Graduate School yDiv and central administrative and scientific services.
- (2) Main research areas are supported by research groups at the involved universities and at the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research - UFZ, each led by a university professor. iDiv's main research areas are:
  - A. Biodiversity Change,
  - B. Biodiversity and Complexity,
  - C. Molecular Biodiversity and Evolution,
  - D. Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services,
  - E. Biodiversity and Society.

The size and equipment of the research groups within the research areas depends on:

- a. specific needs (basic equipment), and
  - b. research dynamics and growth of the research group.
- (3) In addition, iDiv shall establish several independent Junior Research Groups.
  - (4) The central instrument for national and international integration and the establishment of new approaches in biodiversity research – theory-based synthesis and data-focused theory – is the Synthesis Centre for Biodiversity Science sDiv and its diverse formats and funding mechanisms (workshops, sabbatical programmes and postdoc programmes). Synthese, in the context of iDiv, refers to the integration of existing but diverse data sets, methods, theories and tools in a new manner.

### **Section 4 Young researchers**

- (1) One of iDiv's central tasks is the education and career development of postgraduate students through instruments of iDiv's Graduate School yDiv, including courses, individual mentoring and funding support. These instruments complement formal doctoral procedures and regulations of the respective university.
- (2) The Science Strategy Board issues detailed implementation guidelines, which regulate selection of postgraduate candidates, quality assurance for mentoring and the doctoral process, coordination of mentoring and funding processes as well as participation opportunities for postgraduate students in the decision process. The guidelines also define the integration of postgraduate students within the graduate programmes at their respective university or UFZ.

- (3) iDiv members contribute to the education and development of postgraduate students in accordance with the regulations and curricula of their respective faculty and in fulfilment of their teaching obligations.

## **Section 5 Governance bodies**

iDiv's governance bodies are:

1. the General Member Assembly,
2. the Science Strategy Board,
3. the Speaker Board,
4. the Speakers,
5. the Board of Trustees, and
6. the Scientific Advisory Board.

## **Section 6 Members**

- (1) Full members of iDiv are natural persons who are linked to one of the executing institutions or partner institutions and have provided proof of qualification to carry out independent scientific research in iDiv's field of research (typically by a doctorate degree). They include:
1. The scientists listed as members on the effective date of these bylaws (Appendix 1),
  2. The core professors appointed by iDiv as Research Group Leaders according to Section 2 (1) of the iDiv cooperation agreement,
  3. The leaders of independent junior research groups established by iDiv according to Section 3 (3).
- (2) The Science Strategy Board, in accordance with the Board of Trustees, decides on applications for admission of new full members. Admission as full members can be granted to scientists who:
- are employed by the participating institutions (executing or partner institutions), and
  - are internationally distinguished, excellent scientists in a research field that is of importance to iDiv or, due to their expert skills, can contribute to the achievement of iDiv's objectives according to Section 2,
  - successfully cooperate with specialists in biodiversity related research,
  - work independently and conduct collaborative / integrative research.
- (3) Associated members of iDiv are scientists who are not employed by one of the executing or partner institutions or do not fulfil the admission requirements for full members according to Section 6 (2), but contribute significantly to integrative biodiversity research by:
- active involvement in iDiv committees, iDiv projects or other activities initiated by iDiv, or

- strategic contribution to the development and expansion of iDiv.

Associated members can be admitted on personal request or at the suggestion by a member of the Science Strategy Board. The Science Strategy Board evaluates memberships in reasonable intervals. Rights and obligations of associated members are set out in Section 7.

- (4) Honorary members are natural persons who have rendered outstanding contributions to iDiv. This contribution can be either of scientific nature or in the form of science-policy, strategic or administrative support. Honorary membership shall also be conferred upon individuals who have rendered outstanding contributions in society and politics towards the interests of biodiversity research in general and iDiv in particular. Honorary membership does not require previous full or associated membership. Honorary members are nominated by the General Member Assembly and appointed by the Science Strategy Board. They have the same rights as associated members. Honorary membership can be revoked in the event of failure to comply with the aims and interests of iDiv. This requires the decision of the General Member Assembly and the Board of Trustees.
- (5) iDiv membership does not constitute an employment relationship or membership with any of the executing or partner institutions of iDiv; existing employment relationships or memberships remain unaffected.
- (6) Members shall recognize and follow the rules of conduct for members stipulated in a separate document as operating statute.
- (7) An iDiv membership ends:
  - with the member's resignation which must be submitted to the Science Strategy Board in writing (exempt are full members according to Section 6 (1), Sentence 1, Nos. 2 and 3),
  - with termination of the member's occupation at one of the executing or partner institutions, or
  - with exclusion of the member for good cause, such as the violation of the obligations defined by these bylaws or the member operating statute or the lack of active contribution to achieve the objectives set out in Section 2 that are evaluated in reasonable intervals by the Science Strategy Board. Inactive members are given the opportunity to comment. Exclusion for good cause requires the decision by majority vote of the Science Strategy Board in agreement with the Board of Trustees and after hearing the respective member, who must be informed in writing about the exclusion and its reasons. In case of an appeal against the exclusion, decision is taken by the Board of Trustees.

## **Section 7**

### **Rights and obligations of iDiv members**

- (1) Full members may submit proposals to the Science Strategy Board for further research projects, that may be carried out at iDiv and that are within the funding possibilities available to iDiv. The rights of the involved university and non-university cooperation partners shall remain unaffected.

- (2) Full members and associated members have access to iDiv resources in accordance with usage regulations, enacted by the Science Strategy Board in accordance with the General Member Assembly. Full members and associated members have access to iDiv facilities as well as data platforms within the scope of respective data sharing agreements.
- (3) Full members and associated members are obliged to contribute to the tasks of iDiv in accordance with these bylaws. They are obliged to actively contribute to the achievement of the tasks of iDiv, in particular through independent scientific achievements and active participation in committees.
- (4) On request, full members are obliged to evaluate proposals submitted via iDiv funding mechanisms, such as sDiv (sDiv workshops and sDiv postdoc projects), the Flexible Pool and other iDiv instruments, and to actively participate in the promotion of young scientists, for example through yDiv, by conducting events and courses as well as assisting in the selection and mentoring of PhD students.
- (5) On request, full members are obliged to report on their iDiv-related activities to the Science Strategy Board. Moreover, they are obliged to report on iDiv's scientific achievements in contribution to annual and final reports as well as proposals.
- (6) If resources provided by iDiv are not used in accordance with the objectives and criteria defined by iDiv, the Science Strategy Board may terminate funding after consultation with the budget officer of the respective executing or partner institution. If these Science Strategy Board decisions regard iDiv core professorships and iDiv junior research groups they must be confirmed by the Board of Trustees.

## **Section 8 General Member Assembly**

- (1) The General Member Assembly convenes at least once per year by invitation of the Speaker of the iDiv Speaker Board issued at least one month prior to the assembly. The General Member Assembly is chaired by the Speaker of the iDiv Speaker Board. Resolutions require the approval by the majority of the present full members unless stated otherwise in these bylaws. Delegation of representation at the General Member Assembly is not permitted. Further details are regulated in the operating statute.
- (2) Associated members are invited to the General Member Assembly and hold speaking rights.
- (3) The General Member Assembly may address all issues related to iDiv's aims and objectives and make recommendations to the Science Strategy Board. In addition, it has the right to suggest:
  - the members of the Science Strategy Board,
  - the members of the Scientific Advisory Board,
  - Honorary members.

- (4) The General Member Assembly receives the report by the Science Strategy Board.
- (5) Recommendations of particular significance (especially changes to the scientific content and focus of iDiv, request for exclusion of members, recommendations for dismissal of members of the Science Strategy Board or the Scientific Advisory Board including the proposal of new candidates) as well as suggestions according to Section 8 (4) must be announced at least six weeks prior to the assembly to ensure inclusion on the invitation and the agenda. Recommendations of particular significance require a two-third majority of the full members present. At least fifty percent of full members must be present. Voting must be carried out by secret ballot.
- (6) The General Member Assembly forms Local Committees that pool and coordinate regional interests and activities as well as the scientific exchange of the members at one iDiv location. Specifically, one Local Committee is formed:
  - of members of each of the executing institutions (the involved universities and the UFZ),
  - of the partner institutions (of the non-university cooperation partners according to Section 1 (2)).
- (7) The members of a Local Committee elect a chairperson among its members. The chairperson shall prepare, convene and lead the meetings of the Local Committee.
- (8) The Local Committees nominate candidates for recommendation of the representatives of the full members as members and deputy members of the Science Strategy Board according to Section 9 (1) a-c.
- (9) Furthermore, the Local Committees hold the following tasks:
  - recommendations of particular significance, especially in regard to scientific content and research focus of iDiv,
  - strategic conceptual recommendations to expand iDiv research areas at each iDiv location as well as across locations, and
  - promoting the incorporation of biodiversity research in all areas of the respective iDiv location as well as in the strategic development concepts and teaching curricula.
- (10) The General Member Assembly may establish its own operating statute.

## **Section 9 Science Strategy Board**

- (1) iDiv is governed by the Science Strategy Board as its central decision-making body. Members of the Science Strategy Board are suggested by the General Member Assembly and appointed or dismissed by the Board of Trustees. The term of office of the members of the Science Strategy Board is two years. Reappointment is possible. Members of the Science Strategy

Board are:

- a. two representatives each from the executing universities MLU, FSU and UL (total of 6),
- b. one representative from the executing institution UFZ (total of 1),
- c. two representatives from the non-university partner institutions (total of 2),
- d. the professors appointed in the framework of iDiv (total of 9),
- e. one representative of the heads of the independent junior research groups established by iDiv (Section 3 (2)) (total of 1), and
- f. the scientific coordinator of the synthesis centre sDiv (total of 1).

The members of the Scientific Strategy Board according to Section 9 (1) a-c must be full-time university professors or of equal employment status at the executing or partner institutions and must be full members of iDiv.

The Chief Operating Officer joins the Science Strategy Board in an advisory capacity.

- (2) The General Member Assembly may also suggest deputy members for the members of the Science Strategy Board according to Section 9 (1) a-c who shall also be appointed or dismissed by the Board of Trustees.
- (3) The Science Strategy Board manages iDiv and is, in particular, in charge of conception, coordination and implementation of the scientific programme. It coordinates and fosters the scientific integration of iDiv. The Science Strategy Board:
  - is responsible for the scientific development of iDiv as well as the structural and content-focused integration at the executing institutions,
  - pursues continuous development of the main iDiv research areas according to Section 3 of these bylaws on the basis of science strategy criteria and define new ones when necessary,
  - makes strategic decisions on initiating and terminating research projects, on recruitments, recommendations for appointments, the use of research funds, further integration of the iDiv network, the purchase of major research instrumentation, and on strategic investments,
  - establishes the internal evaluation procedure for the allocation of research funds,
  - makes recommendations on proposals for institutional funding and determines the use of those funds according to funding regulation,
  - takes measures for quality control and quality assurance within iDiv in the form of internal evaluations with the involvement of the Scientific Advisory Board,
  - is responsible for the preparation of status and final reports for funding agencies,
  - is responsible for extraordinary personnel matters of iDiv (Chief Operating Officer, coordinators) and reserves the right to decide on additional personnel matters regarding iDiv-funded personnel.
- (4) The members of the Science Strategy Board elect a chair and a co-chair from among its members for a term of six months. Eligible for election are the members of the Science Strategy Board according to Section 9 (1) a-d. In the event that a member of the Science Strategy Board according to Section 9 (1) a-c is elected as chair, a member of the Science Strategy Board according to Section 9 (1) d shall be elected as co-chair. Re-election is possible.

- (5) The chair and co-chair shall prepare and lead the meetings of the Science Strategy Board as well as prepare meeting minutes.
- (6) Decisions of the Science Strategy Board are taken during meetings, which generally take place once a month and are led by the chair. For decision-making, at least half of the voting members according to Section 9 (1) a-c as well as at least half the voting members according to Section 9 (1) d must be present to form a quorum. Generally, decisions are taken through an open vote and by simple majority; in exceptional cases decisions may be taken by secret ballot upon the request of at least two voting members.
- (7) The Science Strategy Board may establish permanent and temporary consultative committees to support its work. The members of such committees shall be recruited from iDiv members or external experts. The responsibility of these committees shall not exceed the responsibility of the Science Strategy Board.
- (8) The Science Strategy Board may adopt operating statutes for itself and its committees.

## **Section 10**

### **Speaker Board and Speaker**

- (1) The Speaker Board implements the decisions of the Science Strategy Board and manages operations at iDiv. The Speaker and the three Co-Speaker of the Speaker Board are suggested by the Science Strategy Board and appointed or dismissed by the Board of Trustees for a term of two years. Reappointment is possible. Members of the Speaker Board must be full-time university professors or of equal employment status at one of the executing institutions and be members of the Science Strategy Board. Members of the Speaker Board shall not be chair or co-chair of the Science Strategy Board.
- (2) The Speaker Board is in particular responsible for the integration of the core centre with the executing institutions and the implementation of the scientific programme in accordance with the guidelines of the Science Strategy Board. It represents iDiv within the executing institutions as well as in public. The Speaker Board is responsible for managing iDiv project funds according to funding principles, complying with budgetary guidelines and the appropriate allocation of resources. The rights and obligations of the individual budget officers at the respective executing institutions stay unaffected. The Speaker Board ensures compliance with the guidelines of the funding institution, including the obligation to report on budget management. The Speaker Board regularly reports on the allocation of funds to the Board of Trustees. Responsibilities in accordance with other regulations remain unaffected. The Speaker Board decides on matters related to iDiv-funded personnel and carries out the decisions of the Science Strategy Board.
- (3) Decisions of the Speaker Board are taken during regular meetings, which take place at least once a month and are led by the Speaker. In the event of a tied vote, the Speaker shall have the casting vote unless stated otherwise in these regulations. For decision-making, at least three members of the Speaker Board must be present to form a quorum.

- (4) The Speaker reports to the Board of Trustees, the Science Strategy Board, the Speaker Board and to funding institutions. The Speaker answers to the speaker university according to Section 1 (3) on the appropriate use of funds. The Speaker reserves the right to call a moratorium (right of deferment) on decisions made by the Science Strategy Board or the Speaker Board to consult the Board of Trustees if necessary. The iDiv Chief Operation Officer reports to the Speaker. The Speaker chairs the meetings of the Speaker Board as well as the General Member Assembly.

## **Section 11 Central Services**

- (1) The Science Strategy Board, the Speaker Board, the Speaker as well as the Scientific Advisory Board are supported by a Central Services office. Central Services is headed by the Chief Operating Officer. Procedural details are described in the operating statute of Central Services which are ratified by the Science Strategy Board.
- (2) Central Services employees are hired by Leipzig University in agreement with the Speaker Board. The Chief Operating Officer holds executive prerogative.

## **Section 12 Board of Trustees**

- (1) The Board of Trustees supports and supervises the Speaker Board and the Science Strategy Board and fulfils further tasks according to these bylaws.
- (2) In particular, the Board of Trustees has the following tasks:
- support and supervision of the activities of the Speaker Board and the Science Strategy Board,
  - discussion of reports of the Speaker Board and the Science Strategy Board,
  - passing of recommendations for iDiv's further development in consideration of the recommendations of the Scientific Advisory Board,
  - support of iDiv on a political level,
  - consultation on issues and questions relevant to and across involved federal states,
  - appointment and dismissal of iDiv members, and
  - decisions regarding the iDiv bylaws and amendments to the bylaws.
- (3) The Board of Trustees comprises of:
1. the rectors / presidents of the involved universities,
  2. one additional member of the rectorate or the presidential board of each of the involved universities,
  3. the Scientific Manager and the Administrative Manager of the UFZ, and
  4. one designated representative of the ministry of science from each of the involved federal states.

Duties as a member of the Board of Trustees must be executed in person; representation by a deputy is not permitted.

- (4) The Board of Trustees shall be summoned at request of at least two members of the Board of Trustees or the Speaker. Meetings take place at least once a year.
- (5) The Board of Trustees elects a chair and a co-chair from among its members for a term of two years. The chair shall convene and lead the meetings.
- (6) The Board of Trustees may establish working groups to support its work, which comprise of members of the involved university and non-university partners. Each working group shall be led by a member of the Board of Trustees.
- (7) The Board of Trustees may adopt an operating statute, which must regulate at least the notice period for convening a meeting and voting arrangements.

### **Section 13 Scientific Advisory Board**

- (1) The Scientific Advisory Board advises the Science Strategy Board in the fulfilment of its tasks. The Scientific Advisory Board makes recommendations and comments on the thematic and structural development of iDiv. In particular, it concerns the establishment of new research areas and the focus and structure of iDiv's research programme.
- (2) The Scientific Advisory Board shall evaluate the development of iDiv every two years. The results of the evaluation shall be communicated to the General Member Assembly, the Science Strategy Board and the Board of Trustees.
- (3) The Scientific Advisory Board has a minimum of six and a maximum of ten members. The members of the Scientific Advisory Board must be German or international scientists, who enjoy international reputation in iDiv's field of research and who are not employed by one of the executing or partner institutions.
- (4) The members of the Scientific Advisory Board are nominated by the General Member Assembly and appointed by the Board of Trustees for a term of four years. Reappointment is possible.
- (5) The members of the Scientific Advisory Board elect a chair and a co-chair from among their members for a term of two years.
- (6) The chair convenes meetings of the Scientific Advisory Board at least once every two years and in accordance with Section 13 (2).
- (7) The Scientific Advisory Board may adopt an operating statute, which must regulate at least the notice period for convening a meeting and voting arrangements.

## **Section 14 Equal opportunities**

iDiv is committed to equal opportunities and gender equality and considers the implementation of appropriate standards as a task of strategic management. iDiv strives to have at least one third of female professors among its core professorships.

## **Section 15 Legal validity**

The bylaws were enacted by the rectorate of Leipzig University on 4 November 2019 after hearing the comments of the Senate of Leipzig University as well as the involved executing and partner university and non-university institutions. It will be published in the official notices of Leipzig University, Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg and Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena. The bylaws are effective on the day after the official announcement by Leipzig University. With this date, the bylaws of the Centre for integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv) Halle-Jena-Leipzig from 19 April 2013 (Leipzig University notice no. 30, pg. 1-13) are suspended.

Leipzig, 14 November 2019

Prof. Dr. Beate A. Schücking  
Rector

Appendix 1

**iDiv members at the time of the effective date of the iDiv bylaws 2019**

<b>Full Members</b>			
Ulla	Bonas	Prof.	Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg
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Holger	Deising	Prof.	Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg
Christine	Fürst	Prof.	Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg
Ivo	Große	Prof.	Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg
Sylvia	Haider	Dr.	Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg
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Ute	Jandt	Dr.	Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg
Martin	Lindner	Prof.	Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg
Robert	Paxton	Prof.	Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg
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Erik	Welk	Dr.	Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg
Ulrich	Brose*	Prof.	Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena
Joachim	Denzler	Prof.	Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena
Andreas	Freytag	Prof.	Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena
Stefan	Halle	Prof.	Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena
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Martina	Herrmann	Dr.	Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena
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Manja	Marz	Prof.	Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena
Beate	Michalzik	Prof.	Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena
Georg	Pohnert	Prof.	Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena
Christine	Römermann	Prof.	Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena
Holger	Schielzeth	Prof.	Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena
Nicole	van Dam*	Prof.	Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena
Nico	Eisenhauer*	Prof.	Leipzig University
Franziska	Krajinski-Barth	Prof.	Leipzig University
Carsten	Meyer*	Dr.	Leipzig University
Alexandra	Müllner-Riehl	Prof.	Leipzig University
Renske	Onstein*	Dr.	Leipzig University
Martin	Quaas*	Prof.	Leipzig University
Nadja	Rüger*	Dr.	Leipzig University
Martin	Schlegel	Senior-Prof.	Leipzig University
Peter F.	Stadler	Prof.	Leipzig University
Sebastian	Steinfartz	Prof.	Leipzig University
Michael	Vohland	Prof.	Leipzig University
Alexandra	Weigelt	Prof.	Leipzig University
Christian	Wilhelm	Senior-Prof.	Leipzig University
Marten	Winter	Dr.	Leipzig University
Christian	Wirth	Prof.	Leipzig University
Jörg	Zabel	Prof.	Leipzig University

<b>Full Members</b>			
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Steffen	Neumann	Dr.	Leibniz Institute of Plant Biochemistry
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Jens	Kattge	Dr.	Max Planck Institute for Biogeochemistry
Miguel	Mahecha	Dr.	Max Planck Institute for Biogeochemistry
Markus	Reichstein	Prof.	Max Planck Institute for Biogeochemistry
Ernst-Detlef	Schulze	Prof. em.	Max Planck Institute for Biogeochemistry
Susan	Trumbore	Prof.	Max Planck Institute for Biogeochemistry

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