International Max Planck Research School for Intelligent Systems (IMPRS-IS)
Thesis Advisory Committee (TAC) Regulations and Agreement
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1. For each PhD student of the International Max Planck Research School for Intelligent Systems at the University of Stuttgart or at the University of Tübingen, a Thesis Advisory Committee (TAC) is set up at the beginning of the PhD project.

2. The TAC consists of at least three members. It must include at least two IMPRS-IS faculty members, one of which is the student’s main PhD advisor, plus one additional member of either the IMPRS-IS faculty or the IMPRS-IS associated faculty. Additional members can be added to the committee upon the agreement of the student and supervisor.

3. The core three TAC members must be affiliated with at least two of the three institutions that make up the IMPRS-IS. At least one of these TAC members must have the right to independently supervise PhD students at the university where the student intends to enroll.

4. The TAC approves the PhD project, reviews the progress of the PhD student, and advises her or him on further studies and research. The TAC also approves a thesis as ready for submission. When it can be foreseen that a PhD project will not be successfully finished, the TAC can recommend to discontinue the project; this recommendation has to be confirmed by the IMPRS-IS executive board and/or spokesperson.

5. The TAC meets at least once per year with the student and documents these meetings by written minutes with an executive summary confidentially communicated with the coordination office. These meetings shall preferentially take place in months 6-9, 15-18, and 30-33 after the beginning of the PhD project. On request of the student or one of the TAC members, the TAC can also meet in between these standard meeting times.

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PhD Student Name  Date  Signature

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Tentative PhD Project Title

Please attach a half-page abstract and a half-page working plan for the project, which constitute an integral part of this agreement.

The following scientists agree to be TAC members for the PhD project identified above:

1. _____________________________       ___________ ___________________________

TAC Member Name (PhD Advisor)  Date  Signature

2. _____________________________       ___________ ___________________________

TAC Member Name  Date  Signature

3. _____________________________       ___________ ___________________________

TAC Member Name  Date  Signature

4. _____________________________       ___________ ___________________________

TAC Member Name (optional)  Date  Signature