

TRIZ Research and Development Council Regulations

Part I. General provisions

1. The TRIZ Research and Development Council (hereinafter referred to as TRDC) is an internal organizational unit of MATRIZ, which works out and implements MATRIZ policy in the field of further development of TRIZ.
2. The main goals of TRDC activity are:
 - a. Stimulation of further development of TRIZ as application-oriented methodology.
 - b. Enhancing the quality of TRIZ developments; introduction of generally accepted culture for conducting scientific research and development work.
 - c. Identification and motivation of new promising TRIZ researchers.
 - d. Integration of achievements of different TRIZ schools in unified methodology.
 - e. Upgrading the level of theses submitted by TRIZ Master degree applicants.
 - f. Upgrading the methodological level and status of TRIZ developers.

Part II. TRDC functions and activities

1. TRDC works out and implements various kinds of incentives for scientific research in TRIZ:
 - a. Competitions for methodological developments in TRIZ;
 - b. Grants for methodological developments in TRIZ; and
 - c. Scientific research in the high-priority TRIZ directions ordered and paid for by MATRIZ.
2. TRDC organizes and holds (together with the MATRIZ Dissertation Council) preliminary defense of theses submitted by TRIZ Master degree applicants.
3. TRDC carries out expert evaluation of publications (books, articles and the like) on TRIZ methodology and recommends publications to MATRIZ for subsequent dissemination among regional organizations. Expert evaluation by TRDC is a mandatory requirement for works published under the aegis of MATRIZ.
4. Having representatives of various public TRIZ organizations (MATRIZ, ETRIA, Altshuller Institute for TRIZ Studies, TRIZ Developers Summit, etc.) and TRIZ schools as its members, TRDC works out a strategy for coordinating the activity of these TRIZ organizations and schools in the field of methodology advancement.
5. TRDC coordinates efforts aimed at working out unified international professional website for TRIZ Methodology developers.
6. TRDC works out plans for TRIZ development for the near future, medium-term future and distant future, including high-priority directions of methodology development.
7. TRDC selects and recommends TRIZ Body of Knowledge to international TRIZ community for practical use and training. TRDC works out a strategy for coordinating the activity of all TRIZ developers within the frames of TRIZ Body of Knowledge.

Part III. TRDC Membership and Procedure for TRDC Members Selection

1. Quantitative representation and personal members of TRDC (no less than seven persons) are determined by TRDC Chairman and approved by MATRIZ President.
2. TRDC Chairman is appointed by MATRIZ President from among TRIZ Masters and is playing a role of a leader of the Council. TRDC Chairman gains the status of MATRIZ Vice-President on Research and Developments in TRIZ (VP R&D).

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3. When necessary, TRDC invites consultants, establishes various temporary units (e.g., Committee on Competitions and Grants) involving TRIZ specialists who are not the TRDC members.
4. TRDC has the right to coopt new members or expel its members, presenting new TRDC members for the approval of MATRIZ President.

Part IV. Organization of TRDC Work

1. TRDC activity is carried out in accordance with a plan developed by TRDC and approved by MATRIZ President.
2. TRDC Chairman organizes and manages the work to be carried out by TRDC.
3. TRDC Chairman appoints the Academic Secretary of the Council and persons responsible for each direction of TRDC activity.
4. Sessions of the TRDC are held regularly in real or virtual format (telephone, Skype, etc.) at least once in two months.
5. Decisions of the TRDC are taken via voting in person or electronic voting by simple majority of votes – over 50% of total number of TRDC members who take part in voting procedure (with a quorum of at least 50% of total number of TRDC members). In the case of equal number of AYE votes and negative votes, the vote of TRDC Chairman represents a decisive vote.
6. Results of TRDC sessions are recorded in the minutes, which contain the following information: members taking part in the session, date of the session, major issues discussed in the course of the session, suggestions proposed during the discussion, and decisions taken. The minutes of the session/meeting are written down by the Academic Secretary of the TRDC. Minutes of all sessions are submitted to MATRIZ Presidium and published in the appropriate section of MATRIZ website.