

Appendix 2

to the Regulations of the Scientific Council of the Nencki Institute

approved at the meeting on April 14, 2023.

REGULATIONS FOR DISTINCTION OF DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS

1. Proposals for distinction must be submitted in a written form by at least two reviewers, except for Mode I, when one such proposal is sufficient*.
2. To be eligible for distinction, the doctoral student should demonstrate a grade point average of at least 4.75 during the doctoral studies or should pass the exam in the basic discipline (biological sciences) with distinction. In Mode I, doctoral student should pass this exam with the highest grade (very good).**.
3. The doctoral student should be the first author of at least one experimental publication or manuscript accepted for publication or of a "preprint" containing results presented in the dissertation.
4. The proposal for distinction should be supported by the evaluation team during a secret ballot in the closed part of the defense. If at least 75% of the members of the evaluation team support the proposal for distinction, this fact shall be reported to the Scientific Council together with the minutes from the defense.
5. Distinction of a dissertation is voted by secret ballot at the Scientific Council meeting after the doctoral degree is awarded.
6. For distinction of the dissertation an absolute majority of votes in a secret ballot voting during the Scientific Council meeting is required.
7. Distinction of the doctoral dissertation by the Scientific Council is recorded in the doctoral student personal file.
8. The number of candidates for distinction is not limited.

* - the requirement of a single proposal for distinction also applies to dissertations prepared according to other Modes and submitted for review before 14-04-2023.

** - for doctoral students who passed the exam before 14-04-2023, a very good grade is equivalent to passing the exam with distinction.