Datalab Charter

Goal and scope
The Datalab is a virtual organization within Zurich University of Applied Science (ZHAW), spanning several institutes and departments.

Its goal is to be a nationally leading and internationally recognized center of excellence for research, teaching and services in the area of data science. The Datalab closely cooperates with industry, enabling innovation and technology transfer.

In order to reach its goals, the Datalab fosters interdisciplinary collaboration and exchange of ideas between its members and associates.

Rules and Organization

Members
Members of the Datalab are organizational units of ZHAW.

All members of the Datalab are active and/or interested in data science, and they have substantial potential and intent to push forward the Datalab and its goals.

New members preferably add new skills to the lab and are complementary to other members.

The Managing Board decides on applications of new members.

Managing Board
The Datalab is governed by its Managing Board.

Each member of the Datalab (i.e., each organizational unit) has the right to delegate at least one representative of the Managing Board.

The Managing Board has 6 to 9 representatives. The number can be increased should it be in conflict with the number of members in the Datalab.

The mandate of representatives in the Managing Board does not expire, as long as the representative contributes actively to the Datalab and its goals. New representatives are elected by the current Managing Board.

The Managing Board elects a head and a deputy head among the representatives. Head and deputy head are elected for a period of one year. The head (and by proxy the deputy) officially represents the lab, carries out daily management duties and decides on operational matters. Major strategic decisions are carried out by the Managing Board.
Decisions of the Managing Board are with simple majority. In the event of a tie, the head has the deciding vote.

**Associates**

Associates are individual affiliates of one of the members (professors/lecturers and researchers/assistants) who are strongly interested and/or involved in the Datalab and its goals.

All Managing Board representatives are associates.

Managing Board representatives decide on the admission of new associates and on the demission of current associates.

All associates are listed on the Datalab website.

**Partners**

Partners of the Datalab are organizations, both from within ZHAW or external, with whom an ongoing and substantial collaboration exist. For industrial partners, this usually involves financial contributions of at least 10’000 CHF per year.

The Managing Board decides on the admission and demission of partners.

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Members:

- Institute of Applied Information Technology (InIT)
- Institute of Data Analysis and Process Design (IDP)
- Institute of Applied Mathematics and Physics (IAMP)
- Center of Social Law (ZSR)
- Institute of Applied Simulation (IAS)

The Managing Board:

- Gerold Baudin
- Martin Braschler
- Mark Cieliebak
- Oliver Dürr
- Rudolf Füchslin
- Andreas Ruckstuhl
- Thilo Stadelmann
- Kurt Stockinger
- Krzysztof Kryszczuk
- Brigitte Blum-Schneider