

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE  
FOR RESEARCH IN NUCLEAR SCIENCE

Copy of the Order in Council dated the 7th May, 1958

and of the

**Royal Charter**

dated the 23rd June, 1958



RUTHERFORD HIGH ENERGY LABORATORY

HARWELL, DIDCOT, BERKSHIRE.

AUGUST, 1958

AT THE COURT AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

The 7th day of May, 1958.

PRESENT,

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board the Draft of a Charter for constituting a body corporate under the style and title of "The National Institute for Research in Nuclear Science":

HER MAJESTY, having taken the said Draft into consideration was pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve thereof, and to order, as it is hereby ordered, that the Right Honourable Richard Austen Butler, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, do cause a Warrant to be prepared for Her Majesty's Royal Signature, for passing under the Great Seal a Charter in conformity with the said Draft, which is hereunto annexed.

*W. G. Agnew.*

# ELIZABETH THE SECOND

by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

## TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING!

WHEREAS the Lord President of Our Council and the Chancellor of Our Exchequer have appointed certain persons to be the Chairman and the other Members of an Institute for the furtherance of research in nuclear science and matters connected therewith to be known as The National Institute for Research in Nuclear Science:

AND WHEREAS it has been represented to Us that for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the said Institute in relation to nuclear research and with a view to facilitating the holding of and dealing with property both real and personal it is expedient that the said Institute should be incorporated:

NOW THEREFORE KNOW YE that We, by virtue of Our Royal Prerogative and of all other powers enabling Us in that behalf, of Our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion have granted, willed, directed, ordained, constituted and declared and do by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, grant, will, direct, ordain, constitute and declare as follows:

1. THE persons now the Chairman and the other Members of the National Institute for Research in Nuclear Science as aforesaid (whose names are set out in the Schedule hereto), and all such persons as may hereafter become the Chairman and other Members of the body corporate hereby constituted, shall for ever hereafter be one body corporate under the name of "The National Institute for Research in Nuclear Science" (hereinafter referred to as "the Institute"), and by the same name shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to break, alter and make anew the said seal from time to time at their will and pleasure,

and by the same name shall and may sue and be sued in all courts and in all manner of actions and suits, and shall have power to do all other matters and things incidental or appertaining to a body corporate.

2. WE do for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, notwithstanding the Statutes of Mortmain, license, authorise and for ever hereafter enable the Institute to purchase, take on lease or otherwise acquire any lands, tenements or hereditaments within Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland not exceeding in the whole the annual value of £250,000 to be determined according to the value thereof at the time when the same are respectively acquired and to hold all or any lands, tenements or hereditaments, or interest therein, in perpetuity or on lease or otherwise and from time to time to grant, demise, let, alienate, mortgage, charge or otherwise dispose of the same or any part thereof.

3. AND WE do hereby also for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, give and grant Our licence to any person or persons and any body politic or corporate to assure in perpetuity or otherwise, or to demise or let to or for the benefit of the Institute any lands, tenements or hereditaments whatsoever within Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland within the limits of value aforesaid, hereby nevertheless declaring that it shall not be incumbent upon any such person or persons or body to inquire as to the annual value of the property which may have been previously acquired by the Institute.

4. THE objects for which the Institute are established and incorporated are as follows:

(a) To carry out research of any nature in connection with nuclear science or any matter related thereto.

(b) To provide, equip and operate facilities of any description which may, in the opinion of the Institute, be required for the purposes of any such research as aforesaid.

(c) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, to provide, equip and operate, for common use by Universities and by other institutions and persons engaged in research in nuclear and related matters, facilities which by reason of their size or cost or otherwise howsoever are beyond the scope of individual Universities, institutions or persons as aforesaid.

(d) To permit and encourage scientists of Universities, Colleges and the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority and other institutions, as well as scientists of industrial laboratories, to make such use of facilities provided as aforesaid as the Institute may determine to be appropriate.

(e) To co-operate with the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority in the solution of specific problems in the field of nuclear or related research.

(f) To train scientists and engineers in matters relating to nuclear science.

(g) To disseminate scientific and technical knowledge in the field of nuclear or related research.

(h) To acquire from the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority or from any other body or person whatsoever any property, equipment or other assets of any kind which in the opinion of the Institute are requisite for or conducive to the carrying out of research in connection with nuclear science or any matter related thereto and to enter into any contracts or agreements in furtherance of any such research.

(i) Generally to do all things necessary or expedient for the proper and effective carrying out of any of the objects aforesaid.

5. ALL moneys and property howsoever received by the Institute, including any moneys voted by Parliament, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Institute and no portion thereof (except as otherwise provided in this Our Charter) shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly to the Members thereof.

6. (1) The Institute shall consist of a Chairman and fifteen other Members.

(2) All the Members shall be appointed by, and the terms of their appointments shall be determined by, the Minister for the time being exercising the functions conferred on the Lord President of Our Council by the Atomic Energy Authority Act, 1954, the Lord President of Our Council and the Chancellor of Our Exchequer, acting jointly.

(3) Every Member of the Institute shall hold and vacate his office in accordance with the terms of his appointment, and shall, on ceasing to be a Member, be eligible for re-appointment, but any Member may at any time by notice in writing to the Minister for the time being exercising the said functions resign his office.

(4) No person who is a Member of the House of Commons shall be appointed to, or shall hold, the office of Chairman of the Institute.

(5) Except as provided in paragraph (6) of this Article, the Institute shall, in the case of such Member or Members of the Institute as the Lords Commissioners of Our Treasury may determine, pay such remuneration as the said Lords Commissioners shall approve.

(6) No person shall in any circumstances or at any time receive any remuneration whatsoever as a Member of the Institute for or in respect of any period when he is also a Member of the House of Commons but this shall not prevent the reimbursement to him of actual out of pocket expenses previously and necessarily incurred by him in the performance of his duties as such Member of the Institute.

7. (1) The Institute may act notwithstanding a vacancy among the Members thereof and the validity of any proceedings of the Institute shall not be affected by any defect in the appointment of a Member thereof.

(2) The quorum of the Institute shall be six Members personally present or such number, not being less than six, as the Institute may from time to time determine.

8. SUBJECT to the provisions of this Our Charter, the Institute may regulate their own procedure.

9. (1) The Institute may appoint such officers and take into their employment such other persons as the Institute may determine.

(2) The Institute shall—

(a) pay to their officers and other persons employed by them such remuneration as the Institute may determine; and

(b) as regards any officers or persons employed, in whose case it may be determined by the Institute, with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of Our Treasury, so to do, pay to or in respect of them such pensions (including gratuities), or provide and maintain for them such pension schemes (whether contributory or not), as may be so determined.

10. THE Institute shall expend such sums for administrative purposes, including travelling expenses and subsistence allowances for Members and staff, as the Institute may determine.

11. THE application of the Seal of the Institute shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Chairman or some other Member of the Institute authorised by the Institute to authenticate the application of the Seal thereof, and of one of such officers of the Institute as may be authorised by the Institute to authenticate the application of the said Seal.

12. THE Accounts of the Institute shall be made up for each financial year ending on the thirty-first day of March, and shall be prepared, audited and submitted to the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority in such manner and at such times as the Lords Commissioners of Our Treasury may direct.

13. THE Institute shall in every year prepare and submit a report of the work of the Institute to the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority.

14. IT shall be lawful for Us, Our Heirs and Successors by Supplemental Charter to add to, amend or repeal the provisions of this Our Charter or any of them.

15. WITHOUT prejudice to the provisions of Article 14 of this Our Charter, the Institute may by a resolution in that behalf passed at a meeting of the Institute by a majority of not less than three quarters of the Members present and voting (being an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Institute) and confirmed at a further meeting of the Institute held not less than one month nor more than four months afterwards by a like majority, alter, amend or add to this Our Charter, and such alteration, amendment or addition, when allowed by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council, shall become effectual, so that this Our Charter shall thenceforward continue and operate as though it had been originally granted and made accordingly: and this provision shall apply to this Our Charter as altered, amended or added to in manner aforesaid.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

WITNESS Ourselves at Westminster the Twenty-third day of June  
in the Seventh year of Our Reign.

## BY WARRANT UNDER THE QUEEN'S SIGN MANUAL

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# THE SCHEDULE

The persons now Chairman and other Members of the National Institute for Research in Nuclear Science.

## *Chairman*

The Right Honourable Lord Bridges, G.C.B., G.C.V.O.,  
M.C., F.R.S.

## *Other Members*

Professor Patrick Maynard Stuart Blackett, F.R.S.

Sir John Douglas Cockcroft, O.M., K.C.B., C.B.E., F.R.S.  
Professor Jack Diamond.

John Crandon Gridley Esquire, C.B.E.

Professor William Vallance Douglas Hodge, F.R.S.

Sir Harry Work Melville, K.C.B., F.R.S.

Professor Harvie Stewart Wilson Massey, F.R.S.

Sir Philip Robert Morris, Kt., C.B.E.

Professor Nevill Francis Mott, F.R.S.

Sir James Frederick Mountford, Kt.

Professor Rudolf Peierls, C.B.E., F.R.S.

Sir Donald Cyril Vincent Perrott, K.B.E.

Dr. Basil Ferdinand Jamieson Schonland, C.B.E., F.R.S.

Sir George Paget Thomson, Kt., F.R.S.

Professor Denys Haigh Wilkinson, F.R.S.