

## SIXTH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF SESAME

Poros Image Hotel, Greece, 20-21 June 2005

### Decisions

The Council of SESAME held its 6<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Poros Image hotel in Greece on 20-21 June 2005.

The Council took the following decisions:

1. H.E. Professor Khaled Toukan is appointed as Director for 4 years without a salary. He is stepping down as delegate of Jordan and co-Vice-President of SESAME. Council feels that it would be reasonable to have an Egyptian as next co-Vice-President and asks the President of Council to write to the Egyptian Minister responsible for Higher Education inviting him to nominate a candidate for this position.
2. Delegates will propose candidates for the position of Financial and Administrative Assistant as soon as possible.
3. At the 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, delegates will propose names so that a few of the members of the 4 Advisory Committees of SESAME are changed. Bahrain, in particular, will propose a name.
4. The up-dated 2005 budget is approved.
5. The general guidelines proposed by the Finance Committee, with a lower limit of US\$50K and an upper limit to be proposed each year by the Finance Committee are approved. The proposed estimated 2006 budget is in principle approved. The Finance Committee will reconsider it before the 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, and will propose its distribution among the SESAME Members using the approved guidelines and taking account of the available resources at the end of 2005.
6. In the 5<sup>th</sup> bullet point of Recommendation 4(f) made by the Finance Committee, the words "from the region" will be added after "to encourage other countries and observers".
7. Note has been taken of the recent interest in a beamline for medical research, however, for technical and other reasons it does not seem feasible to consider such a beamline in the first phase of the programme. Council encourages this initiative being followed up in a later phase and the creation of a basis for the required scientific, legal and financial conditions.
8. A 4<sup>th</sup> users meeting will be held in December 2005 in conjunction with the 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting and a Palestinian will be on the Steering Group.

9. At the 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, Pakistan will report on its local activities related to SESAME
10. The Director of the Arab Atomic Energy Authority (AAEA) and one of the persons responsible for examining the feasibility of establishing a synchrotron radiation facility in South Africa will be invited to the 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.