

## SEVENTH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF SESAME

Dead Sea Spa Hotel, Jordan, 5-6 December 2005

### Decisions

The Council of SESAME held its 7<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Dead Sea Spa hotel in Jordan on 5-6 December 2005.

The Council took the following decisions:

1. The members of SESAME re-confirm their commitment to SESAME as expressed in the joint letter to the EU, and the Directorate of SESAME will send the EU the requested documents (information on Members' contributions, beamlines planned and users community). The President of Council will send a letter to the Nobel laureates who had written to the EU promoting the SESAME case to thank them for their support and inform them of the encouraging latest developments.
2. Professor Fawzi Abdel Kader Elrefai is elected co-Vice President of the Council of SESAME.
3. Delegates will urgently propose good candidatures for the post of Financial and Administrative Officer. Candidates should be middle-aged. The person selected will initially work under the direct supervision of the Administrative Director and could eventually take over from him. To avoid giving the impression that SESAME is a Jordanian project, the next Administrative Director will not be Jordanian.
4. The modified composition of the 4 Advisory Committees will be as follows:
  - (a) Beamlines Committee:  
**Chair:** Samar Hasnain (Pakistan)  
**Members:** Joan Bordas (Spain)  
Awni Hallak (Jordan)  
Zahid Hussain (Pakistan)  
Engin Ozdas (Turkey)  
Joel L. Sussman (Israel)  
Soichi Wakatsuki (Japan)  
Herman Winick (USA)
  - (b) Scientific Committee:  
**Chair:** Zehra Sayers (Turkey)  
**Members:** Maged Al-Sherbiny (Egypt)  
Jean-Patrick Connerade (France/UK)  
Adel M. El-Nadi (Egypt)  
Abdeslam Hoummada (Morocco)  
Sami Mahmood (Jordan)  
Irit Sagi (Israel)  
Metaxia Vlassi (Greece)

(c) Technical Committee:

**Chair:** Albin F. Wrulich (Germany)  
**Members:** Amr Adly Ameen (Egypt)  
Ecran Alp (Turkey)  
Carlo J. Bocchetta (Italy)  
Mikael Eriksson (Sweden)  
Amor Nadji (Algeria/France)  
Salman M. Salman (Palestinian Authority)  
Ernst Wehreter (Germany)

(d) Training Committee:

**Chair:** Javad Rahighi (Iran)  
**Members:** Shoaib Ahmad (Pakistan)  
Dia Eddin Arafah (Jordan)  
Said A. Assaf (Palestinian Authority)  
Shin-ichi Kurokawa (Japan)  
Ahmed Mahmoud Saleh (Egypt)  
One vacancy (for Bahrain)

On average, one-third of the members of the Advisory Committees will be changed every 3 years. The Chairs of the Committees will see which of their members would be ready to step down and which persons would be prepared to replace them. They will then propose these changes to Council for its decision.

5. The Memorandum of Understanding to formalize IAEA/SESAME cooperation is to be concluded between the IAEA and SESAME on behalf of its Members following the endorsement of this approach by the representatives of the Agency's Member States. The Deputy Director-General and Head of the Department of Technical Cooperation of the IAEA will systematically be invited to the Council meetings so as to ensure representation of the Agency.
6. The 2006 budget is unanimously approved and the distribution of the 2006 contributions will be as follows: Bahrain, Jordan and the Palestinian Authority US\$50K each; Egypt US\$51.54K; Iran, Israel and Pakistan US\$85K each; and Turkey US\$100K. The formula used for calculating Members' contributions is to be applied to 2006 only.
7. The Provisional Staff Rules and Provisional Staff Regulations are unanimously approved for a further 2 years. They will be reviewed at the end of this period. The Finance Committee is asked to provide other arguments concerning the salary scales of SESAME so that a decision on this issue is taken one year hence.
8. The Provisional Financial Rules are unanimously approved for a further period of 2 years. They will be reviewed at the end of this period or when it is deemed necessary.
9. The Secretary of Council will write to the Minister of Research of Iran enquiring about his country's position concerning membership in SESAME.
10. An Iraqi scientist will be invited as a special guest to future meetings of Council.