

TENTH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF SESAME
Meeting Room C07 V, IAEA, Vienna, Austria, 31 July – 1 August 2007

Decisions

The Council of SESAME held its 10th meeting on the premises of the IAEA from 31 July to 1 August 2007.

The Council took the following decisions:

1. The Council unanimously accepts Iraq as a Member under the following conditions. Negotiations will be held with Iraq to determine how it will participate in the scientific programme of SESAME in a satisfactory way and how it will fulfil its financial obligations. If the outcome of these negotiations is satisfactory the delegates of Members will be notified of this electronically.
2. Professor Sir Chris Llewellyn-Smith is elected President of Council in accordance with Article 2.8 of the Rules of Procedure of SESAME. He will take up this position after the summer 2008 session of Council. In order to ensure a smooth transition there will be an overlap of one year with the current President. At the 11th Council meeting, Professor Llewellyn-Smith will make a presentation of his vision for SESAME.
3. Dr Amor Nadji is nominated Technical Director of SESAME with immediate effect and the outgoing Technical Director will serve as Technical Advisor until the end of 2007.
4. Members will submit candidatures for the position of Administrative Director to the President of Council and the Secretariat of the Council at UNESCO before 30 September 2007. The candidates put forward should preferably be administrators, though scientists having administrative experience may be considered. The applications will be evaluated by the President of Council and Professor Dincer Ulku, co-Vice President.
5. Professor Awni Hallak will be appointed assistant to the Director for an initial period of one year, renewable on a yearly basis.
6. Dieter Einfeld at ALBA (Spain), Jean-Mark Filhol at SOLEIL (France), and Lothar Schulz at SLS (Switzerland) will be invited to become members of the Technical Committee. Following his nomination as Technical Director, Amor Nadji is relinquishing his membership in the Technical Committee.
7. For the 2008 Regular Budget, delegates will urge their Authorities to approve an increase of 25% to the contributions that were approved for 2007 so that they each contribute as follows: Bahrain US\$78,125.00, Cyprus US\$78,125.00, Egypt US\$80,531.25, Iran US\$137,500.00, Israel US\$137,500.00, Jordan US\$78,125.00, Pakistan US\$137,500.00, and Turkey US\$137,500.00. No increase will be applied to the contribution of the Palestinian Authority which will remain US\$50,000.00.

8. SESAME will carry out a study to compare its salaries with those offered elsewhere in the region and the findings will be presented to Council at its next meeting. Moreover, at the same session SESAME will provide Council with information on its experience when trying to hire new staff.
9. The draft agreement between the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (France) and SESAME for the donation to SESAME of equipment dismantled at LURE is approved. It will be signed on the premises of UNESCO on the occasion of the Ministerial Round Table on science being organized there in October 2007.
10. The draft Memorandum of Understanding with the National Centre for Physics (Pakistan) is approved. It will be signed on the premises of UNESCO on the occasion of the Ministerial Round Table on science being organized there in October 2007.
11. The 11th Council meeting will be held in Limassol (Cyprus) on 10-11 December 2007.