

## TWELFTH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF SESAME

The Linnaeus Garden, Uppsala, Sweden, 9-10 June 2008

### Decisions

The Council of SESAME held its 12<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Linnaeus Garden, Uppsala, Sweden, from 9 to 10 June 2008.

The Council took the following decisions:

- 1 Delegates of Members will propose names for a new Chair to the Finance Committee and will send their proposals to Ms Formosa-Gauci by 30 September 2008. In the meantime, Professor Hany Helal will be asked whether he would agree to chair the next meeting of the Committee in the autumn of 2008. (*Decision taken during the closed session*)
2. The 7<sup>th</sup> users meeting will be held in Egypt in autumn 2008 and the 8<sup>th</sup> users meeting will be held in Cyprus. (*Decision taken during the closed session*)
3. The organizational chart of SESAME is approved subject to the following changes: there will be an internal auditor's office, a safety office and a public relations office attached to the Director; the Accounting and Audit Section in the Administrative Unit will be renamed Accounting and Financial Section; and the Advisory Committees of SESAME will be moved to the level of Council. The approved chart is attached in Annex 1.
4. Members will request their Authorities to increase their contributions for 2009 by 35% which will result in the following: Bahrain US\$105,468.75, Cyprus US\$105,468.75, Egypt US\$108,717.19, Iran US\$185,625.00, Israel US\$185,625.00, Jordan US\$105,468.75, Pakistan US\$185,625.00, Palestinian Authority US\$67,500.00, and Turkey US\$185,625.00. (The Palestinian delegates were not able to cast a vote in view of the special situation of the Palestinian Authority) They will also see how their Authorities would perceive an increase of a higher percentage for the years after this so as to enable SESAME to meet growing expenditures as preparations for the full operation of the laboratory increase.
5. Delegates will send Ms Clarissa Formosa-Gauci at UNESCO, with a copy to Ms Sonia Al-Faques at SESAME, the name, position and full address of Ministers of Science, Directors or Ministers of Finance, Heads of Academies of Science or Research Councils and other dignitaries to be invited to the "soft" inauguration of SESAME to be held on the morning of 3 November under the auspices of the King Jordan, and with his participation and that of the Director-General of UNESCO. They will do this no later than 30 July, but preferably much earlier.
6. The 13<sup>th</sup> Council meeting will be held in Amman (Jordan) on the afternoon of 3 November and the full day of 4 November 2008.