

THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF SESAME

Regency Palace Hotel, Amman, Jordan, 3-4 November 2008

Decisions

The Council of SESAME held its 13th meeting at the Regency Palace hotel, Amman, Jordan, from 3 to 4 November 2008.

The Council took the following decisions:

- 1 Council welcomes the interest of Japan in becoming an Observer of SESAME and confirms that if, as provided for in Article XII.2 of the Statutes of SESAME, these Statutes are revised and such revision stipulates additional rights or obligations of Observers, Japan as an Observer will not be bound by the such revision against its will given that it will not have voted for the revision by virtue of Article III.1. which lays down that Observers have no vote.
2. The Past-President of Council will be given the title of International Delegate to SESAME Council. The title will be a life-long one and the Past-President will be invited to all future meetings of Council. One of the rooms on the premises of SESAME, possibly the main meeting room, will be called the "Schopper Room".
(Decision taken during the closed session)
3. Delegates of Members will propose names for a new Chair for the Finance Committee and will send their proposals, as well as the curriculum vitae of the nominees to Ms Formosa-Gauci by 31 December 2008. In the meantime, Professor Hany Helal will be asked whether he would agree to chair the next meeting of the Committee in the spring of 2009. Henceforth, meetings of the Finance Committee will be held a couple of weeks before the Council meetings to give the Authorities of the Members of SESAME time to consider the recommendations of the Committee.
(Decision taken during the closed session)
4. Iraq's request to become an Observer of SESAME is unanimously approved.
(Decision taken during the closed session)
5. Paul Dumas (France) will be invited to become a member of the Scientific Advisory Committee. Though membership on the advisory committees is based exclusively on experience and expertise and not on geographical representation, when there is no person from a given Member serving on an Advisory Committee, a scientist from this Member may take part in the meetings of the Committee in an observer status when this is good training. Only one observer per Member may take part in the Committee's meeting and the observer will cover his/her own travel and other expenses related to participation in the meeting. *(Decision taken during the closed session)*
6. The Director of SESAME will submit a medium-term plan for SESAME to the 14th Council meeting. This plan will contain *inter alia* information on assumptions on

income, what support is needed for the machine and beamlines and when it is needed in order to have everything coming on line in phase, a list of hardware that may be provided in-kind, the growth of the operational budget, and the staff plan referred to in Decision No 10 below. There will be a note in this plan indicating that inflation will be added at the appropriate moment.

7. The Director of SESAME will provide the 14th Council meeting with information on the cost of insuring staff, visitors to the Centre and the SESAME building against personal injuries and damage that may occur.
8. Proposals for an external auditor will be sent to Ms Formosa-Gauci before 31 December 2008. These proposals will not be limited to offers of in-kind contribution, but will also include the name of commercial firms, After this, the Director of SESAME, in consultation with the Finance Committee, will make a proposal. This proposal will be sent to delegates of Members electronically for an electronic ballot. If there is a unanimous positive vote, the decision will be ratified at the 14th Council meeting; failing this the proposal will be discussed at the 14th Council meeting. Provided that this is in conformity with the provisions of the Financial Rules, an external auditor will be appointed for 3 years.
9. The proposed 2009 Regular Budget (US\$1,507,864.00) is approved and, with the exception of the Palestinian Authority, Members' contribution to this budget will be increased by 35% so that they each contribute as follows: 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, and Turkey US\$185,625.00. Exceptionally, no increase will be applied to the contribution of the Palestinian Authority which will remain US\$50,000.00.
10. The Director of SESAME will submit to the 14th Council meeting a plan showing the staff needed during the remainder of the construction period and the beginning of the operation period. The plan will specify what is for the technical sector, scientific sector, administrative sector and the Director's office. It will also highlight what may be in-kind.
11. Recommendations on changes to be made to the Provisional Financial Rules and Provisional Staff Rules and Provisional Staff Regulations of SESAME will be made to ensure that there is consistency in the terminology used in the documents and in the voting rights mentioned therein. These recommendations, as well as the Provisional Financial Rules and Provisional Staff Rules and Provisional Staff Regulations as a whole, will be presented to Council for approval at its 14th Council meeting.
12. The 14th Council meeting will be held in Istanbul (Turkey) on 20-21 July 2009.