

**FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF SESAME**

**Peak Hotel, Istanbul, Turkey, 20-21 July 2009**

Decisions

The Council of SESAME took the following decisions at its 14<sup>th</sup> meeting:

1. SESAME will seek free membership on the website of [lightsources.org](http://lightsources.org).
2. The offer of the head of communications of ESRF to help SESAME in its public relations work, for example its website, will be accepted.
3. The school to be organized in 2010 by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) will be held in Turkey. It will be given the SESAME label.
4. The President will pursue enquiries regarding a possible European Investment Bank (EIB) loan for the construction of the storage ring, and the Director of SESAME will explore the possibility of a loan from the Jordanian Authorities. In parallel, Members will jointly submit a request for capital funding to the U.S. following President Obama's speech at Cairo University on 4 June 2009. Assuming that President Obama's science advisor, with whom the President of Council is in contact, indicates that the timing is appropriate, a proposal will be drafted and sent to the Members for their quick consideration and approval in early September, after which it will be submitted to the U.S. Authorities on their behalf. Members will explore the possibility of obtaining letters in support of the proposal from their national Ministers. Members will also consider whether they could make a one-off capital contribution in lieu of the investment they were to make for the initial suite of beamlines.
5. The Director will submit the medium/long term plan of SESAME to the 15<sup>th</sup> Council meeting for approval after first having presented the technical part to the Technical Advisory Committee and the scientific part to the Beamlines and Scientific Advisory Committees. The plan will give an estimate of the operational budget needed between 2009 and the end of construction of the storage ring, and during the first few years of the operational phase of SESAME. It will describe the initial programme, which is expected to comprise 7 beamlines, although it will take perhaps 2 years to commission all of them, and it will probably start with 3 beamlines (from 2 ports) though not necessarily on the same day. There will be two options in the operational budget, one in which the machine operates on a 24-hour basis and one in which this is not the case. The plan for the machine and the scientific programme will provide a long-term perspective by briefly mentioning possible upgrades (such as higher current and additional insertion devices) and a description of what beamlines might be added in the long-term. It will report on the value of investments already made in SESAME (land, building and other infrastructure, BESSY I, beamlines, undulators, value of the SESAME training programme, etc).

6. Switzerland's request to become an Observer of SESAME is unanimously approved. (*Decision taken during the closed session*)
7. The President of Council will invite the President of the Academy of Sciences of Afghanistan to the 15<sup>th</sup> Council meeting so he may inform delegates how Afghanistan could participate in the scientific programme of SESAME in a satisfactory way and how it might fulfil its financial obligations. (*Decision taken during the closed session*)
8. The position of Chair of the Finance Committee is offered to Professor Salman M. Salman (Palestinian Authority) (*Decision taken during the closed session*)  
Note added after meeting: Since the governing instruments of SESAME do not specify the duration of the Chair's mandate, pending discussion in the closed session at the 15<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, the position is being offered to Professor Salman for a period of two years with the possibility of renewal for one further two-year period in line with the rule for the President of Council, and that followed in UN related bodies.
9. Renewal of the Scientific Director's appointment is unanimously approved and this will be for a period of 4 years. (*Decision taken during the closed session*)
10. Dr Fabia Gozzo Stoll's nomination as a member of the Training Advisory Committee is unanimously approved and Professor Osamu Shimomura will be invited to serve as an alternate when Professor Shin-ichi Kurokawa is unable to take part in the activities of the Committee. Note has been taken that a representative of ICTP will serve on the Committee in line with the provisions of the MoU signed with the Centre. (*Decision taken during the closed session*)  
Note added after meeting: Due to a very heavy workload, Dr Fabia Gozzo Stoll has declined the invitation to become a member of the Training Advisory Committee.
11. Delegates will do their utmost to obtain agreement to the proposed budget of US\$1,705,960.00 for 2010 and to a 45% increase in their contributions for the fiscal year in question. This will imply the following contributions: Bahrain US\$152,929.68, Cyprus US\$152,929.68, Egypt US\$157,639.92, Iran US\$269,156.25, Israel US\$269,156.25, Jordan US\$152,929.68, Pakistan US\$269,156.25, and Turkey US\$269,156.25. In view of the particular situation of the Palestinian Authority its contribution will be kept at US\$50,000.00. If required, the President will visit Members' capitals to help promote SESAME to Ministers at the highest accessible level in order to underwrite future funding.
12. In view of the serious cash flow problems being created by those Members who have not remitted all their contributions to the annual operational budget of SESAME (Bahrain, Iran, Pakistan and the Palestinian Authority), the President of Council will write to a very high authority of Pakistan expressing concern, as well as to a very high authority of Bahrain and Iran. The new Chair of the Finance Committee, with the added authority conferred on him by this position, will press the Palestinian Authority to be forthcoming

with its contributions. Towards the end of September the President would circulate a letter to all Members to report on the result of these actions.

13. The issue of a building and liability insurance policy for SESAME will temporarily be shelved.
14. The Director is authorized to sign an agreement with the external auditor proposed if negotiations with the firm are satisfactory.
15. The 15<sup>th</sup> Council meeting will be held in Jordan on 24-25 November 2009 at a place of venue to be confirmed later. The dates for the 16<sup>th</sup> Council meeting will be identified electronically.  
Note added after meeting: The 15<sup>th</sup> Council meeting will be held on the shores of the Dead Sea.