

FIFTEENTH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF SESAME

Dead Sea Spa Hotel, Jordan, 24-25 November 2009

Decisions

The Council of SESAME took the following decisions at its 15th meeting:

1. There will be 3 beamlines on “day-one” of operation of the machine.
2. Council endorses the Strategic Plan, which is to be finalized by the Directorate that is responsible for it. Delegates will send any comments they may have on the document to the Directorate, the President of Council and Ms Formosa-Gauci no later than 10 December following which it will be finalized. Once the Plan is finalized Professor Moshe Paz-Pasternak will use it to prepare a document, for the benefit of scientists, which gives information on the scientific work they may do at the SESAME laboratory. This document will contain no mention of financial considerations. It will be translated into Arabic by Jordan.
3. Henceforth, the closed session will be held at the beginning of Council meetings. *(Decision taken during the closed session)*
4. In view of the very special situation Pakistan finds itself in, the President of Council will write to the Chairman of the Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC) and the Chairman of the Higher Education Commission (HEC) informing them that Council agrees to Pakistan’s contribution for 2009 and 2010 being kept at the level of its 2008 contribution (US\$137,500.00), that the shortfall relative to the calculated contribution will not be considered as an accumulated debt, and that the issue of its contribution for 2011 will be discussed at the 16th Council meeting. *(Decision taken during the closed session)*
5. The duration of the mandate of the Chair of the Finance Committee will be 2 years with a possibility of one renewal for a further 2 years. *(Decision taken during the closed session)*
6. Delegates will send the President proposals on a possible Vice-President of Council so that they may be considered at the 16th Council meeting. The decisions taken at previous Council meetings will be consulted to see if any guidelines had been approved concerning the rotation of the Chairs of the Advisory Committees. *(Decision taken during the closed session)*
7. Dr Adel M. Qabazard will be invited to become a member of the Training Advisory Committee (TrAC). *(Decision taken during the closed session)*

8. A group consisting of Cyprus, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, the Palestinian Authority and some of the Observers who participate in the CBC Med (Cross Border Cooperation in the Mediterranean) programme is set up for the preparation of a proposal for funding from the CBC Med programme under the ENPI (European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument). SESAME will be represented on the group by its Administrative Director and also by its Technical Director if the issues to be discussed become very technical.
9. While understanding the spirit of the recommendations of the 10th meeting of the Finance Committee, Council will not take a decision on them.
10. The 2010 regular budget will be US\$1,705,960.00. Members' 2010 contributions towards this budget will be as follows: 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, 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. In accordance with decision No 4 above, Pakistan's contribution will be US\$137,500.00. In the letter requesting payment of Members' 2010 contributions it will be stated that contributions for the following two years will probably be higher, but that this has not yet been discussed by the Finance Committee.