

**SIXTEENTH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF SESAME**

**Ramses Hilton Hotel, Cairo, Egypt, 1-2 June 2010**

Decisions

The Council of SESAME took the following decisions at its 16<sup>th</sup> meeting:

1. The Strategic Plan 2010-2014 will not be posted on the web site of SESAME. Instead, it is the new document prepared by Professor Paz-Pasternak for the benefit of scientists based on elements in the Plan relating to science that will be posted on the web site. Should this document be translated into Arabic, the Arabic version will not be posted on the web site.
2. The possibility of organizing a UNESCO/SESAME round table on cooperation in science for peace and development which could be convened in Jordan in 2011 is endorsed.
3. President Tarek Hussein (Egypt) will be Vice-President with immediate effect. By 30 September 2010, delegates will send the President of Council and Ms Formosa-Gauci nominations for a second Vice-President so that they may be considered at the 17<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Candidates should be from among delegates representing the Members on the Council. Should delegates not wish to renew the mandate of the current President for a further two years, they are to send the name of alternative candidates to the Vice-President of Council and Ms Formosa-Gauci by 30 September 2010. (*Decision taken during the closed session*)
4. The President will draft a resolution on behalf of Council thanking those Members who have conditionally agreed to contribute to SESAME's capital funding, and urging others to join them. He will send it electronically for approval to the delegates of Members having participated in the 16<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Following this, he will send it on behalf of Council to the Minister responsible for SESAME in each of the Members represented in the 16<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. (*Decision taken during the closed session*)
5. The President of Council will write to the relevant Minister in Bahrain and in the Palestinian Authority to draw their attention to their unpaid contributions to the yearly operational budget of SESAME and the Director will follow this up by telephoning both Ministers. The Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research of Egypt will be asked whether he could also telephone the Bahraini Minister. (*Decision taken during the closed session*)
6. Professor Salvador Ferrer Fabregas from ALBA will be invited to become a member of the Beamlines Advisory Committee (BAC). Professor Thomas H. Ellis from the Canadian Light Source and Dr Maya Kiskinova from Elettra will be invited to become members of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC). (*Decision taken during the closed session*)

7. A brochure that features people who will benefit from SESAME will be prepared.
8. The proposed regular budget of US\$2,196,856.00 for 2011 and a 35% increase in Members' contributions for the said year are provisionally approved and delegates will do their utmost to obtain their Authorities' authorization for this. This will imply the following contributions: Bahrain US\$199,335.94, Cyprus US\$199,335.94, Egypt US\$205,475.48, Iran US\$350,831.25, Israel US\$350,831.25, Jordan US\$199,335.94, Pakistan US\$350,831.25, and Turkey US\$350,831.25. In view of the particular situation of the Palestinian Authority its contribution will be kept at US\$50,000.00. Provided that it receives a written request from Pakistan, at the 17<sup>th</sup> Council meeting Council will examine Pakistan's request that its level of contribution for 2011 and 2012 be kept at the level of its 2008 contribution in view of the situation in the country that has worsened still further.
9. A Pension Fund will be set up for the staff members of SESAME with effect from 1 January 2008. SESAME will pay 10% of the staff members' basic salary to the Fund and the staff members will pay 5% of their basic salary. For a staff member to receive payments from the Pension Fund, he/she must be employed by SESAME for five years commencing on 1 January 2008, in the case of staff hired before that date, and five years from the date of recruitment in the case of those employed after January 2008. Those staff members having joined SESAME prior to 1 January 2008 will have the possibility of purchasing their pension contributions for the years in question and the full contribution (15%) for these years will be paid by SESAME. *This decision nullifies and supersedes decision No 9 taken at the 11<sup>th</sup> session of Council in December 2007.*