

NINETEENTH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF SESAME

CK Farabi Hotel, Ankara, Turkey, 7-8 December 2011

Decisions

The Council of SESAME took the following decisions at its 19th meeting:

1. Revision of the 2010-2014 Strategic Plan will be delayed until a new Technical Director is in place.
2. SESAME endorses the proposed International Year of Light 2015. The wording of the endorsement is as follows: “The SESAME Council strongly supports the proposal to designate 2015 the International Year of Light”. The organisers of the International Year of Light will be informed that if they wish they may use the logo of SESAME in association with the Year of Light.
3. The basic salary scales of staff will be increased by 8% with effect from 1 January 2012.
4. The President will inform Professor Gabriel Babatunde Ogunmola that the Members have to consult their Authorities on the possibility of Nigeria joining SESAME and, that at first sight, see nothing that may prevent this. In the meantime, the Secretary of Council will contact Professor Ogunmola and the Nigerian Permanent Delegate to UNESCO for information on the background to Professor Ogunmola’s enquiry about the possibility of Nigeria joining the Centre. *(Decision taken during the closed session)*
5. The 2012 regular budget will be US\$2,326,186.80. Members’ 2012 contribution to this budget will be as follows: Bahrain US\$209,302.73, Cyprus US\$209,302.73, Egypt US\$215,749.26, Iran US\$368,372.81, Israel US\$368,372.81, Jordan US\$209,302.73, and Turkey US\$368,372.81. In view of the particular situation of the Palestinian Authority, its contribution will be kept at US\$50,000.00. Cyprus will transfer its contribution of US\$209,302.73 to SESAME in two instalments, namely US\$199,334.94 in 2012 and US\$9,996.79 in 2013.

Exceptionally, Pakistan’s contribution will be kept at the level of its 2008 contribution (US\$137,500), and the difference of US\$230,872.81 with its nominal contribution (US\$368,372.81) will not be considered as a cumulative debt. However, the basis for calculating its 2013 contribution will be its 2012 nominal contribution. The information on its commitment to SESAME that it was decided at the 17th C meeting that Pakistan would provide to the Council in 2011 will be provided in 2012 and the decision on how to treat its debt for 2011 is also deferred to 2012.

At the 20th C meeting, the Director of SESAME will inform the Council how it has managed to cope with no contribution from Bahrain and a lower contribution from Pakistan.

(Decisions taken during the closed session)

6. The Administrative Director, Professor Mohamed Yasser Khalil, is re-appointed for a further four years with effect from 1 May 2012. (*Decision taken during the closed session*)
7. The curriculum vitae of the candidate selected for the position of Technical Director will be communicated to the delegates of Members electronically and they will approve the nomination electronically. This nomination will then be recorded as a decision in the report of the 20th C meeting. In the meantime, with effect from 1 January 2012, Dr Ernst Weihreter will be hired as an Interim Technical Director for 150 working days. His task will be to deliver the booster (at an energy of 800 MeV). In parallel, with effect from 1 January 2012, the outgoing Technical Director will serve as a consultant for one-two years for a short part of his time. (*Decision taken during the closed session*)
8. Henceforth, appointment to the two positions of co-Vice President will be on a rotational basis. The first vacant positions of co-Vice President will be held by the three Members who to date have occupied no senior position in the Council or Secretariat of SESAME, namely Iran, Israel and Cyprus. They will be appointed in the following order: Iran, Israel and Cyprus – Iran and Israel being two Members having agreed to contribute US\$1M/year for five years towards the capital investment of SESAME. After this, rotation will be in decreasing alphabetical order of the name of the Members. Co-Vice Presidents will continue to hold office for two years, but it will no longer be possible for a serving co-Vice President to serve for an immediate follow-on term at the end of his/her first term, thus reducing the time before each Member may hold the position. This restriction will not apply to the current Vice President, Professor Tarek Hussein (Egypt), who was elected prior to this change. The provisions contained in this decision will be applicable from the 19th session of Council inclusive. The Rules of Procedure will not be modified to reflect these changes.

Based on the foregoing, Professor Seyed Mahmoud Reza Aghamiri (Iran) will be a co-Vice President of the Council with immediate effect.

(*Decisions taken during the closed session*)
9. Article 2.8 of the Rules of Procedure relating to the terms of office of a President of the Council is exceptionally and temporarily suspended; Professor Sir Chris Llewellyn Smith is elected President of the SESAME Council for a third term of two years with effect from November 2012; Article 2.8 of the Rules of Procedure is reinstated. (*Decision taken during the closed session*)
10. Uri Raviv (Israel) will be invited to become a member of the Beamlines Advisory Committee (BAC) and Mahmoud Tabrizchi (Iran) will be invited to become a member of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC). Joel Sussman (Israel) who has been serving as a member of BAC since January 2003 and Irit Sagi (Israel) who has been serving as a member of SAC since January 2003 will be rotated. (*Decision taken during the closed session*)
11. The powder diffraction (PD) beamline will also be a “day-one” beamline. A memorandum of understanding will be drawn up with Hacettepe University for the

design, construction and commissioning of this beamline and the Beamline and Scientific Advisory Committees will be consulted on its contents.

12. A press release will be issued after the meeting and posted on the web site of SESAME. It will be circulated less widely than that issued after the 18th C meeting which was the first session of Council to take place after the 10 March 2011 meeting at which three Members signed a statement committing themselves to provide funding for the capital investment and a fourth indicated its intention to do likewise