

TWENTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF SESAME

Movenpick Hotel, Dead Sea, Jordan, 12-13 November 2012

Decisions

The Council of SESAME took the following decisions at its 21st meeting:

1. A representative of Brazil, India and the European Commission will be invited to the next meeting of the Council.
2. In the absence of long-term information, which precluded a decision being taken on the 2013 operational budget, this budget will provisionally be frozen at the level of the 2012 budget pending provision of a three-year budget plan, at which point the Council will reconsider the 2013 budget.
3. The resolution laying down the conditions and procedure for granting interest-free loans from the SESAME Pension Fund to staff members that formed part of the written proposal thereon circulated to delegates prior to the Council meeting is approved, but the maximum sum that may be loaned to a staff member is reduced from up to 100% to up to 80% of a staff member's accumulated pension, and when being granted a loan a staff member will have to sign a declaration acknowledging, and accepting, the conditions under which the loan is being granted. The Director will consult the staff on the issue of repayment or non-repayment of the loan, and should the staff be in favour of the latter, the Director will consult a lawyer on the legality of this, and the matter will be presented to the Council at its next meeting. (*Decision taken during the closed session*)
4. The External Auditor will be re-appointed for one term of three financial periods, namely for auditing the financial years 2013-2015 inclusive, after which there will be a call for applications which will be launched in the spring of 2016. The procedure described in the paper *Proposed Procedure for Selection of SESAME External Auditor* is generally accepted. It will be updated and submitted for approval of the Council before the launch of the procedure to select an external auditor for auditing the financial years 2016-2018. (*Decision taken during the closed session*)
5. Francis Pérez (Spain) will be invited to become a member of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). (*Decision taken during the closed session*)
6. The Beamlines Advisory Committee (BAC) and Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) will merge with immediate effect under the name Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC). Provisionally, they will be under the joint chairmanship of the current Chairs of BAC and SAC.