

**TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF SESAME**

**UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France, 26-27 May 2015**

Decisions

The Council of SESAME took the following decisions at its 26<sup>th</sup> meeting:

1. Commissioning of the machine and two ‘day-one’ beamlines will start with two RF (radio frequency) cavities which will allow commissioning to begin at 100 mA. The remaining two cavities needed for full current (400 mA) will be added once the cavities are delivered.
2. The unanimous approval of the European Union’s (EU) request for observer status and its accession to this status with effect from 23 April 2015 are recorded.
3. Mr Tahir Saeed (Pakistan) will be re-appointed as Chair of the Finance Committee for a second term of two years that takes effect immediately following the 26<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. *(Decision taken during the closed session)*
4. The number of Committee members envisaged in the draft Terms of Reference (ToRs) of SESAME’s Training Advisory Committee (TrAC) will be increased from four to six. With this change the draft ToRs are approved and they will be posted on SESAME’s web site. At the 27<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, the Director will propose members for the Committee. Some of the candidates may be new and some members already serving on the Committee, while other current members will be rotated; in other words the clock will be re-started. *(Decision taken during the closed session)*
5. The persons listed below will be invited to serve as members of SESAME’s Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) with effect from 1 June 2015. In order to subsequently permit the rotation and staggering envisaged in the SAC’s ToRs, with typically two seats, including renewals, being filled each year, the duration of the term of office of the members of this Committee will be that indicated next to each name below.

(a) Scientific Advisory Committee

<b>Chair:</b>	Z. Sayer (Turkey)	3 Years
<b>Members:</b>	T.H. Ellis (Canada)	1 Year
	S. Hasnain (UK/Pakistan)	1 Year
	S. Ferrer Fabregas (Spain)	2 Years
	M. Kiskinova (Italy/Bulgaria)	2 Years
	M. Sowwan (Palestinian Authority)	3 Years
	P. Dumas (France)	4 Years
	M. Tabrizchi (Iran)	4 Years
	E.E. Alp (Turkey/USA)	5 Years
	H. Winick (USA)	5 Years

(b) Technical Advisory Committee

- Chair:** A. Wrulich (Austria)  
**Members:** A.A. Adly (Egypt)  
C.J. Bocchetta (Italy)  
D. Einfeld (Germany)  
M.T. Heron (UK)  
A. Nadji (Algeria/France)  
F. Pérez (Spain)  
S.M. Salman (Palestinian Authority)  
L. Schulz (Switzerland)

The following members of SESAME's Scientific Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee will be rotated:

Scientific Advisory Committee: M. Al-Sherbiny (Egypt), M.R. Howells (UK/USA), Z. Hussain (Pakistan/USA), S. Mahmood (Jordan), E. Ozdas (Turkey), U. Raviv (Israel), J.F. Van Der Veen (Netherlands) and S. Wakatsuki (Japan)

Technical Advisory Committee: E.E. Alp (Turkey/USA) and M. Serio (Italy)

Mohammad Yousef (Egypt) will be invited to serve as a member of SESAME's Scientific Advisory Committee with effect from 1 June 2016. As laid down in the Committee's ToRs, he is being appointed for one term of three years. (*Decision taken during the closed session*)

6. Professor Rolf Heuer, whose term as Director General of CERN will come to an end on 31 December 2015, will be offered the position of President of the SESAME Council. If he accepts the invitation he will take up the position on the second day of the Council meeting that is held in conjunction with the opening ceremony of SESAME in late 2016/early 2017. The current President, Professor Sir Chris Llewellyn Smith, will preside over the opening ceremony and the first day of the Council meeting. (*Decision taken during the closed session*)<sup>1</sup>
7. If agreeable to him, the Administrative Director will be invited to extend his stay in this position until the opening ceremony of SESAME or a date soon after this. (*Decision taken during the closed session*)
8. Special guests will only be invited to meetings of the Council, which are not public meetings, if they have formal links to SESAME or there is a good reason to invite them. (*Decision taken during the closed session*)

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<sup>1</sup> On the second day of the Council meeting, the President reported that Professor Heuer had accepted the Council's offer and was "honoured to take that task for a project of such an importance for science and for the region"