

FORTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF SESAME
Mövenpick Resort & Spa, Dead Sea, Jordan, 4-5 December 2022

Decisions

The Council of SESAME took the following decisions at its 41st meeting:

- 41 C/Decision 1 Cyprus will include SESAME as a Foreign Research Organisation (FRO) in proposals for support for the up-grade of existing infrastructures that it submits to the Research and Innovation Foundation (RIF), which is the national authority in charge of supporting and promoting research, technological development and innovation in Cyprus.
- 41 C/Decision 2 The proposed 2023 operational budget and its distribution is approved by all the Members participating in the meeting, with the exception of Israel that is unable to vote on the motion. This budget is US\$5,288,613.10. Its proposed distribution among the Members is the following: Cyprus US\$518,551.45, Egypt US\$534,522.84, Iran US\$912,650.59, Israel US\$912,650.59, Jordan US\$518,551.45, Pakistan US\$912,650.59, Palestine US\$66,385.00, and Türkiye US\$912,650.59. (*Decision taken at the Restricted Budgetary Session for the Members*)
- 41 C/Decision 3 Professor Rolf Heuer is elected President of the Council for a fourth term of two years to start in the Spring of 2023. (*Decision taken at the Closed Session*)
- 41 C/Decision 4 The Working Group to Sensitize the Scientific Community of Potential Members in the Arab States to the Importance of SESAME for their Scientific Work will meet in a video conference in order to examine the next steps to be taken. (*Decision taken at the Closed Session*)
- 41 C/Decision 5 Professor Gina El-Feky is elected Chair of the Finance Committee for a second term of two years that takes effect in the Spring of 2023. (*Decision taken at the Closed Session*)
- 41 C/Decision 6 Efforts will be made to try and identify sources from which funding for the Category A and Category B activities in the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan may be funded. (*Decision taken at the Closed Session*)
- 41 C/Decision 7 Funds permitting, the establishment of eight posts in 2023 is approved.