

38th Ordinary Session (Part II)

Held in Heidelberg on 19 November 2007

**SUMMARY OF THE MAJOR DECISIONS
OF THE 38TH ORDINARY SESSION (PART II) OF THE EMBC**

Conference is asked to take note of this document.

- The summary record of the last ordinary session of the EMBC in July 2007 was approved.
- A change in the Rules of Procedure to clarify the role of the Secretary General of EMBC was agreed to with minor amendments to the draft proposal. The Rules of Procedure were referred to the Strategic Working Party for further discussion.
- The text of the draft Joint Declaration from EMBC and EMBO in response to the EU Charter for researchers was discussed and altered in two places. The final version will be sent out before the end of the year.
- The Installation Grants Board reported that 24 of the 58 applicants were found to be of the required quality for the award and that the seven participating Member States had agreed to fund 9 applicants.
- Mr Weisbeek (NL) was elected President for 2008.
- Mr Pavelic (HR) was re-elected Vice-President for a fourth year and Mr Sunkel was elected Vice-President for the first time. Both will start their term of office in January 2008.
- The current Secretary General, Ms Beretta (CH) was re-appointed Secretary-General for 2008.
- Ms Almeida (PT) was elected Chair of the Financial Advisory Group for the year 2008. The Chair of the Financial Advisory Group is also the Chair of the Audit Committee. Ms Heppner (DE) was elected Vice-Chair of the Financial Advisory Group and the Audit Committee.

All elections, re-elections and the appointment of the Secretary General were unanimous.

- The composition of the Strategic Working Party in 2008 was agreed as follows:

Peter Weisbeek (NL), President, *Chair*
Kresimir Pavelic (HR), Vice-President
Claudio Sunkel (PT), Vice-President
Isabella Beretta (CH), Secretary General
Maria Jose Almeida (PT), Chair Financial Advisory Group and Audit Committee
Eckhart Curtius (DE)
Mike Davies (UK)
Julien Galabru (FR)
Gluco Tocchini-Valentini (IT)
Ahmet Ademoglu (TR)
Toivo Maimets (EE)
Juan Modolell (ES)
Brita Beije (SE)*

- The required authority for the Executive Director of EMBO to carry out certain actions in accordance with the Financial Rules was granted.

*After the Conference meeting it was realised that no representative from the Scandinavian Member States had been selected. Brita Beije (SE) will be invited to attend the meetings as observer until a formal decision is taken by the Conference at the next ordinary session in June 2008.