

39th Ordinary Session (Part II)

held in Hinxton (UK) on 24 November 2008

**SUMMARY OF THE MAJOR DECISIONS
OF THE 39TH 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 June 2008 was approved.
- The Chair of the Installation Grants Board reported that 13 of the 58 applicants received in 2008 were found to be of the required quality for the award. The seven participating Member States had agreed to fund between seven and eleven applicants.
- Mr Weisbeek (NL) was re-elected unanimously as President for 2009. This will be Mr Weisbeek's second term of office.
- Mr Sunkel (PT) was re-elected Vice-President for a second term.

Mr Maimets (EE) was unanimously elected Vice-President for the first time. The President and the Vice-Presidents will start their term of office in January 2009.

- The current Secretary General, Ms Beretta (CH), had resigned and Mr Pavelic (HR) was elected new Secretary General. The voting was unanimous with one abstention from Mr Galabru (FR).
- Ms Almeida (PT) was re-elected Chair of the Financial Advisory Group for the year 2009. The Chair of the Financial Advisory Group is also the Chair of the Audit Committee. Ms Heppner (DE) was re-elected Vice-Chair of the Financial Advisory Group and the Audit Committee.
- The composition of the Strategic Working Party for 2009 was agreed: Mr Hiltunen (FI) joined the group as Member from the Scandinavian countries and Ms Keppler replaced Mr Curtius as the Member from Germany. The last position on the working group will be filled by Ms Entringer, subject to confirmation.

Mr Weisbeek (NL), President, *Chair*
Mr Sunkel (PT), Vice-President
Mr Maimets (EE), Vice-President
Mr Pavelic (HR), Secretary General
Ms Almeida (PT), Chair Financial Advisory Group and Audit Committee
Ms Keppler (DE)
Mr Palmer (UK)
Mr Galabru (FR)
Mr Tocchini-Valentini (IT)
Mr Ademoglu (TR)
Ms Entringer (LU)
Mr Hiltunen (FI)
Mr Modolell (ES)

- In accordance with Financial Rule 2.6, which states that four of the member states of the Audit Committee need to be selected every three years, the President made a number of proposals. A decision on the four new members of the Audit Committee for 2009, 2010 and 2011 was postponed to the next Conference Meeting in June 2009.
- The required authority for the Executive Director of EMBO to carry out certain actions in accordance with the Financial Rules was granted.
- The President reported on the discussions in the Strategic Working Party about the Governance of the EMBC. It was agreed by Conference that the Strategic Working Party will work out a proposal on this issue for the next Conference meeting.
- Finally, it was decided to launch the new EMBC website.