

**SUMMARY OF THE MAJOR DECISIONS
OF THE 41ST ORDINARY SESSION (PART I) OF EMBC**

held at the EMBL Operon, Heidelberg, on 28 June 2010

Conference is asked to take note of this document.

- The provisional summary record of the second part of the 40th ordinary session of EMBC and the minutes of the second Finance Committee meeting, both of which took place in Rome on 23 November 2009, were approved.
- Conference appointed the Dutch Delegate Jeannette Ridder-Numan as Chair and the French Delegate Frédéric Dardel as Vice Chair of the Finance Committee.
- The accounts for 2009 were approved and the External Auditors' reports were noted. The auditors' only remark had referred to the lack of comparability with the accounts from former years, whereupon the Director had assured the auditors that this would be provided again in future.
- Conference discussed six different proposals of how to handle the award component of the EMBO Young Investigator Programme in future. As there was no consensus among the delegates, the current procedures will be maintained for the time being. However, Conference will continue discussing the topic trying to identify alternative solutions with the long-term aim of including the awards into the General Programme with the start of the next indicative scheme.
- The draft budget for 2011 was approved unanimously with one abstention.
- The Internal Auditors' report was noted.
- Conference elected unanimously the Spanish Delegate Angela Nieto as new member of the Strategic Working Party. The current composition of the working group is as follows:

Toivo Maimets	<i>President</i>	<i>Estonia</i>
Kresimir Pavelic	<i>Secretary General</i>	<i>Croatia</i>
Claudio Sunkel	<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Portugal</i>
Leszek Kaczmarek	<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Poland</i>
Jeannette Ridder-Numan	<i>Chair Finance Committee</i>	<i>Netherlands</i>
Ahmet Ademoglu	<i>Turkey</i>	
Josiane Entringer	<i>Luxembourg</i>	
Julien Galabru	<i>France</i>	
Kalervo Hiltunen	<i>Finland</i>	
Oda Keppler	<i>Germany</i>	
Angela Nieto	<i>Spain</i>	
Mark Palmer	<i>UK</i>	
Glauco Tocchini-Valentini	<i>Italy</i>	

- Bulgaria's application for EMBC membership was considered again. Conference came to the conclusion that the application could presently not be accepted. Conference mandated the Director of EMBO to use the available instruments to support Bulgaria in raising its scientific profile. Conference also agreed that it would be prepared to consider a reapplication by Bulgaria following a review of its life science activities by EMBO in a few years time.
- Conference agreed to renew the Cooperation Agreement between EMBC and South Africa and mandated the Director of EMBO to draft a respective document to be presented at the following EMBC meeting in November 2010. The renewed Agreement should make provision for an annual subscription fee from South Africa.
- An application from Singapore for closer links with EMBO/EMBC was considered and the Director of EMBO was requested to elaborate a cooperation agreement and present this at the following EMBC meeting in November 2010.
- The EMBO|EMBC annual report 2009 was approved unanimously. Conference briefly considered electronic-only publication of either parts or the full report. EMBO was requested to present a proposal at the next meeting taking into account the delegates' wish to have available a printable version for download.

The next EMBC meetings are scheduled as follows:

41 st Ordinary Session, Part II	22 Nov 2010	Heidelberg (DE)
42 nd Ordinary Session, Part I	27 June 2011	Grenoble (FR)
42 nd Ordinary Session, Part II	21 Nov 2011	Heidelberg (DE)
43 rd Ordinary Session, Part I	25 June 2012	Heidelberg (DE)
43 rd Ordinary Session, Part II	26 Nov 2012	Hamburg (DE)