

47th Ordinary Session

Agenda item 4

Summary of the decisions taken at the 46th ordinary session

Conference is requested to take note of the document.

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Draft agenda

The draft agenda was approved as presented.

Summary Record of the previous meeting

The summary record of the 45th EMBC session (part II), which took place on 24 November 2014 in Heidelberg, was unanimously approved.

Budget 2016

The draft budget for 2016, which is based on the adopted Indicative Scheme for 2015-2019, was unanimously approved.

Lithuania's application for EMBC membership

EMBC agreed unanimously to accept Lithuania's application for EMBC Membership (Annex I, Resolution 2015-1). Following Lithuania's accession to the EMBC Agreement, Lithuania will become the 29th EMBC Member State¹.

Lithuania's application for a one-third reduction of its membership fee

EMBC agreed unanimously to accept Lithuania's application for a one-third reduction of its membership fee for the first three years of membership (Annex II, Resolution 2015-2).

Accounts for 2014

The accounts for 2014 were unanimously approved.

EMBC as applicant for EC funding

The Member States, with Switzerland abstaining, agreed to the proposal that EMBC can in future act as formal applicant for EC funding for EMBO projects that fall under the remit of the General Programme of EMBC. EMBO, as a Swiss registered organization, is currently excluded from applying for funding to some of the EC Framework Programme Horizon 2020 pillars.

Cooperation with South Africa

EMBC gave the mandate to the Director of EMBO to terminate the current cooperation agreement with the Republic of South Africa and to negotiate an EMBC Associate Membership agreement between EMBC, EMBO and the Republic of South Africa.

Amendment to the Cooperation Agreement with the National Science Council of Taiwan

Taking into consideration the transformation of the National Science Council of Taiwan (NSC) into the Ministry of Science and Technology of Taiwan (MOST), the Member States, with France abstaining, decided to amend the Cooperation Agreement with the National Science Council of Taiwan and to accept MOST as a new Party to the Agreement.

Appointment of EMBC officers for 2016

- Gerrit van Meer (Netherlands) was unanimously re-elected as President of EMBC.
- Charalambos Savakis (Greece) was re-elected as Vice President of EMBC; Greece abstained from voting.
- Eiríkur Steingrímsson (Iceland) was elected as new Vice President of EMBC; Iceland abstained from voting.
- Patrick Cramer (Germany) was re-elected as Secretary General of EMBC.
- Troels Tvedegaard Rasmussen (Denmark) was elected as new Chair of the Finance Committee; Denmark abstained from voting.
- Lovorka Barač Lauc (Croatia) was elected as new Vice Chair of the Finance Committee; Croatia abstained from voting.

Membership of the Finance Committee

Conference unanimously approved the membership of the Finance Committee for the years 2016-2019: Permanent members: Germany, France, Italy, Spain and the United Kingdom.

Non-permanent members: Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Denmark, Poland, Portugal, and the Netherlands.

¹ Malta will become the 28th Member State following its accession to the EMBC Agreement.

Membership of the Strategic Working Party

Conference unanimously approved the membership of the Strategic Working Party for the year 2016. The members are:

1. Gerrit van Meer	<i>President</i>	Netherlands
2. Patrick Cramer	<i>Secretary General</i>	Germany
3. Charalambos Savakis	<i>Vice President</i>	Greece
4. Eirikus Steingrimsson	<i>Vice President</i>	Iceland
5. Troels Rasmussen	<i>Chair, Finance Committee</i>	Denmark
6. Jean-Michel Heard		France
7. Jan Grapentin/Volker Wiesenthal		Germany
8. Mark Palmer		United Kingdom
9. Lucia Banci		Italy
10. Angela Nieto/Cristina Bauluz (tbd)		Spain
11. Ahmet Ademoglu		Turkey
12. Hemma Bauer		Austria
13. Josiane Entringer		Luxembourg
14. Jeannette Ridder-Numan		Netherlands
15. Boris Turk		Slovenia

Date and place of next meetings

The next meetings of EMBC, the EMBC Finance Committee and the Strategic Development Installation Grants (SDIG) Board are scheduled as follows:

2016, 27 June	EMBC Finance Committee	Grenoble (France)
2016, 28 November	SDIG Board EMBC	Heidelberg (Germany)
2017, 26 June	EMBC Finance Committee (EMBC meeting only if necessary)	Heidelberg (Germany)
2017, 27 November	SDIG Board EMBC	Hamburg (Germany)

The Strategic Working Party will be convened only when necessary.

RESOLUTION 2015 - 1

RECALLING Art. III. 2 of the Agreement:

The Conference may, by decision taken by unanimous vote of the Members present and voting, permit other European States, as well as States which have made an important contribution to the work of EMBO from its foundation, to become Members by acceding to this Agreement after it has come into force,

and

NOTING the application of the Republic of Lithuania to be accepted as a Member State of EMBC,

and

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the recommendation of the Strategic Working Party that the Republic of Lithuania should be accepted as a new Member of EMBC,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT

The Republic of Lithuania is accepted as a full Member of EMBC forthwith.

Adopted at the 46th Ordinary Session on 23 November 2015.

RESOLUTION 2015 - 2

NOTING that the Republic of Lithuania is accepted as a new Member State of the EMBC forthwith,

and

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION the fact that new Members of the Conference have traditionally benefited from a reduction in their payments for the first three years of membership,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT

The Republic of Lithuania will benefit from a reduction in its payments to the budget of EMBC by 33.3% for the first three years following its ratification of the Agreement establishing the EMBC.

and that

The contribution from the Republic of Lithuania will be added to the existing budget of EMBC such that the total general budget is increased by the sum paid by the Republic of Lithuania.

Adopted at the 46th Ordinary Session on 23 November 2015.