49th Ordinary Session, Part I

Agenda item 4

Summary of the decisions taken at the 48th ordinary session

27 November 2017 in Hamburg, Germany

Conference is requested to take note of the document.
Summary of the decisions taken at the 48th ordinary session of EMBC

Draft agenda
The draft agenda was adopted as presented.

Summary record of the previous meeting
Conference unanimously approved the summary record of the 47th EMBC session, which took place on 28 November 2016 in Heidelberg.

Accounts for 2016
Having taken note of the External Auditors' reports on the accounts for 2016, Conference unanimously approved the accounts for 2016.

Scale of contributions 2018-2020
Conference unanimously approved the new scale of contributions calculated for the years 2018-2020.

Budget 2018
Conference unanimously approved the draft budget for 2018, which is based on the adopted Indicative Scheme for 2015-2019.

Long-Term Fellowships: from stipends to contracts
EMBC unanimously approved 'in principle' EMBO's proposal to transition the EMBO Long-Term Fellowships from stipends to contracts. Details of the costs in the different Member States still need finalising.

Montenegro's application for EMBC membership
EMBC unanimously accepted Montenegro's application for EMBC Membership (Annex I, Resolution 2017-1). Following ratification of Montenegro's accession to the EMBC Agreement, Montenegro will become the 30th Member State of EMBC.

Montenegro's application for a one-third reduction of its membership fee
EMBC unanimously accepted Montenegro's application for a one-third reduction of its membership fee for the first three years of membership (Annex II, Resolution 2017-2).

Appointment of EMBC officers for 2018
- Gerrit van Meer (Netherlands) was unanimously elected for a fourth term as President of EMBC.
- Eirikur Steingrimsson (Iceland) was elected for a third term as Vice President of EMBC.
- Boris Turk (Slovenia) was elected for a second term as Vice President of EMBC.
- Anne Paoletti (France) was elected for a second term as Secretary General of EMBC.
- Troels Tvedegaard Rasmussen (Denmark) was elected for a third term as Chair of the Finance Committee.
- Lovorka Barač Lauc (Croatia) was elected for a third term as Vice Chair of the Finance Committee.

Date and place of next meetings

2 July 2018 EMBC Finance Committee
Barcelona, Spain EMBC

28 November 2018* EMBC
Heidelberg, Germany SDIG board

*For organisational reasons relating to the farewell of Iain Mattaj, Director General EMBL, the order of the 2018 Winter meetings of EMBC and EMBL will be reversed: the EMBL Council will convene on 26 and 27 November (Monday/Tuesday) and EMBC on 28 November 2018 (Wednesday).

24 June 2019 EMBC Finance Committee
Heidelberg, Germany EMBC

25 November 2019 SDIG Board
Hinxton, United Kingdom EMBC

The Strategic Working Party will be convened on demand.
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 Montenegro to be accepted as a member state of EMBC,

and

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the recommendation of the Strategic Working Party that Montenegro should be accepted as a new member of EMBC,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT

**Montenegro is accepted as a full member of EMBC forthwith.**

*Adopted at the 48th Ordinary Session on 27 November 2017*
RESOLUTION 2017 - 2

NOTING that Montenegro 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

Montenegro 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 Montenegro will be added to the existing budget of EMBC such that the total general budget is increased by the sum paid by Montenegro.

Adopted at the 48th Ordinary Session on 27 November 2017.