

42<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Session (Part II)

**Summary of the major decisions of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Session  
(Part II)**

Conference is requested to take note of the document.

## Summary of the major decisions

➤ **Approval of the Summary Record**

The provisional summary record of the first part of the 42<sup>nd</sup> ordinary session of EMBC was approved.

➤ **Frequency of EMBC meetings**

Conference decided to meet once (instead of twice) in 2012. Conference will meet twice per year again for the discussion of the Indicative Scheme in 2013 and 2014. The next EMBC meeting will take place on 26 November 2012 in Hamburg.

The EMBC Finance Committee will meet in June 2012, either before or after the EMBL Council meeting, which will take place on 26 and 27 June 2012.

➤ **Resolution: Prolongation of the EMBC Agreement**

Following the decision of Conference of 27 June 2011 to prolong the EMBC Agreement beyond 2 April 2013, and for an indefinite period, Conference adopted unanimously, with Spain abstaining, the text of the draft resolution (see Annex I).

➤ **Resolution: Science Policy Programme**

Conference had agreed to the change in focus of the EMBO Science and Society Programme towards science policy in November 2010. Conference adopted the resolution to include the EMBO Science Policy Programme into the General Programme of EMBC (Annex II).

➤ **Appointment of EMBC officers for 2012**

Conference was requested to elect the EMBC officers for 2012. The outcome is the following:

Mr Maimets (EE) was re-elected as President of EMBC.  
Ms Nieto (ES) and Mr Kaczmarek (PL) were re-elected as Vice-Presidents.  
Mr Pavelic (HR) was re-elected as Secretary General.  
Ms Ridder-Numan (NL) was re-elected as Chair of the Finance Committee  
Mr Sanchez Gimeno (ES) was elected as new Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee.

The Conference voted unanimously in all cases.

**RESOLUTION**  
**TO PROLONG THE EMBC AGREEMENT FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD**

*The CONFERENCE, meeting in Heidelberg on 21 November 2011 for the second part of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Session,*

RECOGNISING the successful execution of the General Programme as set out under Article II of the Agreement and the important role it has played in the development of European molecular life sciences,

NOTING the document EMBC/11/10 Rev. 1 "EMBO – enduring leadership in the life sciences", which outlines the general impact of EMBC and EMBO on the European scientific landscape and the vision for the future,

CONSIDERING the continued need for cooperation in this domain for the benefit of the molecular life sciences in Europe,

PURSUANT to Article XI 4c of the Agreement,

DECIDES THAT

**Starting 1 January 2012, the EMBC Agreement shall remain in force for an indefinite period unless the Conference, with a minimum of two years' notice, resolves by a two-thirds majority of all the Member States, to terminate this Agreement.**

**RESOLUTION**

**TO INCLUDE THE 'SCIENCE POLICY PROGRAMME' IN THE EMBC GENERAL PROGRAMME**

*The CONFERENCE, meeting in Heidelberg on 21 November 2011 for the second part of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Session,*

CONSIDERING the aim of EMBC to ensure that the molecular life sciences in Europe reach their full potential,

UNDERSTANDING that it is necessary to extend the actions of EMBC to those of relevance to the relationship between the sciences, citizens and governments, in order to allow research activities in Europe to flourish,

RECOGNISING the preparatory actions that have been taken by EMBO in this context,

NOTING the usefulness of EMBO as a provider of analysis, advice, information and support to the Member States in areas related to the conduct of scientific research and the uses of its resulting applications,

and

HAVING REGARD to the EMBC document "EMBO - enduring leadership in life science research - Making the case for the prolongation of the EMBC agreement" (EMBC/11/10) and the section on Science Policy,

DECIDES THAT

**The General Programme of EMBC shall be extended to include 'Science Policy' as a new component.**

**The Science Policy Programme of EMBO shall provide analysis, advice, general information on science and public policies, and other support as requested, to the Member States and their citizens on topics and actions related to the governance of life sciences.**