

Summary of decisions taken at the 49th ordinary session, part II

Held on 28 November 2018 in Heidelberg, Germany

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Draft agenda

The draft agenda was adapted such that agenda item 12, 13 and 14 were moved before agenda item 11. Conference unanimously adopted the agenda including this change of order.

Approval of the provisional summary record of the 49th ordinary session, part I

Conference unanimously approved the summary record of the 49th EMBC session, part I, which took place on 2 July 2018 in Barcelona.

Member States' contributions

Pointing out the importance of timely arrival of contributions on the accounts of EMBC, noting that rules have to be followed and taking into consideration that Greece went through big efforts to pay its outstanding contributions up to 2018 and interests up to 2017, Conference agreed unanimously to exceptionally waive 50% of the interest charge to Greece for its late contribution payment in 2018.

External Auditors for the years 2019-2021

Conference took note of the report by the EMBO Head of Administration and Finance and by the EMBL Administrative Director. Conference will await the outcome of the EMBL efforts to find external auditors before taking a decision for EMBC.

Adjustment of Financial Rules to allow for exceptional extension of terms of chairs

Conference unanimously approved that Fin R 2.2

"The Conference shall, when necessary, elect the Chair and Vice Chair of the Finance Committee, whose term of office shall last until the end of the next ordinary session of the Conference. No Chair may serve more than three (3) successive terms."

is replaced by:

"The Conference shall, when necessary, elect the Chair and Vice Chair of the Finance Committee, whose term of office shall last until the end of the next ordinary session of the Conference. The Chair and the Vice Chair may be re-elected, but the combined duration of these consecutive appointments will normally be limited to a total of three (3) years for each position for each individual."

Appointment of the EMBC Officers for 2019

Conference unanimously

- elected Gerrit van Meer (Netherlands) exceptionally for a fifth term as President of EMBC to allow for continuity during the preparation of the Indicative Scheme for the years 2020 through 2024;
- elected Eiríkur Steingrímsson (Iceland) for a fourth term as Vice President of EMBC;
- elected Boris Turk (Slovenia) for a third term as Vice President of EMBC;
- appointed Anne Paoletti (France) for a third term as Secretary General of EMBC;
- elected Troels Tvedegaard Rasmussen (Denmark) exceptionally for a fourth term as Chair of the Finance Committee to allow for continuity during the preparation of the Indicative Scheme for the years 2020 to 2024.
- elected Lovorka Barać Lauc (Croatia) exceptionally for a fourth term as Vice Chair of the Finance Committee to allow for continuity during the preparation of the Indicative Scheme for the years 2020 to 2024.

Election of non-permanent members of the Finance Committee 2019-2021

Conference unanimously elected the following Member States as non-permanent members of the Finance Committee for the period 2019-2021:

- Croatia
- Denmark
- Poland
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- The Netherlands
- Turkey

Date and place of next meetings

Conference unanimously approved the following schedule for the meetings in 2019 and 2020:

24 June 2019 Heidelberg, Germany	Combined meeting of EMBC Finance Committee and EMBC anniversary celebrations (symposium and dinner)
25 November 2019 Hinxtton, United Kingdom	SDIG Board EMBC
29 June 2020 Heidelberg, Germany	EMBC Finance Committee
23 November 2020 Rome, Italy	EMBC SDIG Board

The Strategic Working Party will be convened on demand.

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