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IARC BIENNIAL REPORT 2008–2009

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the IARC Biennial Report for 2008–2009 (Document GC/52/2),

1. EXPRESSES its satisfaction with the work accomplished; and
2. COMMENDS the Director and his staff on the Biennial Report.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the Director's Report (Document GC/52/3 and its Corrigendum GC/52/3 Corr.1),

EXPRESSES its satisfaction with the Director's written and oral Reports.

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REPORT OF THE SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the Report presented by the Forty-sixth Scientific Council (Document GC/52/4) and the Director's response (Document GC/52/5),

1. NOTES the Report with great interest;
2. CONGRATULATES the members of the Scientific Council for their constructive and excellent work; and
3. COMMENDS the Director for his constructive responses to the recommendations of the Forty-sixth Session of the Scientific Council.



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IARC MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR 2010–2014

The Governing Council,

Having considered Document GC/52/6 "IARC Medium-Term Strategy and Implementation Plan for 2010–2014" and the Annex therein,

1. COMMENDS the Director and his staff on the document which clearly sets out strategic aims for IARC for 2010–2014;
2. THANKS the Working Group, composed of members of the Governing and Scientific Councils and a Representative of WHO, for considering and finalizing the draft Medium-Term Strategy, with the support of the Secretariat;
3. THANKS the Scientific Council for reviewing the draft Medium-Term Strategy document (SC/46/7) and for its comments and recommendation for approval by the Governing Council; and
4. ADOPTS the Agency's Medium-Term Strategy and Implementation Plan for 2010–2014, as contained in Document GC/52/6 and its Annex.

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IARC EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The Governing Council,

Having examined the proposed directions for the IARC Education and Training programme (ETR), as described in the annex to Document GC/52/7,

1. THANKS the Scientific Council for advising the Director on the future priorities and opportunities in this key area (Document GC/52/4);
2. APPROVES the direction to be taken by IARC in its pursuit of the Agency's Education and Training Programme, as described in the annex to Document GC/52/7; and
3. REQUESTS that a review of ETR be scheduled during the 48th Session of the Scientific Council in 2012.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPIs) FOR THE AGENCY

The Governing Council,

Having considered Document GC/52/9 “Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for the Agency” and the proposals therein,

Recognizing that the unique nature of IARC’s mandate implies the need for a broad and flexible approach to evaluation,

1. THANKS the Scientific Council for its comments and recommendations on the KPIs (Document GC/52/4);
2. NOTES that the Scientific Council considers the current peer-review process to be an excellent method of performance evaluation for the research conducted within the particular context of the Agency;
3. In addition SUPPORTS implementation and evaluation of initial KPIs as described by the Director in his report GC/52/9, covering a review of scientific publications, information dissemination and publishing, grants and contracts, and education and training (principally courses and fellows); supplemental information may be provided by reporting on other specific areas linked to the Medium-Term Strategy or to core activities which illustrate the impact of the Agency; and
4. AGREES that peer-review process continues and that the Director will further develop KPIs for input by the next Scientific Council and consideration by the Governing Council.

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**BIENNIAL FINANCIAL REPORT
AND REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD
1 JANUARY 2008 TO 31 DECEMBER 2009**

The Governing Council,

Having examined the Biennial Financial Report and Report of the External Auditor for the financial period 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2009 (Document GC/52/10),

1. ACCEPTS the Report of the Director on the financial operations of the Agency; and
2. THANKS the External Auditor for his report and opinion as well as the Staff of IARC in preparing the report.



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LONG-TERM CAPITAL MASTER PLAN (INCLUDING OPTIONS FOR FINANCING)

The Governing Council,

Having been informed by Document GC/52/11 “Long-term Capital Master Plan (including options for financing)” on the progress made,

Taking into account the significant changes in the organizational structure of the Agency and in the strategy,

1. THANKS the City of Lyon for its dialogue with the Agency and for its involvement/support in the planning of the most urgent repairs and maintenance of the Agency’s tower building;
2. REQUESTS that a detailed analysis of office and laboratory space needs and a plan for future infrastructure projects, including options for financing, be presented and discussed at the next regular session of the Governing Council; and
3. AUTHORIZES the Secretariat to use up to €1 050 000 from the Governing Council Special Fund as an advance to replace the air-conditioning system in case of risk of a major breakdown of the system. The intent is that this sum or any portion of this sum which is used to replace the air-conditioning system will be reimbursed to the Governing Council Special Fund from funds to be mobilized by the City of Lyon for this purpose. Any work would be done in agreement with the City of Lyon and would be subject to there being sufficient cash balances in the Fund.



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REPORT ON PUBLICATION ACTIVITIES

The Governing Council,

Recalling its Resolution GC/51/R10, in which it requested the Director to report on an annual basis on publication activities,

Having reviewed Document GC/52/12 "Report on publication activities",

1. NOTES the Report with great interest; and
2. REQUESTS the Director to continue reporting annually on publication activities at IARC.

**REQUESTS FOR USE OF FUNDS FROM
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL SPECIAL FUND (A)**

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the proposals contained in Document GC/52/13A "Request for use of funds from the Governing Council Special Fund: A. IARC Publications Programme",

Recalling its Resolutions GC/50/R5 and GC/51/R10,

1. NOTES the renegotiated agreement with WHO Press, including the improved terms for the Agency;
2. AUTHORIZES the Director to draw supplementary funding for the Publications programme by returning up to 75% of the proceeds from the sale of publications from the Governing Council Special Fund to the Publications programme, subject to there being sufficient cash balances available in the Fund;
3. NOTES that as the proceeds from the sale of publications for 2008–2009 was 1 767 416 Swiss francs, this approval is for the use of 884 192 euros (the equivalent of 1 325 562 Swiss francs) from the Governing Council Special Fund;
4. Further AUTHORIZES that this sum of 884 192 euros be used during the biennium 2010–2011 and that any unused balance in 2010 be carried forward to 2011; and
5. REQUESTS the Director to submit such requests to the Governing Council, if the need arises, on a biennial basis.

REQUESTS FOR USE OF FUNDS FROM THE GOVERNING COUNCIL SPECIAL FUND (B)

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the proposals contained in Document GC/52/13B “Request for use of funds from the Governing Council Special Fund: B. Scientific Equipment”,

Noting the importance of interdisciplinary research at the Agency, requiring a strong contribution from laboratory sciences to the Medium-Term Strategy (2010–2014),

1. AGREES with the proposal to use up to 1 185 000 euros from the Governing Council Special Fund to equip the Agency in the areas of chromatography and next-generation DNA sequencing, including adequate bioinformatics support and based on the availability of resources in the Governing Council Special Fund;
2. NOTES that with respect to the next-generation DNA sequencing, the investment of 525 000 euros either in a facility at the Agency or through a shared facility in Lyon will depend on further discussions with the local scientific community, better definition of the plans for the development of the local platform and will be based on the availability of resources in the Governing Council Special Fund;
3. REQUESTS the Director, prior to any investment being made, to submit in writing the selected option for the next-generation DNA sequencing for evaluation by two members of the Scientific Council (Chair, plus one other member), with an associated detailed budget, and to the Chair of the Governing Council for approval;
4. AGREES that the purchase will not lead to an increase in the overall agreed present biennium regular budget; and
5. Further REQUESTS the Director to report on this at the next session of the Governing Council.

ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

The Governing Council,

Having considered Document GC/52/14 "Acceptance of grants and contracts",

In accordance with IARC Financial Regulations,

1. AUTHORIZES the Director to seek funding for the following:
 - (a) Directorate General for Health and Consumers (DG SANCO) cooperation action on policy and epidemiological support II [European Commission in an amount of 1 268 948 euros for 12 months];
 - (b) One-carbon metabolism biomarkers and lung cancer risk [National Institutes of Health/National Cancer Institute (NIH/NCI), USA in an amount of 2 866 151 euros for 48 months];
 - (c) Pooled genome-wide analysis of kidney cancer risk [National Institutes of Health/National Cancer Institute (NIH/NCI), USA in an amount of 1 631 222 euros for 48 months];
 - (d) B-vitamins, one-carbon biomarkers, vitamin D and cancer risk [European Commission in an amount of 1 957 872 euros for 60 months];
2. CONFIRMS the provisional approval, given by the Governing Council Chairperson during one of the regular teleconferences between the Director and the Scientific and Governing Council Chairs and Vice-Chairs, for the following:

Extension of the grant to support the IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risks to Humans [National Institutes of Health/National Cancer Institute (NIH/NCI), USA in an amount of 3 514 231 euros for 60 months];
3. NOTES the post facto reporting of grants and contracts accepted by the Director as detailed in Document GC/52/14; and
4. COMMENDS the staff on its success in winning competitive research grants.

ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS AND CONTRACTS (THRESHOLDS)

The Governing Council,

Having considered Document GC/52/14 “Acceptance of grants and contracts” and the request from the Secretariat to revise the established thresholds for acceptance of grants and contracts,

Noting the authorization given to the Director under Resolutions GC/4/R4, GC/12/R13, GC/18/R9, and GC/37/R5,

Reaffirming that donations, grants or contracts for specific projects should be accepted only if:

- (1) the project falls within the terms of reference of the Agency’s work as approved by the Governing Council;
- (2) there is no financial commitment remaining with the Agency after the termination of the grant or contract;

1. AUTHORIZES the Director to accept grants or contracts from outside sources for projects, subject to the conditions detailed in (1) and (2) above, when the amount does not exceed €500 000 per annum (excluding sums passed on to collaborating institutions) and when a project does not require more than €100 000 per annum, excluding the principal investigator’s staff costs, from the IARC regular budget unless this project has already been approved via the programme budget document. All other grants or contracts must receive the specific approval of the Governing Council. Decisions of the Governing Council under this paragraph may be taken between sessions in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3, below, if the Chairperson of the Governing Council decides that the urgency of the request warrants, with subsequent notification of the Governing Council Members;

2. DECIDES that for grants or contracts which require the specific approval of the Governing Council, the Director may seek provisional approval via consultation with the Chairperson of the Governing Council within the framework of their regular discussions (meetings and/or teleconferences) with subsequent notification of the Governing Council Members;

3. Further DECIDES that requests for the acceptance of grants or contracts that have been provisionally approved in accordance with paragraph 2, above, shall be formally presented to the full Governing Council at its next session; and

4. REQUESTS the Director to make a post facto reporting of all grants and contracts he has accepted with a value of more than €100 000 per project per annum, this amount to include any sums passed on to third parties.



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**BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH
AND SAFETY COMMITTEE (OHSC), 2008–2009**

The Governing Council,

Having examined the Agency's Biennial Report on Occupational Health and Safety 2008–2009, as contained in Document GC/52/15,

1. THANKS the Scientific Council for reviewing the Biennial Report of the Occupational Health and Safety Committee, 2008–2009;
2. THANKS the outgoing Chairperson, Dr Pierre Hainaut, for his work on this Committee;
3. EXPRESSES satisfaction with the arrangements which are in place to ensure the health and safety of the Agency's staff; and
4. REQUESTS the Director to continue reporting biennially on occupational health and safety issues at the Agency.



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**MEMBERSHIP OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE
ON THE ADMISSION OF NEW PARTICIPATING STATES**

The Governing Council,

Recalling its Resolution GC/18/R14 nominating members of the Subcommittee on the Admission of new Participating States and the requirement to nominate new members at the end of each session of the Council,

DECIDES that this Subcommittee shall be composed of, in addition to the Chairperson of the Governing Council (member *ex officio*), the representatives of Canada, Germany, Japan and the UK, who shall hold office until the next regular session of the Council.

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ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS

The Governing Council,

Having been informed by Document GC/52/16 of the unconditional donations accepted by the Director under the authority vested in him by Resolution GC/4/R3,

EXPRESSES its deep appreciation to the donors for their generous contribution to the research activities of the Agency.

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APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL

The Governing Council,

In accordance with the provisions of Article VI of the Statute of the Agency,

1. APPOINTS

Dr Mads Melbye, Denmark)	
Dr Ahti Anttila, Finland)	
Dr Piet A. van den Brandt, Netherlands)	to serve for four years on the Scientific Council
Dr Bettina Borisch, Switzerland)	
Dr Martyn Smith, USA)	

2. THANKS the outgoing members of the Scientific Council, Professor R. Herrmann, Dr K. Husgafvel-Pursiainen, Professor B. Kiemenev, Professor T. Ørntoft and Dr E. Ron, for their valuable work in the Scientific Council and for the contribution which they have made to the research activities of the Agency.

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DATE OF THE FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

The Governing Council,

1. DECIDES to hold its next regular session in Lyon, France, on the Thursday and Friday preceding the opening of the World Health Assembly in the year 2011; and
2. REQUESTS the Director to inform members of the Council as soon as these dates are known.