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IARC INTERIM ANNUAL REPORT 2010

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the IARC Interim Annual Report for 2010 (Document GC/53/2),

1. EXPRESSES its satisfaction with the work accomplished; and
2. COMMENDS the Director and his staff on the Interim Annual Report 2010.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT (1)

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the Director's Report (Document GC/53/3),

Recalling its Resolution GC/52/R11, in which it requested the Director to report on the selected option for the next-generation DNA sequencing,

NOTES the Director's decision, following evaluation by the Chair and the Vice-Chair of the Scientific Council and approval by the Chair of the Governing Council, of purchasing the equipment for the next-generation DNA sequencing for installation in the Agency laboratories (document GC/53/4).



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DIRECTOR'S REPORT (2)

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the Director's Report (Document GC/53/3),

1. THANKS the Director for the Report and the introduction of a standard set of data at the end of his Report (GC/53/3);
2. REQUESTS the Director to continue this standard reporting on an annual basis; and
3. EXPRESSES its satisfaction with the Director's written and oral Reports.

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REPORT OF THE SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL (1)

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the Report presented by the Forty-seventh Scientific Council (Document GC/53/4) and the Director's response (Document GC/53/5),

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



REPORT OF THE SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL (2)

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the Report presented by the Forty-seventh Scientific Council (Document GC/53/4) and the Director's response (Document GC/53/5),

1. SUPPORTS the conduct of peer reviews being carried out immediately preceding the 2012 and 2013 sessions of the Scientific Council, for a two year trial period, to enable the work of the peer reviews to be considered immediately by the Scientific Council as a whole; and
2. REQUESTS that the above approach be reviewed in 2013, following experience drawn from two consecutive Scientific Council sessions.



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UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2010

The Governing Council,

Having examined Document GC/53/6 “Unaudited Interim Financial Report for the year 2010”,

1. APPROVES the Unaudited Interim Financial Report for the year 2010 on the financial operations of the Agency; and
2. NOTES that in accordance with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS), annual audited financial statements will be published as of 2012 and that the issuance of unaudited interim financial reports will be discontinued.

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PROPOSED PROGRAMME (2012–2015) AND BUDGET (2012–2013)

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the Agency's Proposed Programme (2012–2015) and Budget for the biennium 2012–2013, as contained in Document GC/53/7, and summary tables Revision 2,

1. APPROVES the budget for the biennium 2012–2013 at the level of €39 419 315;
2. DECIDES that the budget shall be financed by annual assessments on Participating States as follows:
 - (1) €19 016 960 shall be assessed on Participating States on 1 January 2012,
 - (2) €19 402 355 shall be assessed on Participating States on 1 January 2013,
3. DECIDES that €1 000 000 shall be exceptionally charged directly to the Governing Council Special Fund;
4. RESOLVES to appropriate an amount of €39 419 315 for the biennium 2012–2013 as follows:

Appropriation section	Purpose of appropriation	Amount (€)
1.	Governing and Scientific Councils	158 378
2.	Scientific Programme	28 484 878
3.	Administrative Programme	10 776 059
	Total appropriated	39 419 315

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5. DECIDES that the Director shall have authority under Financial Regulations Article III, Paragraph 3.3 to transfer credits between sections of the budget, provided that such transfers do not exceed 15% of the section from which the credit is transferred. Transfers in excess of 15% of the section from which the credit is transferred may be made with the prior written concurrence of the majority of the Members of the Governing Council;
6. DECIDES to grant authority to the Director to use a maximum of €1 000 000 in the biennium 2012–2013 from the Governing Council Special Fund to cover unforeseen budgetary costs due to currency realignments, subject to availability of cash balances in the Fund; and
7. REQUESTS the Director to report on the use of the Fund for this purpose in future financial reports.

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AMENDMENT TO IARC FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Governing Council,

Having considered Document GC/53/8 "Amendments to IARC Financial Regulations and IARC Statute",

Noting that as per the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) 6 on Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements, IARC is not considered a "WHO controlled entity" and that, accordingly, WHO no longer shows IARC's accounts as a "trust fund" in WHO's financial statements,

DECIDES to delete the sentence "The funds and assets of the Agency shall be treated as trust funds under Regulation IX (9.1 and 9.2) of the Financial Regulations of the World Health Organization." from Article 2.1 of the Financial Regulations of the Agency, to read as follows:

Present text

*Article II – Applicability of the Financial
Regulations of the
World Health Organization*

2.1 The funds and assets of the Agency shall be treated as trust funds under Regulation IX (9.1 and 9.2) of the Financial Regulations of the World Health Organization. The Financial Regulations of the World Health Organization shall govern the financial policies, practices and administration of the Agency except as provided in the Statute and in the following Articles.

Amended text

*Article II – Applicability of the Financial
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2.1 The Financial Regulations of the World Health Organization shall govern the financial policies, practices and administration of the Agency except as provided in the Statute and in the following Articles.

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AMENDMENT TO IARC STATUTE

The Governing Council,

Having considered Document GC/53/8 “Amendments to IARC Financial Regulations and IARC Statute”, and

Having considered Resolution GC/53/R8 “Amendment to IARC Financial Regulations”,

RESOLVES that Article VIII (paragraph 8) of the Statute of the Agency shall be amended to read as follows:

Present text

Article VIII – Finance

8. The funds and assets of the Agency shall be treated as trust funds under Regulation IX (9.1 and 9.2) of the Financial Regulations of the World Health Organization. They shall be accounted for separately from the funds and assets of the World Health Organization and administered in accordance with the financial regulations adopted by the Governing Council.

Amended text

Article VIII – Finance

8. The funds and assets of the Agency shall be accounted for separately from the funds and assets of the World Health Organization and administered in accordance with the financial regulations adopted by the Governing Council.

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COOPERATION BETWEEN IARC AND WHO

The Governing Council,

Having considered Document GC/53/9 “Cooperation between IARC and WHO”,

1. THANKS the Director for providing an overview of the key areas of collaboration between IARC and WHO;
2. NOTES with satisfaction that, in preparation for the United Nations (UN) General Assembly High Level Meeting on Noncommunicable Diseases (NCD) in September 2011, IARC has worked closely with the Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health Cluster of WHO to develop the chapters on cancer prevention and control in the first “Global Status Report on Noncommunicable Diseases, 2010”;
3. RECOMMENDS that the Director:
 - (1) Establish an IARC-WHO Cancer Liaison Group to review activities and decide on future priorities;
 - (2) Consult with the WHO Secretariat with a view to a staff member from WHO-HQ being given a specific role in ensuring communication and facilitating cooperation between IARC and WHO under well-defined terms of reference and clear lines of reporting.
4. Further RECOMMENDS that the Director, IARC explore opportunities for voluntary contributions from Participating States to fund specific research projects within WHO priority areas; and
5. ENCOURAGES IARC to continue its close collaboration with WHO to permit rapid translation of IARC’s research findings into public health advice and policy by WHO.



**PLAN FOR FUTURE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS
(INCLUDING OPTIONS FOR FINANCING)**

The Governing Council,

Having considered Document GC/53/11 “Plan for future infrastructure projects (including options for financing)”,

Recalling its Resolutions GC/51/R8 and GC/52/R8,

1. THANKS the City of Lyon and France, the host country, for their continuous support to the Agency;
2. NOTING the risks to the Agency posed by the current state of disrepair of the tower building and its poor fit to the future strategy of the Agency,
3. AUTHORIZES the Agency to collaborate with France, as the host country, and the City of Lyon to consider in detail possible alternatives to the option of full renovation of the tower and the auditorium, including the option of a new building, for consideration by the Governing Council at its 54th Session;
4. REQUESTS the Director to ask the City of Lyon to accept responsibility, under the terms of the existing Convention between the Agency and the City of Lyon, for the provision of adequate infrastructure and the requisite repairs needed, to safeguard the scientific activities of the Agency while a solution is being found for this situation; and
5. Further REQUESTS that a detailed analysis of possible alternatives, including options for financing and financial implications for Participating States, be presented and discussed at the next regular session of the Governing Council.



**BIENNIAL REPORT OF
THE IARC INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD (IRB), 2009–2010
(IARC ETHICS COMMITTEE (IEC) as from September 2010)**

The Governing Council,

Having examined the Biennial Report of the IARC Institutional Review Board (IRB) 2009–2010, as contained in Document GC/53/12,

Recalling its Resolution GC/51/R14 establishing a single Committee, “The IARC Institutional Review Board (IRB)”,

1. WELCOMES the Biennial Report of the IARC Institutional Review Board (IRB), 2009–2010;
2. THANKS the Chairperson, Professor Jean-Pierre Boissel, for his presentation of the report;
3. NOTES the decision made by the Committee to change its name from “The IARC Institutional Review Board (IRB)” to “IARC Ethics Committee (IEC)”; and
4. REQUESTS the Director to continue reporting biennially on issues related to ethics at the Agency.



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**REQUESTS FOR USE OF FUNDS FROM
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL SPECIAL FUND:
A. SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT**

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed Document GC/53/13A "Requests for use of funds from the Governing Council Special Fund: A. Scientific Equipment",

Noting that the Scientific Council supported the request for purchase of scientific equipment (see Document GC/53/4),

AUTHORIZES the Director to use up to a maximum of €230 000 from the Governing Council Special Fund for the acquisition of the following scientific equipment:

- a. Two DNA aliquoting robotic apparatuses and one multi-well plate reader;
- b. One solid phase extraction robot;
- c. Two Real-Time PCR detection systems;
- d. One high performance sonicator.

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**REQUEST FOR USE OF FUNDS FROM
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL SPECIAL FUND:
B. ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SENIOR SCIENTIST AWARDS**

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed Document GC/53/13B "Request for use of funds from the Governing Council Special Fund: B. Additional financial support for Senior Scientist Awards",

Noting the large number of excellent applications received for the IARC Senior Visiting Scientist Award in 2011,

Further noting that the Scientific Council supported the request (see Document GC/53/4),

AUTHORIZES the Director to use up to a maximum of US\$ 160 000 from the Governing Council Special Fund to finance additional Senior Visiting Scientist Awards in 2011–2012.



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**REQUESTS FOR USE OF FUNDS FROM
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL SPECIAL FUND:
C. TEMPORARY INCREASE IN THE LEVEL OF
THE WORKING CAPITAL FUND (WCF)**

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed Document GC/53/13C "Request for use of funds from the Governing Council Special Fund: C. Temporary increase in the level of the Working Capital Fund (WCF)",

Noting the financial risk to the Agency deriving from the delay in the receipt of payment of the 2009, 2010 and 2011 assessed contributions from one Participating State,

1. AUTHORIZES the Director to transfer €1 600 000 from the Governing Council Special Fund to the Working Capital Fund; this authority being dependant upon there being sufficient cash balances available in the Governing Council Special Fund; and
2. DECIDES that this amount will be gradually reimbursed to the Governing Council Special Fund upon receipt of each of the above-mentioned outstanding contributions.

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REPORT ON PUBLICATION ACTIVITIES

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed Document GC/53/14 "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.

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ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS

The Governing Council,

Having been informed by Document GC/53/15 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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ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

The Governing Council,

Having considered Document GC/53/16 "Acceptance of grants and contracts",

In accordance with IARC Financial Regulations,

1. NOTES the post facto reporting of grants and contracts accepted by the Director as detailed in Document GC/53/16; and
2. COMMENDS the staff on its success in winning competitive research grants.

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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 Cornelia Ulrich, Germany)	
Dr Thangarajan Rajkumar, India)	
Dr Deirdre Murray, Ireland)	
Dr Luca Gianni, Italy)	
Dr Inger Gram, Norway)	to serve for four years on the Scientific Council
Dr In-Hoo Kim, Republic of Korea)	
Dr Sergei Tjulandin, Russian Federation)	
Dr Paul W. Dickman, Sweden)	
Dr Murat Gültekin, Turkey)	

2. THANKS the outgoing members of the Scientific Council, Dr Y.-J. Bang, Dr M. Blettner, Dr H. Comber, Dr G. Forni, Dr H. Grönberg, Dr E.J. Rivedal, Dr V. Shanta and Dr D.G. Zaridze, 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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**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,

1. DECIDES that this Subcommittee shall be composed of the representatives of interested Participating States in addition to the Chairperson of the Governing Council (member ex officio). The representatives who shall hold office until the next regular session of the Council shall be those of Canada, Germany, Japan, Spain, UK, and the USA.
2. Further DECIDES that the number of members and composition of the Subcommittee shall be agreed upon at each regular session of the Governing Council.

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DATE OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH 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 2012; and
2. REQUESTS the Director to inform members of the Council as soon as these dates are known.

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ADMISSION OF A NEW PARTICIPATING STATE – Turkey

The Governing Council,

Having examined the request from the Government of Turkey for admission as a Participating State in the International Agency for Research on Cancer (Document GC/53/19),

1. DECIDES pursuant to Article XII of the Statute of the Agency, that Turkey be admitted as a Participating State in the Agency;
2. EXPRESSES great satisfaction at the admission of this new Participating State; and
3. AUTHORIZES the Director to use the unbudgeted assessments from Turkey for 2012–2013 towards the activities of the Agency.



REPAYMENT OF THE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS OF SPAIN

The Governing Council,

Having considered document GC/53/20 "Proposal from Spain for the repayment of its outstanding contributions",

And noting the desire of Spain to participate fully in the International Agency for Research on Cancer,

1. ACKNOWLEDGES the payment by Spain of its assessed contribution for 2011 in the amount of €859 341, which was received by IARC on 9 May 2011;
2. APPROVES exceptionally the proposal from Spain to repay its outstanding contributions for 2009 and 2010, amounting to a total of €1 604 910 at 31 December 2010, as follows:
 - €754 534 to be paid to IARC before the opening day of the regular session of the Governing Council in May 2012, and
 - €850 376 to be paid to IARC before the opening day of the regular session of the Governing Council in May 2013;
3. AGREES that in any given year the amount of the arrears must be received in full and credited to the outstanding contributions account of Spain, for reimbursement of the Working Capital Fund, before any contribution may be credited towards the General Fund and hence used for current programme activities; and
4. DECIDES with immediate effect that, provided the contributions due from Spain pursuant to paragraph 2 above and pursuant to the Statute and Financial Regulations of the International Agency for Research on Cancer are paid on time, it shall not be considered for the purposes of Article VIII.5 of the Statute to be in arrears.