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IARC BIENNIAL REPORT 2010–2011

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the IARC Biennial Report for 2010–2011 (Document GC/54/2),

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 (1)

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the Director's Report (Document GC/54/3),

Recalling its Resolution GC/52/R5, in which it requested that a review of Education and Training (ETR) be scheduled during the 48th session of the Scientific Council in 2012,

1. NOTES the Director's decision, pending recruitment of the Head of ETR, of postponing the review until the 49th session of the Scientific Council in 2013; and
2. REQUESTS the Director to report on the review of this key area at the 55th session of the Governing Council in May 2013.



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DIRECTOR'S REPORT (2)

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the Director's Report (Document GC/54/3),

1. THANKS the Director for the Report and for the Key Performance Indicators provided therein;
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

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the Report presented by the Forty-eighth Scientific Council (Document GC/54/4) and the Director's response (Document GC/54/5),

1. WELCOMES the increased emphasis placed on discussion of scientific topics, as reflected in the new format of the agenda of Scientific Council sessions;
2. NOTES the Report (Document GC/54/4) with great interest;
3. CONGRATULATES the members of the Scientific Council for their supportive and excellent work; and
4. COMMENDS the Director for his constructive responses to the recommendations of the Forty-eighth Session of the Scientific Council.

PLAN FOR FUTURE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS (INCLUDING OPTIONS FOR FINANCING) (1)

The Governing Council,

Having considered Document GC/54/6 “Plan for future infrastructure projects (including options for financing)”,

Recalling its Resolutions GC/51/R8, GC/52/R8 and GC/53/R11,

Noting the risks posed by the current state of disrepair of the tower building and its poor fit to the future strategy of the Agency,

1. THANKS the City of Lyon for accepting responsibility, as per the terms of the existing Convention with the Agency, to provide adequate infrastructure to the Agency and carry out requisite repairs in the Tower to mitigate critical infrastructure risks;
2. THANKS the City of Lyon and Grand Lyon for their exceptional support towards safeguarding the Agency’s scientific activities both on a short-term and long-term basis;
3. ENDORSES the Secretariat’s continued cooperation with France as the host country, the Regional authorities and the City of Lyon on moving forward with the “Nouveau Centre” project and the related fund raising – without this being interpreted as a pre-approval;
4. NOTES that Participating States are not in a position to make mandatory contributions with regard to the capital costs of the future infrastructure project;
5. NOTES that Participating States and others may be able to make voluntary financial contributions to the future infrastructure project;
6. REQUESTS the Director to consult with representatives of the Working Group on infrastructure (Canada, France, Germany, Switzerland), the Governing Council (through its Chair and Vice-Chair), the Scientific Council (through its Chair and Vice-Chair) and the World Health Organization to ensure that decisions of the Governing Council on any construction of a new building to house IARC meet the Agency’s needs, both current and future; and
7. REQUESTS the Director to consult the Working Group on infrastructure on a regular and timely basis, especially before IARC takes any further significant steps related to the infrastructure project.



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PLAN FOR FUTURE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS (INCLUDING OPTIONS FOR FINANCING) (2)

The Governing Council,

Having considered Document GC/54/6 “Plan for future infrastructure projects (including options for financing)”,

Recalling its Resolutions GC/51/R8, GC/52/R8 and GC/53/R11,

Noting the need for the Agency to ensure business continuity through this unpredictable period, and to make financial provisions for potential expenses related to legal or expert advice on the “Nouveau Centre” project,

1. AUTHORIZES the allocation of €240 000 from the Governing Council Special Fund as follows:

- €125 000 for an additional connection to the electricity grid for the Latarjet building, and
- €115 000 as a one-year financial provision for potential business continuity expenses (€70 000) and for potential legal and specialized architectural design advice (€45 000);

2. ENDORSES the return of €1.05 million to the Governing Council Special Fund, which was authorized by Resolution GC/52/R8.

AMENDMENT TO IARC FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Governing Council,

Having considered Document GC/54/8 “Amendments to IARC Financial Regulations”,

Noting that as per the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS), annual audited financial statements will be published as of 2012 and the issuance of unaudited interim financial reports will be discontinued,

DECIDES to amend Article VI – Reports and Audit (paragraphs 6.1 and 6.2) of the Financial Regulations of the Agency, to read as follows:

Present text

Article VI – Reports and Audit

6.1 At the end of the first year of the financial period the Director shall prepare an interim financial report describing the main features of the financial operations during the year. At the end of the second year of the financial period the Director shall prepare a final financial report for the financial period including the biennial accounts. Both reports shall be submitted for the approval of the Governing Council. These financial reports shall be presented in euros. The accounting records may, however, be kept in such currencies as the Director, IARC may deem necessary.

6.2 Audits of the accounts of the Agency shall be carried out by the internal as well as external auditors of the World Health Organization in accordance with their respective terms of reference. The external auditor shall report to the Governing Council on the biennial accounts for the financial period.

Amended text

Article VI – Financial Statements and Audit

6.1 Financial statements shall be prepared annually in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards, together with such other information as may be necessary to indicate the current financial position of the Agency. The report shall be submitted annually for the approval of the Governing Council. The financial statements shall be presented in euros. The accounting records may, however, be kept in such currencies as the Director, IARC may deem necessary.

6.2 Audits of the accounts of the Agency shall be carried out by the internal as well as external auditors of the World Health Organization in accordance with their respective terms of reference. The external auditor shall report to the Governing Council on the annual accounts.

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BIENNIAL FINANCIAL REPORT AND REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2010 TO 31 DECEMBER 2011

The Governing Council,

Having examined the Biennial Financial Report and Report of the External Auditor for the financial period 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2011 (Document GC/54/9),

1. APPROVES 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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BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE (OHSC), 2010–2011

The Governing Council,

Having examined the Agency's Biennial Report on Occupational Health and Safety 2010–2011, as contained in Document GC/54/10,

1. THANKS the Scientific Council for reviewing the Biennial Report of the Occupational Health and Safety Committee, 2010–2011;
2. THANKS the outgoing Chairperson, Dr Robert Baan, 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.

ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

The Governing Council,

Having considered Document GC/54/11 "Acceptance of grants and contracts",

In accordance with IARC Financial Regulations,

1. AUTHORIZES the Director to seek funding for the following:
 - (a) Scientific and technical support to the European Partnership for Action against Cancer and follow-up of the implementation of the Council Recommendation on Cancer Screening – Revision of the European Code Against Cancer [European Commission (EC DG SANCO) in an amount of €524 451 for 24 months];
 - (b) Scientific and technical support to the European Partnership for Action against Cancer and follow-up of the implementation of the Council Recommendation on Cancer Screening [European Commission (EC DG SANCO) in an amount of €775 536 for 29 months];
 - (c) Infections in Cancers among the Immunosuppressed (ICI) [European Commission, Research Executive Agency (EC REA) in an amount of €6 194 990 for 72 months];
2. NOTES the post facto reporting of grants and contracts accepted by the Director as detailed in Document GC/54/11; and
3. COMMENDS the staff on its success in winning competitive research grants.

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ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS

The Governing Council,

Having been informed by Document GC/54/12 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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REPORT ON PUBLICATION ACTIVITIES

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed Document GC/54/13 "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.

**REQUEST FOR USE OF FUNDS FROM
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL SPECIAL FUND:
A. PUBLICATIONS**

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed Document GC/54/14A "Request for use of funds from the Governing Council Special Fund: A. Publications",

Recalling its Resolution GC/52/R10,

1. AUTHORIZES the Director to draw supplementary funding for the Publications programme by returning 75% of the total proceeds from the sale of IARC publications from the Governing Council Special Fund to the Publications programme, subject to there being sufficient cash balances available in the Fund;
2. NOTES that as the proceeds from the sale of publications in 2010–2011 was 1 437 834 Swiss francs (corresponding to €1 160 671) this approval is for the use of €870 503 from the Governing Council Special Fund, during the biennium 2012–2013; and
3. REQUESTS the Director to continue submitting such requests to the Governing Council, if the need arises, on a biennial basis.

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REQUEST FOR USE OF FUNDS FROM THE GOVERNING COUNCIL SPECIAL FUND: B. SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed Document GC/54/14B "Request for use of funds from the Governing Council Special Fund: B. Scientific Equipment",

Noting that the Scientific Council supported the request for purchase of scientific equipment (see Document GC/54/4),

Also noting that the Scientific Council requested the Director to assess the adequacy of current computer storage capacity for the digital slide scanner, and include additional requirements accordingly in the request to the Governing Council,

AUTHORIZES the Director to use up to a maximum of €481 000 from the Governing Council Special Fund, subject to there being sufficient cash balances available in the Fund, for the acquisition of the following scientific equipment:

	Approximate price (€)
Autopure DNA extractor	194 000
Electrophoresis and gel documentation system & DNA volume inspection system	35 000
EZ1 Advanced XL DNA/RNA extractor	50 000
Digital slide-scanner	172 000
Computing capacity	30 000
Total	481 000



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**REQUEST FOR USE OF FUNDS FROM
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL SPECIAL FUND:
C. REVISION OF FUNDING FOR SENIOR VISITING SCIENTIST AWARDEES**

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed Document GC/54/14C "Request for use of funds from the Governing Council Special Fund: C. Revision of funding for Senior Visiting Scientist Awardees",

Recalling its Resolution GC/53/R14 authorizing the Director to use up to a maximum of US\$ 160 000 (equivalent to €111 840), from the Governing Council Special Fund to finance additional Senior Visiting Scientist Awards in 2011–2012,

Noting the large number of excellent applications received for the IARC Senior Visiting Scientist Award in 2012,

AUTHORIZES the Director to use up to an additional €110 000 (equivalent to two Awards of twelve months each) from the Governing Council Special Fund, to finance additional Awardees over the biennium 2012–2013, subject to there being sufficient cash balances available in the Fund.

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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

Professor James F. Bishop, Australia)

Professor Christos Sotiriou, Belgium)

Dr Teruhiko Yoshida, Japan) to serve for four years on the Scientific Council

Dr Nuria Aragonés, Spain)

Professor Nicholas C. Jones, UK)

2. THANKS the outgoing members of the Scientific Council, Professor Ian Frazer, Professor Karin Haustermans, Dr Hitoshi Nakagama, Dr Marina Pollán Santamaria and Professor Sir Alex Markham, for their valuable work in the Scientific Council and for the contribution which they have made to the research activities of the Agency.



**REPORT FROM THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE ADMISSION OF NEW
PARTICIPATING STATES REGARDING THE CRITERIA FOR
AND IMPLICATIONS OF ADMITTING NEW PARTICIPATING STATES (1)**

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed Document GC/54/15 "Report from the Subcommittee on the Admission of New Participating States regarding the criteria for and implications of admitting new Participating States",

1. THANKS the Subcommittee for its report;
2. SUPPORTS pursuing admission of new Participating States without setting a limit on the number of Participating States and without imposing undue conditions on entry, noting that admission should remain open to any Member State of the World Health Organization in this evolving research community;
3. AGREES with the development of a standardized application form, keeping in mind that participation in IARC also stimulates new areas of work and levels of cooperation and thus any a priori criteria should allow for and place value on potential future developments;
4. DECIDES that, in reviewing applications from new Participating States to assess whether "the State is able to contribute effectively to the scientific and technical work of the agency" (Statute Article XII), the Subcommittee should receive structured information for example and where appropriate, in the following areas:
 - A description of the current cancer research community, including relevant expertise in the areas of IARC activities;
 - Details of the presence of a national cancer institute or equivalent "lead" cancer organizations;
 - A description of cancer research funding in the public and NGO sectors;
 - Information on a national cancer control plan, if one exists;
 - The potential for the Participating State to contribute to the research priorities of IARC, as described in the Agency's Medium-Term Strategy;
 - Evidence of current scientific and technical exchange with IARC.

**REPORT FROM THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE ADMISSION OF NEW
PARTICIPATING STATES REGARDING THE CRITERIA FOR
AND IMPLICATIONS OF ADMITTING NEW PARTICIPATING STATES (2)**

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed Document GC/54/15 "Report from the Subcommittee on the Admission of New Participating States regarding the criteria for and implications of admitting new Participating States",

Recalling its Resolution GC/37/R9 on the gradual increase of contributions for new Participating States and paragraph 4.3 of IARC Financial Regulations,

Considering that the entry of new Participating States should be facilitated,

1. RESOLVES that as from the close of the 56th session of the Governing Council each new Participating State will pay:
 - One third of its assessment in the first year of membership;
 - Two thirds of its assessment in the second year of membership;
 - 100% of its assessment in the third and following years of membership;
2. DECIDES that after the graduated contributions described in paragraph one come into effect, any Participating State that withdraws from the Agency, or that has previously withdrawn from the Agency, and is admitted anew will not benefit from graduated contributions and will be required to pay its full assessment in the first and following years of membership;
3. DECIDES to amend the Financial Regulations accordingly; and
4. AUTHORIZES the Director to use the unbudgeted assessments of new Participating States towards the 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,

Recalling its Resolution GC/53/R20 deciding that the number of members and composition of the Subcommittee shall be agreed upon at each regular session of the Governing Council,

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

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DATE OF THE FIFTY-FIFTH 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 2013; and
2. REQUESTS the Director to inform members of the Council as soon as these dates are known.



ESTABLISHMENT OF A SCREENING PROCESS FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR

The Governing Council,

1. DECIDES that, upon receipt of the copies of proposals referred to in the Rule 46 (3) of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council, each Participating State may convey to the Chair of the Governing Council the names of up to three candidates, in addition of the present Director, whom it proposes to be interviewed for the position of Director;
2. AGREES that the Chair of the Governing Council, together with the Director-General of WHO, will identify the three candidates with the highest number of requests for interview and for whom at least four Participating States have expressed such request, for interview by the Governing Council at its May 2013 session. In the event of a tie, the Chair of the Governing Council, together with the Director-General of WHO, may decide to invite more than three candidates for interview;
3. Also AGREES that the serving Director will automatically be invited for interview without regard to the process described in this resolution, if he expresses his interest;
4. AGREES that the Governing Council will elect a person by secret ballot from among the candidates invited for interview; and
5. DECIDES that the names of the candidates to be interviewed will be published on IARC's web site, unless a candidate requests his or her name not be published.