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IARC BIENNIAL REPORT 2012–2013

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the IARC Biennial Report for 2012–2013 (Document GC/56/2),

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/56/3),

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 Fiftieth Scientific Council (Document GC/56/4) and the Director's response (Document GC/56/5),

1. NOTES the Report (Document GC/56/4) 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 Fiftieth Session of the Scientific Council.



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**FINANCIAL REPORT, REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013**

The Governing Council,

Having examined Document GC/56/7 ("Financial Report, Report of the External Auditor, and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2013"),

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



AMENDMENT TO IARC FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Governing Council,

Having considered Document GC/56/8 “Amendment to IARC Financial Regulations”,

DECIDES to amend Article IV – Provision of Funds (paragraph 4.3) of the Financial Regulations of the Agency, to read as follows:

Present text

Article IV – Provision of Funds

4.3 New Participating States admitted under the provisions of Article III of the Statute shall be required to pay 25% of a full contribution in the first year of membership from which the amount due to the Working Capital Fund shall be appropriated, 50% of a full contribution in the second year of membership, 75% of a full contribution in the third year of membership and 100% of a full contribution in the fourth and following years of membership.

Amended text

Article IV – Provision of Funds

4.3 New Participating States admitted under the provisions of Article III of the Statute shall be required to pay one third of a full contribution in the first year of membership from which the amount due to the Working Capital Fund shall be appropriated, two thirds of a full contribution in the second year of membership and 100% of a full contribution in the third and following years of membership.

**REPORT FROM THE GOVERNING COUNCIL WORKING GROUP
ON THE REVIEW OF THE METHOD OF ASSESSMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS**

The Governing Council,

Recalling its Resolution GC/55/R26, in which it established a Working Group to review the method of assessment of contributions and requested this Working Group to report back on its findings at the 56th session,

1. AGREES with the conclusion of the Working Group that there is merit in keeping the current method of assessment of contributions that has been implemented for almost 40 years without major issues; and
2. DECIDES that the current method of assessment of contributions as set out in Resolution GC/15/R9 be maintained.

UPDATE ON THE “NOUVEAU CENTRE” PROJECT

The Governing Council,

Having considered Document GC/56/10 “Update on the “Nouveau Centre” project”, and recalling its Resolution GC/55/R12,

1. AFFIRMS the need for a timely decision on the concrete financial commitments of the French Government and the local partners;
2. RECOGNIZES the efforts made by the host country towards ensuring the continued presence of the Agency in France and particularly the efforts of the counterparts in Lyon;
3. APPROVES the adjusted project scope as outlined in the document;
4. NOTES the estimated project timelines with appreciation;
5. INVITES two Scientific Council members [to be selected by the Director in consultation with the Scientific Council Chair and Vice-Chair] to attend meetings of the Governing Council Working Group on Infrastructure when the Working Group is discussing the detailed specifications and architectural designs for the “Nouveau Centre” project, for the purpose of providing technical advice to the Working Group on this topic; and
6. REQUESTS the Director to consult the Working Group on Infrastructure on a regular and timely basis to move the “Nouveau Centre” project forward.



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BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE (OHSC), 2012–2013

The Governing Council,

Having examined the “Biennial Report of the Occupational Health and Safety Committee (OHSC), 2012–2013” as contained in Document GC/56/11,

1. THANKS the Scientific Council for reviewing the Biennial Report of the Occupational Health and Safety Committee, 2012–2013;
2. EXPRESSES satisfaction with the arrangements which are in place to ensure the health and safety of the Agency’s staff; and
3. 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/56/12 “Acceptance of grants and contracts, including report on interest apportionment”,

In accordance with IARC Financial Regulations,

1. AUTHORIZES the Director to seek funding for the following:
 - (a) Enhancing the collection of Cancer Data in Low- and Middle-Income Countries [Bloomberg Philanthropies, USA in an amount of €2 801 455 (US\$ 3 832 360) for 48 months];
 - (b) Updates to the European Guidelines for Quality Assurance in Breast Cancer Screening and Diagnosis [European Commission (EC DG SANCO) in an amount of €1 407 294 (US\$ 1 925 163) for 18 months];
2. NOTES the post facto reporting of grants and contracts accepted by the Director as detailed in Document GC/56/12;
3. NOTES the amounts of interest income apportioned; and
4. 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/56/13 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.

PLANS FOR IARC 50th ANNIVERSARY IN 2015

The Governing Council,

Having been informed by Document GC/56/14 of the plans for the celebration of the IARC 50th Anniversary,

1. Strongly SUPPORTS the plans of the Director for the celebration of the IARC 50th anniversary;
2. AGREES to allocate up to 150 000€ from the Governing Council Special Fund to permit:
a) the production, printing and translation of the book "IARC, the first 50 years: 1965–2015" and translation of the earlier technical document on the origins of IARC (up to 50 000€ of the maximum 150 000€); b) to support planning of the international conference on cancer causes and prevention, including engagement of a professional conference organizer, the guarantee of reservation of venue, etc. (up to 100 000€ of the maximum 150 000€). Any unused portion of the allocation would be returned to the Governing Council Special Fund; and
3. SUPPORTS the Director's request that individual Participating States consider making voluntary contributions to support the organization of the conference, including the possibility to specifically designate part of the funds for the "50 for 50" bursaries for scientists from low- and middle-income countries.

REPORT ON PUBLICATION ACTIVITIES

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed Document GC/56/15 "Report on publication activities, including report on funding allocation",

1. NOTES the Report with great interest;
2. NOTES that the net income to the Governing Council Special Fund from sales of publications in 2013 was €759 782 of which €525 000 was allocated to the publication programme;
3. DECIDES to remove the 525 000€ maximum amount stated in Resolution GC/55/R15, paragraph 1, while retaining the 75% return framework established in the same paragraph of that resolution; and
4. REQUESTS the Director to continue reporting annually on publication activities at IARC.

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

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed Document GC/56/16A "Request 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 (Document GC/56/4),

Also noting that the Scientific Council commended the plan for sharing equipment between many Sections, acknowledged the importance of obtaining the equipment in a timely manner and expressed the importance of investing in new cutting-edge equipment to maintain IARC's leading scientific role,

AUTHORIZES the Director to use up to a maximum of €353 000 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:

	Quantity	Cost (€)
Bench-top next-generation sequencer of medium capacity	1	110 000 ¹
Tandem mass spectrometer coupled to UPLC	1	243 000
Total		353 000

¹ This estimate includes installation costs.



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**REQUEST FOR USE OF FUNDS FROM
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL SPECIAL FUND:
B. IPSAS IMPLEMENTATION**

The Governing Council,

Having considered Document GC/56/16B "Progress Report on post IPSAS implementation projects",

1. AGREES to release the budget of €200 000 remaining from the initial estimate, as approved in Resolution GC/55/R17, to be used for the implementation of the projects in the following five areas: A. Human resource management related to employee benefits; B. SAP upgrade; C. Implementation of the HR Position Management Module; D. Implementation of enhanced functionalities of SAP and E. Asset Management; and
2. REQUESTS the Director to report on the use of these funds at the 57th session of the Governing Council.



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NEW PROPOSED STRUCTURE FOR PRESENTING IARC'S PROGRAMME AND BUDGET

The Governing Council,

Having considered Document GC/56/17 "New proposed structure for presenting IARC's Programme and Budget",

Recalling its Resolution GC/55/R11 in which it decided to better align the Programme and Budget with the planning and implementing phases of the Medium-Term Strategies,

APPROVES the principle of a proposed change to the IARC Programme and Budget structure, away from the current nine areas, in order to align it with a project tree structure to be developed and presented in the Medium-Term Strategy (2016–2020).

PLANS FOR THE PREPARATION OF IARC MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY FOR 2016–2020

The Governing Council,

Having considered Document GC/56/18 “Plans for the preparation of IARC Medium-Term Strategy for 2016–2020”,

1. DECIDES to create a Working Group, comprised of six members of the Governing Council, four members of the Scientific Council, to be selected by the Director in consultation with the Scientific Council Chair and Vice-Chair, one representative of WHO, and three members of the IARC Secretariat (i.e. the Director and two senior IARC scientists) to consider and finalize a draft Medium-Term Strategy for 2016–2020;
2. REQUESTS the Director and the Working Group to take into account the discussions during the 56th Governing Council session, to ensure early engagement of relevant stakeholders and to inform Governing Council on the ongoing process;
3. REQUESTS the Director to proceed according to the timelines in Document GC/56/18;
4. NOMINATES Canada, Finland, France, Norway, The Netherlands and the United States of America to participate in the Working Group; and
5. REQUESTS the Director to submit a draft version of the “IARC Medium-Term Strategy for 2016–2020” for discussion at the next Scientific Council meeting in January 2015 and a final version, incorporating the Scientific Council recommendations, for discussion and approval at the next regular session of the Governing Council in May 2015.

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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 Ole Raaschou-Nielsen, Denmark)

Dr Elisabete Weiderpass-Vainio, Finland)

Dr Ellen Kampman, The Netherlands) to serve for four years on the Scientific Council

Dr Martin Rösli, Switzerland)

Dr Stephen J. Chanock, USA)

2. THANKS the outgoing members of the Scientific Council, Drs Ahti Anttila, Bettina Borisch, Mads Melbye, Martyn Smith and Piet van den Brandt, 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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CLARIFICATION ON THE PROCEDURE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE DIRECTOR

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed Document GC/56/20 "Clarification on the procedure for the election of the Director",

Noting that a consistent set of procedures would benefit the process for selection of the Director of the Agency,

1. THANKS the Secretariat for the report; and
2. REQUESTS the Secretariat to report back to the Governing Council at its Fifty-eighth session in May 2016 with options and proposals for discussion and/or action.

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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 and the United States of America who shall hold office until the next regular session of the Council.

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DATE OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

The Governing Council,

1. DECIDES to hold its next regular session in Lyon, France, on the Wednesday and Thursday preceding the opening of the World Health Assembly in the year 2015; and
2. REQUESTS the Director to inform members of the Council as soon as these dates are known.