



REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

1. The following is a summary report on the 54th Session of the Governing Council restricted to aspects directly related to the work of the Scientific Council. The full Minutes of the Governing Council meetings (GC/54/Min.1–3) are available on the IARC Governance web site (<http://governance.iarc.fr/GC/GC54/index.php>).

Director's Report (see document GC/54/3)

2. The Governing Council thanked the Director for the provision of his standard reporting (Key Performance Indicators) and noted the decision to postpone the review of Education and Training (ETR) to the 49th Scientific Council in 2013 (see document SC/49/7).

Report on the 48th Session of the Scientific Council (see documents GC/54/4 and GC/54/5)

3. The Governing Council welcomed the increased emphasis placed on discussion of scientific topics, as reflected by the new format of the agenda of Scientific Council sessions.

4. The current structure of conducting the Section reviews immediately before the Scientific Council would be continued in 2013 and then reviewed.

Plan for future infrastructure projects (see document GC/54/6)

5. The Governing Council endorsed 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. It noted that Participating States were not in a position to make mandatory contributions, but that Participating States and others may be able to make voluntary financial contributions to the capital costs of the future infrastructure project.

6. The Governing Council requested the Director to discuss with the Scientific Council how IARC's scientific future should be reflected in the new building (see document SC/49/11).

Financial reporting (see document GC/54/9)

7. In 2008 IARC decided to adopt the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) as part of a United Nations system-wide effort to implement the Standards. In accordance with IPSAS, annual audited financial statements will be published as of 2012 and the issuance of unaudited interim financial statements will be discontinued.

Request for use of funds from the Governing Council Special Fund (see documents GC/54/14A, GC/54/14B and GC/54/14C)

8. The Governing Council authorized the Director to return 75% of the total proceeds from the sale of IARC publications to the Publications Programme.

9. The Governing Council approved the purchase of scientific equipment as endorsed by the Scientific Council:

- Autopure DNA extractor;
- Electrophoresis and gel documentation system and DNA volume inspection system;
- EZ1 advanced XL DNA/RNA extractor;
- Digital slide-scanner (including additional computer storage capacity).

10. The Governing Council authorized an additional €110 000 to finance additional Senior Visiting Scientists over the 2012–2013 biennium.

Report from the Subcommittee on the Admission of new Participating States (see document GC/54/15)

11. The Governing Council supported pursuing admission of new Participating States without setting a limit on their number.

12. The Governing Council decided that a standardized application form should be developed in order to assess whether “the State is able to contribute effectively to the scientific and technical work of the Agency” (IARC Statute, Article XII). This form should include 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.

Appointment of new members of the Scientific Council (see document GC/54/16)

13. Five new members were appointed across a range of disciplines complementary to existing members.