

## **REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**

1. The following is a summary report on the 57<sup>th</sup> Session of the Governing Council restricted to aspects directly related to the work of the Scientific Council. The full Minutes of the Governing Council meeting (GC/57/Min.1–4) are available on the IARC Governance website (<http://governance.iarc.fr/GC/GC57/index.php>).

### **Admission of a new Participating State**

2. Morocco was admitted as the first African Participating State of IARC.

### **Interim Annual Report 2014 and Director's Report** (see documents [GC/57/2](#) and [GC/57/3](#))

3. The Governing Council thanked the Director for the provision of these standard reports. The discussion centred on opportunities for translation of IARC's research outputs into policy, the possibility of monitoring the impact of IARC's research in these areas, and on the role of the Agency in shaping the global cancer research agenda by identifying priorities for research on cancer prevention.

4. The Governing Council expressed its satisfaction with the work accomplished and commended the Director and the Agency's staff for the progress and achievements described in the Interim Annual Report.

### **Report on the 51<sup>st</sup> Session of the Scientific Council and Director's response** (see documents [GC/57/4](#) and [GC/57/5](#))

5. The Governing Council expressed its satisfaction with the Scientific Council's support for the Agency's work programme and with the Director's responses to its recommendations.

6. The Governing Council welcomed the Scientific Council's recommendation for the maintenance of the new peer-review scoring system and expressed its satisfaction at the Scientific Council's continued monitoring of its implementation. New guidelines for the peer

review process should include assessments of the Section/Group's performance in training and collaboration as well as policy impact of its research.

7. The Governing Council decided to establish a Working Group composed of the Chair and two of its representatives, plus the Chair and one member of the Scientific Council, to review the list of standard reports currently produced by the Secretariat, and requested that Scientific Council reports on its assessment of the recommendations of the Working Group for consideration at the next Governing Council meeting.

8. The Scientific Council's satisfaction with future directions of the Education and Training Group (ETR) was noted, and the Governing Council endorsed the suggestion that the Biennial Report of ETR activities be synchronized with the IARC Biennial Report, with the next ETR Biennial Report covering the period 2016–2017.

**IARC Medium-Term Strategy for 2016–2020, including Implementation Plans** (see document [GC/57/7](#) and its [Annex 3](#))

9. The Governing Council commended the Director and the Agency staff on the process for the development of the Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) and thanked the Working Group composed of members of the Governing and Scientific Councils and the Scientific Council for their review and recommendations.

10. The discussion centred on the principles for prioritization in the MTS and how these are reflected in the decisions on the research programme and resource allocation, and also on mechanisms for evaluating the implementation of the MTS including in areas beyond the immediate research outputs that are nevertheless central to the Agency's mission, such as impact on health policy.

11. The Governing Council adopted the MTS and Implementation Plans as submitted, and requested the Director to make a proposal for an approach to evaluating its implementation to be discussed at its next session.

**Programme and Budget (2016–2017)** (see documents [GC/57/8](#) and [GC/57/8 Summary Tables Rev.1](#))

12. The Agency proposed a budget of €43 927 213 for the biennium 2016–2017 and after extended discussions the Governing Council approved a budget of €43 413 599, of which €42 913 599 shall be financed by annual assessments on Participating States and the remaining €500 000 shall be exceptionally funded from the Governing Council Special Fund.

**IARC policy on open access publishing in scientific journals** (see document [GC/57/10](#))

13. Ms LEE (Knowledge Manager) presented the proposed policy as endorsed previously by the Scientific Council. Discussion centred on the implications of the different models of open access publishing in terms of cost and publication in high-impact journals.

14. The Governing Council, reiterating the Agency's commitment to the dissemination of its research, accepted the recommendation of the Scientific Council and approved the use of up to a maximum of €50 000 per annum for three years from the Governing Council Special Fund, to cover article processing charges for open access publishing in journals. It further requested the Secretariat to present a review and an evaluation of the implementation of its Open Access policy at the Scientific Council in 2017.

**Request for use of funds from the Governing Council Special Fund** (see documents [GC/57/11A](#), [GC/57/11B](#) and [GC/57/11C](#))

15. The Governing Council approved the use of up to €496 570 for the purchase of scientific equipment as endorsed by the Scientific Council.

16. The Governing Council approved the use of up to €50 000 for the 2016 June Conference in case of any shortfall from sponsorship and registration fees.

17. The Governing Council thanked the Director and his staff for the "Progress report on post IPSAS implementation projects".

**Update on the "Nouveau Centre" project** (see document [GC/57/12](#))

18. A representative of the French authorities presented an update on the progress of the "Nouveau Centre" project. It was proposed that IARC move to a new urban site dedicated to biotechnology and to centres of excellence in academic and scientific research. The budget for the new building, estimated at €48 million, would be funded by the French government and local authorities. The tender process for the architect would be conducted in 2016 and design studies should be received by 2017. Building works were expected to commence in 2018 and to be completed by 2020.

19. The Governing Council thanked representatives of the Métropole de Lyon for their presentation on the "Nouveau Centre" project, commended the French authorities and the Secretariat for the progress made in the last year, and expressed its appreciation for the host country's generous commitment to support the new building.

20. The Governing Council authorized the Secretariat to sign a contract with the Métropole de Lyon accepting the proposed infrastructure project.

**Appointment of new members of the Scientific Council** (see document [GC/57/16](#))

21. The Governing Council noted that Participating States had nominated candidates with excellent qualifications, but in some instances providing insufficient information on their main areas of expertise. In these cases it was unable to assess the appointments in terms of the balance of expertise needed across the different areas of IARC's activity. The Governing Council requested the Director to undertake a discussion with the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of both Councils on improving the process for selection of Scientific Council members.

22. Ten new members were appointed across a range of disciplines complementary to existing members:

Dr Jenny Chang-Claude,	Germany
Dr Lalit Kumar,	India
Dr Jerome Coffey,	Ireland
Dr Eugenia Dogliotti,	Italy
Dr Karima El Rhazi,	Morocco
Dr Giske Ursin,	Norway
Dr Dukhyoung Lee,	Republic of Korea
Dr Boris Ya. Alekseev,	Russian Federation
Dr Jonas Bergh,	Sweden
Dr Kadir Mutlu Hayran,	Turkey