

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THE 33rd EA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

27 & 28 MAY 2014

PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

EA Resolution 2014 (33) 01

The General Assembly mandates the EA Executive Committee to elaborate on the issues included in the Chairman's report and to come up with written proposals in advance of the next EA GA for comments, in order to be able to have recommendations for decisions available at the next EA GA.

EA Resolution 2014 (33) 02

The General Assembly ratifies the results of the electronic ballots completed since the last General Assembly meeting according to Document EAGA(14)01.

EA Resolution 2014 (33) 03

The General Assembly authorizes the EA Chairman to sign the Services Contract under the Procurement procedure « *Support services regarding the accreditation aspects of the project on a European voluntary Quality Assurance scheme for Breast Cancer Services underpinned by Accreditation and high-quality Guidelines* » with the European Commission – Joint Research Centre.

EA Resolution 2014 (33) 04

The General Assembly elects Jiří Růžička (CAI, Czech Republic) as a new member of the Financial Oversight Committee (FOC) for a two-year mandate starting on 1 January 2015.

EA Resolution 2014 (33) 05

The General Assembly agrees that the Executive Committee starts a new work item to revise EA-1/17: *Rules of Procedure* further to internal audit results and other structural changes.

EA Resolution 2014 (33) 06

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Executive Committee, approves the renewal of the EA Recognised Stakeholder agreements of EFAC, EFLM (previously EFCC), EGOLF, ENFSI, EOQ, EOCC, EPPO and EWF.

EA Resolution 2014 (33) 07

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Executive Committee, approves that EA-1/15 A: 2010: *EA Policy for Relations with Stakeholders* and annexed RS agreement are revised in order to extend the duration of the EA Recognised Stakeholder Agreement to 5 years.

EA Resolution 2014 (33) 08

The General Assembly adopts: the Annual Financial Audit Report for 2013 (Document EAGA(14)07); the certificate of expenses claimed under 2013 Operating Grant and the certificate of expenses claimed under the Action Grant; and the expenditure verification reports of the Service Contract (S1 and S2) 2013.

EA Resolution 2014 (33) 09

The General Assembly accepts the Financial Oversight Committee's Report on EA 2013 Accounts (Document EAGA(14)22) and endorses the Executive Committee's response to the Financial Oversight Committee's Report on EA 2013 Accounts (Document EAGA(14)24).

EA Resolution 2014 (33) 10

The General Assembly approves the financial accounts for 2013 (Document EAGA(14)10).

EA Resolution 2014 (33) 11

The General Assembly approves the allocation of 2013 budget result (€ 6.000) and additional membership fees (€23 870) to the reserves.

EA Resolution 2014 (33) 12

The General Assembly grants discharge from liability to the members of the EA Executive Committee for the policy conducted by them during the financial year 2013 in accordance with Article 18.5 of the EA Articles of Association.

EA Resolution 2014 (33) 13

The General Assembly approves the revised EA-1/20 S1 as presented (Document EAGA(14)14), including the increase of the 375€ to 500€ limit of the daily rate under the operating grant.

EA Resolution 2014 (33) 14

The General Assembly approves the revised activity-based budget 2014 (Document EAGA(14)12).

EA Resolution 2014 (33) 15

The General Assembly mandates the Executive Committee, in compliance with EA-1/20 A:2012, to review, adjust and present the revised activity-based budget 2014, Work Plan 2014 and EA Plan 2014-2017 to the General Assembly for endorsement. Endorsement may be realized by email if necessary.

EA Resolution 2014 (33) 16

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Executive Committee, approves the proposed EA activity-based budget for 2015 and EA membership fee schedule for 2015 (Document EAGA(14)17 Rev1).

EA Resolution 2014 (33) 17

The General Assembly mandates the Executive Committee, in compliance with EA -1/20 A:2012, to review, adjust and present the revised Activity-based budget 2015, Work Plan 2015 and EA Plan 2014-2017 to the General Assembly for endorsement according to the new FPA and financing provided by it. Endorsement may be realized by email if necessary.

EA Resolution 2014 (33) 18

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Executive Committee, resolves the following provisions relating to membership fee calculation (Document EAGA(14)04 Rev2):

- a) *EA-member NABs are expected to provide the EA Secretariat with information on the number of accreditations delivered for the preceding year as this is used for the calculation of the annual membership fees. NABs which would fail to submit the information when required would be charged a membership fee calculated based on the last data sent to the Secretariat with an increase factor of 15% per year for which data are missing.*
- b) *Starting from 2016, for EA-member NABs where the limited 15% increase of the annual membership fee does not allow reaching the level calculated without the limitation in 4 years, the annual increase will be up to 25% of the fee calculated without limitation.*
- c) *The General Assembly approves that the rules for calculation of EA membership fees are introduced in EA-1/17 S5: EA Rules of Procedure for levying of membership fees to be combined into a single document.*

EA Resolution 2014 (33) 19

The General Assembly approves the revised EA Reserves Policy as presented (Document EAGA(12)06 Rev1 May 2014).

EA Resolution 2014 (33) 20

The General Assembly approves the 2015 Work Programme of the Multilateral Agreement Council (Document EAGA(14)28).

EA Resolution 2014 (33) 21

The General Assembly approves the 2015 Work Programme of the Horizontal Harmonisation Committee (Document EAGA(14)03).

EA Resolution 2014 (33) 22

The General Assembly approves the 2015 Work Programme of the Communications and Publications Committee (Document EAGA(14)05).

EA Resolution 2014 (33) 23

The General Assembly agrees that the Communications and Publications Committee starts a new work item to revise EA-1/14: A: 2011 - *Procedure for Development and Approval of EA Documents and the Adoption of ILAC/IAF Documents*.

EA Resolution 2014 (33) 24

The General Assembly endorses the revised Work Program of the Certification Committee for 2014 (Document EACC(13)11 Final).

EA Resolution 2014 (33) 25

The General Assembly approves the proposed Work Program of the Certification Committee for 2015 (Document EACC(14)19 Final).

EA Resolution 2014 (33) 26

Noting that the current Organic Farming Regulation is being revised, the General Assembly agrees that the Certification Committee starts working on the revision of EA-3/12 (as needed), immediately after the publication of the revision. The corresponding NWIP will subsequently be submitted for approval as foreseen in EA-1/14.

EA Resolution 2014 (33) 27

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Certification Committee, adopts *IAF Mandatory Document for the Application of ISO 14065:2013* (IAF MD 6: 2014) as a mandatory document for all EA Members.

EA Resolution 2014 (33) 28

The General Assembly approves the 2015 Work Programme of the Laboratory Committee (Document EAGA(14)06).

EA Resolution 2014 (33) 29

The General Assembly endorses the withdrawal of EA-2/09: *Policy on the Accreditation of Providers of PT Schemes*.

EA Resolution 2014 (33) 30

The General Assembly agrees that the Laboratory Committee starts a new work item to draft a guidance document on Reference Material Producers accreditation.

EA Resolution 2014 (33) 31

Reissuance of test reports when the trade name / trademark of the tested product has changed (clause 5.10.9 of ISO/IEC 17025)

Test reports shall be reissued only for the correction of errors and the inclusion of omitted data available at the time of test. The unique identification of the sample shall be given and any manufacturers branding or labelling may also be shown and marked as such.

The practice which consists for an accredited laboratory in reissuing a test report under accreditation when the trade name / trademark of the tested product has changed (without testing it again) is not permitted, even with a clear reference to the initial report that it replaces. The product tested has been clearly identified both in the contract review and in the test report. The laboratory shall not assume the responsibility for declaring that the product with the new trade name / trademark is strictly identical to the one tested; this responsibility belongs to the client.

A transition period of one year for the complete application of the resolution is defined in order to allow the market to adapt to the change.

EA Resolution 2014 (33) 32

The General Assembly endorses the withdrawal of EA-4/10 G 2002: *Accreditation in Microbiological Laboratories*.

EA Resolution 2014 (33) 33

The General Assembly approves the 2015 Work Programme of the Inspection Committee Document EAGA(14)29).

EA Resolution 2014 (33) 34

The General Assembly agrees the following dates and venues for future meetings:

- 19-20 November 2014, in The Hague, Netherlands
- XX-XX May/June 2015
- 25-26 November 2015 in Budapest, Hungary
- Spring 2016 in London, UK
- Autumn 2016 in Böras Sweden

EA Resolution 2014 (33) 35

The General Assembly expresses its appreciation for the excellent arrangements and support services provided by CAI for the 33rd General Assembly on 27-28 May 2014.

End of resolutions adopted at the 33rd EA General Assembly.