

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED AT THE 23rd EA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**LUXEMBOURG
27 & 28 MAY 2009*****EA Resolution 2009 (23) 01***

The General Assembly approves EA-1/06 "The EA Multilateral Agreement", ratifies the results of the other electronic ballots completed since the last General Assembly meeting and agrees to withdraw the EA documents, as listed in EA/GA(09)25.

EA Resolution 2009 (23) 02 WITHDRAWN***EA Resolution 2009 (23) 03***

The General Assembly endorses the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with WELMEC (The European Cooperation in Legal Metrology).

EA Resolution 2009 (23) 04

The General Assembly agrees to the transfer of the EA membership jointly from SINCERT and SINAL to the legal entity named ACCREDIA. The date of transfer is to be determined by ACCREDIA and notified to EA in advance.

EA Resolution 2009 (23) 05

The General Assembly agrees to the transfer of the EA membership from SIT (INRIM) to the legal entity named COPA.

EA Resolution 2009 (23) 06

The General Assembly notes the revised Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the EA Advisory Board.

EA Resolution 2009 (23) 07

The General Assembly endorses the recommendations put forward by Sub-Project 3 (Document EA/EX(09)20_rev01) and recommend that they be duly implemented by the relevant EA bodies.

EA Resolution 2009 (23) 08

The General Assembly endorses the recommendations as presented by the MAC in Document EA/GA(09)18.

EA Resolution 2009 (23) 09

The General Assembly agrees that EA-2/01 S1 should be withdrawn once the Articles of Association and Rules of Procedure are approved.

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The General Assembly gives mandate to the Executive to approve, and to authorize the Chair to sign, the Framework Partnership Agreement and related annexes and the specific agreement for 2010 between EA and the European Commission.

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The Executive Committee shall seek approval of the Members of the quotation (work program and eligible costs) for 2010 and of the criteria for reimbursement of the costs of the Members working on the program.

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The General Assembly elects the following officers to the EA Executive Committee for a two-year mandate starting on 1 January 2010:

EA Chair	Graham Talbot (UKAS)
EA Vice-Chair	Daniel Pierre (COFRAC)
Multilateral Agreement Council Chair	Thomas Facklam (TGA)
Inspection Committee Chair	Norbert Müller (BMWFJ)
Certification Committee Chair	Leopoldo Cortez (IPAC)
Communications & Publications Committee Chair	Vagn Andersen (DANAK)
Laboratory Committee Chair	Christina Waddington (FINAS)

Four additional members of the Executive Committee including:

Biserka Bajzek-Brezak (HAA)
Hanspeter Ischi (SAS)
Rósza Ring (NAT)
Jan Van der Poel (RvA)

The General Assembly approves that the elected EA Chair's and Vice Chair's mandates start on June 15 2009 and that the elected MAC Chair's mandate starts on October 1 2009.

The General Assembly agrees to align the mandate of the HHC Chair to the mandate of the newly elected Executive Committee.

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The General Assembly elects Filippo Trifiletti (SINCERT) and Jíří Ruzicka (CAI) as members of the Financial Oversight Committee for a 2-year mandate starting on January 1 2010.

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The General Assembly adopts the annual Financial Audit report for 2008 (Document EA/GA(09)14).

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The General Assembly accepts the report as submitted by the Financial Oversight Committee.

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The General Assembly approves the financial accounts for 2008 (Document EA/EX(08)87).

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The General Assembly takes note of the forecast at 31.12.2009 and of the statement of accounts at 30.04.09 (Document EA/GA(08)44_rev01).

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The General Assembly endorses, subject to the consultation of the EAAB, a review of EA-3/09, namely:

- Performing a correction of the factual errors in EA-3/09 "Surveillance and re-assessment of accredited organisations" in light of ISO/IEC 17011;
- Reviewing EA-3/09 to identify what parts of 3/09 that are in line with or covered by ISO/IEC 17011 and ILAC-IAF A5 and what are not;
- Analysing whether the parts of EA 3/09 that are not covered in ISO/IEC 17011 and ILAC-IAF A5 need to be addressed in an EA document.

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The General Assembly endorses the terms of reference of the networks for directives as described in the HHC report to the General Assembly (Document EA/GA(09)32).

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The General Assembly approves the following implementation phase for EA 2/17:

"The EA-2/17 shall be applied by EA member ABs when accrediting CAB or applicant CAB for the purpose of notification, starting 1 January 2010. By 1 January 2012 all accredited NBs shall have been assessed taking into account EA-2/17.

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The General Assembly approves, subject to consultation of the EAAB, to investigate whether there is a need to expand the EA MLA to include accreditation of PT providers taking into account the development in ILAC and of ISO/IEC 17043.

As a result of this, EA 2/09 "EA Policy on Accreditation of Providers of Proficiency Testing Schemes" may need to be revised.

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The General Assembly agrees that, subject to consultation of the EAAB, the HHC shall develop a procedure for expanding the EA MLA into new areas when there is a need to do so.

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The General Assembly endorses the classification of EA documents as proposed in Annex A to the CPC Report (Document EA/GA(09)20).

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The General Assembly endorses a new work item to be undertaken by a Task Force established by the CPC to revise EA-1/08 as proposed in Annex B to the CPC Report (Document EA/GA(09)20). The revision shall be completed in cooperation with the EA MLA Council.

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Following the Laboratory Committee's recommendation, the General Assembly endorses the Terms of Reference of the EA Health Care WG for Laboratory Medicine (as set out in Document EA/LC(06)07rev5).

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The General Assembly resolves that an accreditation body, when accrediting laboratories for Point of Care Testing (POCT) activities, shall use ISO 22870 in combination with either ISO 15189 or ISO/IEC 17025 as the accreditation criteria.

The accreditation of POCT against ISO 22870 in combination with ISO 15189 or ISO/IEC 17025 is covered under the EA-MLA for testing.

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The General Assembly resolves that an accreditation body, when accrediting a medical reference laboratory, shall use ISO/IEC 17025 together with ISO 15195 as the accreditation criteria.

The accreditation of medical reference laboratories against ISO 15195 in combination with ISO/IEC 17025 is covered under the EA MLA for calibration.

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Given that:

- international ILCs are a useful tool to demonstrate the effectiveness of the MLA, and
- the number of participating EA Accreditation Bodies and the number of laboratories taking part have a significant effect on the credibility of the outcome from the exercise,
the General Assembly strongly encourages Accreditation Bodies to request participation of accredited laboratories in those ILCs specified by the EA Laboratory Committee.

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The General Assembly confirms that the next meetings will take place on:

- 25 & 26 November 2009 in Bruges, Belgium
- 20-21 May 2010 in Zürich, Switzerland
- 24-25 November 2010 in Budva, Montenegro
- May-June 2011 in Berlin, Germany

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The General Assembly expresses its appreciation for the excellent arrangements and support services provided by OLAS for the 23rd EA General Assembly on 27 & 28 May 2009 in Luxembourg.

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The General Assembly agrees that EA becomes an employer and independent regarding the management of the accounts, and recommends to proceed with the necessary steps as described in document EA/GA(09)16.

The General Assembly mandates the Executive Committee to develop a strategic vision and plan for the development of the secretariat in future.

End of resolutions proposed at the 23rd EA General Assembly.