

Agenda Item 14	
Resolutions of the 52nd EA GA	
EAGA(22)11-30	
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RESOLUTIONS OF THE 52nd EA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

23 NOVEMBER 2022

EA Resolution 2022 (52) 01

The General Assembly elects the following chair and member of the Financial Oversight Committee for the current two-year mandate expiring end of 2023:

- Stephan Finke (DAkKS) as FOC Chairman
- Konrad Flueck (SAS)

EA Resolution 2022 (52) 02

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Executive Board, agrees that the Executive Board starts a new work item to develop an *EA Code of Conduct* according to the rationale set out in Document EAGA(22)11-04.

EA Resolution 2022 (52) 03

The General Assembly reconfirms that, as agreed in November 2019, the EA MLA mark shall not be used until it is registered in the countries of all EA MLA signatories.

EA Resolution 2022 (52) 04

The General Assembly ratifies the results of the electronic ballots completed since the General Assembly meeting held in May 2022 according to Document EAGA(22)11-31.

EA Resolution 2022 (52) 05

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Executive Board, endorses the revised forecast of the accounts 2022 (Document EAGA(22)11-19).

EA Resolution 2022 (52) 06

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Executive Board, endorses the revised budget 2023 (Document EAGA(22)11-21).

EA Resolution 2022 (52) 07

The General Assembly mandates the Executive Board, in compliance with EA-1/20 A:2012, to review, adjust and present the revised budget and membership fees 2023 to the General Assembly for endorsement. Endorsement may be realized by electronic ballot if necessary.

EA Resolution 2022 (52) 08

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Executive Board, agrees to mandate GRANT THORNTON to be:

- the commissaire aux comptes of EA for the period and financial years 2022-2027; and
- the financial auditor for the verification and certification of eligible costs under the FPA and Operating Grant with the European Commission/EFTA.

EA Resolution 2022 (52) 09

The General Assembly approves the Terms of Reference of the Horizontal Harmonisation Committee as revised in Document EAGA(22)11-14.

EA Resolution 2022 (52) 10

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Horizontal Harmonisation Committee (HHC), agrees that the EA HHC starts a new work item to revise EA-2/15: *EA Requirements for the Accreditation of Flexible Scopes*, according to the rationale for revision set out in Document EAGA(22)11-11.

EA Resolution 2022 (52) 11

The General Assembly, acting upon the recommendation of the Technical Management Board and based on the endorsement from the Horizontal Harmonization Committee, approves that:

The preferred standard for the accreditation of bodies performing sampling as a stand-alone activity is EN ISO/IEC 17025. EN ISO/IEC 17020 could be considered to be also appropriate provided that all the corresponding requirements of the preferred standard are used as additional requirements within the accreditation process.

Note: This resolution amends EA Resolution 2015 (35) 20.

EA Resolution 2022 (52) 12

The General Assembly, acting upon the recommendation of the Technical Management Board and based on the endorsement from the Horizontal Harmonization Committee, approves that:

The preferred standard for the accreditation of medical laboratories is EN ISO 15189. For distinct activities, which are not direct patient-related, EN ISO/IEC 17025 can also be used. That applies also to the case, that a national regulator requires the accreditation of a medical laboratory according to EN ISO/IEC 17025.

EA Resolution 2022 (52) 13

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Horizontal Harmonisation Committee (HHC), allows for implementation of EA Resolution 2022 (52) 11 and EA Resolution 2022 (52) 12 on the preferred standard as well as of resolution 2022 (51) 12 (preferred standard for clinical pathology) an implementation period of five years.

EA Resolution 2022 (52) 14

The General Assembly approves the Terms of Reference of the Laboratory Committee as revised in Document EAGA(22)11-15.

EA Resolution 2022 (52) 15

Amendment of EA Resolution 2021 (50) 11

Based on the definition of „harmonised standard” in Article 2 (1) c of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012, the General Assembly approves to delete the Note in *EA Resolution 2021 (50) 11* and to expand with immediate effect the EA MLA for biobanking as a new level 2 conformity assessment activity using EN ISO 20387 as a new level 3 normative document.

EA Resolution 2022 (52) 16

The General Assembly adopts the following ILAC resolutions adopted at the virtual 26th ILAC General Assembly on 15 November 2022, as applicable to EA and its members:

ILAC Resolution GA 26.08

As the revised version of ISO 15189 is scheduled for publication in 2022 or early 2023, the General Assembly endorses the recommendation of the AIC that a transition period of 3 years from the date of publication be adopted.

Noting that the requirements for Point of Care Testing (POCT) contained in ISO 22870:2016 have been incorporated into the revised ISO 15189, ISO 22870:2016 in conjunction with ISO15189:2012 will still be recognised as a Level 4 standard for POCT for the duration of the transition period.

At the end of the transition period, accreditation of a medical laboratory to ISO 15189:2012 and accreditation of POCT to ISO 22870:2016 in conjunction with ISO15189:2012 will not be recognised under the ILAC Arrangement.

ILAC Resolution GA 26.09

As the revised version of ISO/IEC 17043 is scheduled for publication in 2022 or early 2023, the General Assembly endorses the recommendation of the AIC that a transition period of 3 years from the date of publication be adopted.

At the end of the transition period, accreditation of a proficiency testing provider to ISO/IEC 17043:2010 will not be recognised under the ILAC Arrangement.

EA Resolution 2022 (52) 17

The General Assembly mandates the Executive Board to establish a policy related to EA's relationship with national accreditation bodies of countries that are not members of the EU or EFTA and agrees on a new work item to align current EA-1/13 *EA's relationship with national accreditation bodies of countries that are not members of the EU or EFTA* with that policy.

EA Resolution 2022 (52) 18

The General Assembly mandates the Executive Board to start drafting a proposal of revised EA-1/17 A:2022 *Rules of Procedure* to incorporate the communication network and dissolve the communication and publication committee and the related references in EA documents.

EA Resolution 2022 (52) 19

The General Assembly pays a glowing tribute to a couple of leaving members of the EA Executive Board, i.e. Adrienne Duff (INAB) who has been a member of the Board since January 2021, and Emanuele Riva (ACCREDIA) who has been an additional member of the Executive Committee since January 2016 before being a member of the Executive Board since January 2021.

The General Assembly also pays a glowing tribute to several leaving members of the EA Technical Management Board, i.e. Lucyna Olborska (PCA) who has chaired the EA Communications & Publications Committee since January 2018, Laurent Vinson (COFRAC) who has chaired the EA Laboratory Committee since January 2016, Kevin Belson (UKAS) who has chaired the EA Certification Committee since January 2016, and Orbay Evrensevidi (TURKAK) who has chaired the EA Inspection Committee since January 2020.

The General Assembly finally pays a glowing tribute to leaving Jesper Høy (DANAK) who has been a member of the Financial Oversight Committee since January 2018 before chairing it since January 2022.

EA Resolution 2022 (52) 20

The General Assembly expresses its appreciation for the written reports presented by international and regional cooperation organisations to the 52nd General Assembly on 23 November 2022.

EA Resolution 2022 (52) 21

The General Assembly expresses its appreciation for the written reports presented by stakeholder organisations to the 52nd General Assembly on 23 November 2022.

EA Resolution 2022 (52) 22

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

- 24-25 May 2023, HAA (Croatia)
- 22-23 November 2023, INAB (Ireland)
- May 2024, BELAC (Belgium)
- November 2024

End of resolutions of the 52nd EA General Assembly.