

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THE 35th EA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

27 & 28 MAY 2015
ATHENS, GREECE

EA Resolution 2015 (35) 01

The General Assembly ratifies the results of the electronic ballots completed since the last General Assembly meeting according to Document EAGA(15)16.

EA Resolution 2015 (35) 02

The General Assembly elects the following officers to the EA Executive Committee for a two-year mandate starting on 1 January 2016:

EA Chair:	Thomas Facklam
EA Vice-Chair:	Geir Samuelsen
EA Multilateral Agreement Council Chair:	Paulo Tavares
EA Horizontal Harmonization Committee Chair:	Ignacio Pina
EA Communications & Publications Committee Chair:	Peter Kronvall
EA Laboratory Committee Chair:	Laurent Vinson
EA Certification Committee Chair:	Kevin Belson
EA Inspection Committee Chair:	Rolf Straub

Four additional members of the Executive Committee:	Maria Papatzikou
	Rózsa Ring
	Emanuele Riva
	Jan van der Poel

Three members of the Financial Oversight Committee:	Paul Stennett
	Claudio Boffa
	Jíří Ruzicka

EA Resolution 2015 (35) 03

The General Assembly, acting upon the recommendation from the Executive Committee, approves the Final Technical Report for the period 26/02/2013 - 25/02/2015 relating to the Specific Agreement concluded with the European Union (represented by the European Commission, Directorate A – International and Climate Strategy of Directorate-General Climate Action - DG CLIMA) for a Grant for Action for “Implementation of accreditation and peer evaluation of National Accreditation Bodies according to EN ISO 14065 and Commission Regulation (EU) No 600/2012”.

EA Resolution 2015 (35) 04

The General Assembly endorses the recommendation made by the EA MLA Council that DPA, the national accreditation body of Albania, which is currently an Associate Member of EA, becomes a Full Member of EA as a result of Albania being identified as a candidate country by the EU As of 24 June 2014 (Documents EAGA(15)21 & EAGA(15)22).

EA Resolution 2015 (35) 05

The General Assembly, acting upon the recommendation from the Executive Committee, approves the Final Report on EA Work Programme 2014 dated April 2015 (Document EA/Secr/WP/2014/1).

EA Resolution 2015 (35) 06

The General Assembly agrees that the Executive Committee starts a new work item to revise EA-1/13 A: 2009 - EA's relationship with accreditation bodies of countries not being members of the EU or EFTA according to Document EAEX(15)03 Rev01.

EA Resolution 2015 (35) 07

The General Assembly adopts:

- the Annual Financial Audit Report for 2014 (Document EAGA(15)03);
- the certificate of expenses claimed under 2014 Operating Grant and the certificate of expenses claimed under the Action Grant; and
- the expenditure verification reports of the Service Contract (S1 and S2) 2014.

EA Resolution 2015 (35) 08

The General Assembly accepts the Financial Oversight Committee's Report on EA 2014 Accounts (Document EAGA(15)27) and endorses the Executive Committee's response to the Financial Oversight Committee's Report on EA 2014 Accounts (Document EAGA(15)29).

EA Resolution 2015 (35) 09

The General Assembly approves the financial accounts for 2014 (Document EAGA(15)02).

EA Resolution 2015 (35) 10

The General Assembly approves the allocation of 2014 budget result (€ 12.345) to the reserves.

EA Resolution 2015 (35) 11

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 2014 in accordance with Article 18.5 of the EA Articles of Association.

EA Resolution 2015 (35) 12

The General Assembly approves the revised activity-based budget 2015 (Document EAGA(15)04).

EA Resolution 2015 (35) 13

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Executive Committee, approves the proposed EA activity-based budget for 2016 (Document EAGA(15)11) and EA membership fee schedule for 2016 (Document EAGA(15)10).

EA Resolution 2015 (35) 14

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Executive Committee, approves the draft Work Programme 2016 (Document EAGA(15)08).

EA Resolution 2015 (35) 15

The General Assembly mandates the Executive Committee, in compliance with EA -1/20 A:2012, to review, adjust and submit the revised Activity-based budget 2016, Work Programme 2016 and EA Plan 2014-2017 to the General Assembly for endorsement. Endorsement may be realized by electronic ballot if necessary.

EA Resolution 2015 (35) 16

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Executive Committee, agrees that the the EA Treasurer and Secretariat start a new work item to revise EA-1/20 A: 2012 - *Procedure for the control of expenditures and preparation of budgets* and its supplement EA-1/20-S1 A+AB: 2014 - *Terms and Conditions for Financial Compensation from the Operating/Action Grant to an EA Member Accreditation Body* according to Document EA-SEC-F-NWI Rev1/20 and S1.

EA Resolution 2015 (35) 17

The General Assembly approves the 2016 Work Programme of the Multilateral Agreement Council (Document EAGA(15)34).

EA Resolution 2015 (35) 18

The General Assembly approves the 2016 Work Programme of the Horizontal Harmonisation Committee (Document EAGA(15)20).

EA Resolution 2015 (35) 19

The General Assembly approves the terms of reference of the Horizontal Harmonisation Committee as revised in March 2015 and endorsed by the Executive Committee.

EA Resolution 2015 (35) 20

The EA General Assembly, taking into consideration that ISO/IEC 17000 A1.1, A2.1 and A2.2 identify selection (which includes sampling) as one of the three key functions of conformity assessment determines that accreditation of sampling as a stand-alone activity is appropriate and does fall within the remit of accreditation bodies.

The EA General Assembly determines that both ISO/IEC 17025 and ISO/IEC 17020 are appropriate as accreditation standards for sampling as a stand-alone activity. The fact that ISO/IEC 17025 contains a specific section on sampling, it lends itself very well to assessment of sampling as a stand-alone activity. The criteria included within this shall form the basis for all accreditation for sampling and hence if it is decided that ISO/IEC 17020 is the most appropriate standard then the requirements for sampling in ISO/IEC 17025 shall be included in the assessment.

EA Resolution 2015 (35) 21

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Horizontal Harmonisation Committee, recognizes that the use of the words “*specific*” and “*supplementary*” in clauses 2.5 and 3.7 of EA-1/22 A-AB: 2014 - *EA Procedure and Criteria for the Evaluation of Conformity Assessment Schemes by EA Accreditation Body Members* may cause confusion, since the intention in the document is to address any “additional” requirements going beyond ISO/IEC 17011 that are put on NABs, and therefore agrees that EA-1/22 is reworded so as to replace “*specific*” and “*supplementary*” by “*additional*” in the text under clauses 2.5 and 3.7.

EA Resolution 2015 (35) 22

The General Assembly recognises that Option B in standards on CABs (17000 series) is included to enable a CAB which operates a management system in accordance with ISO 9001 to use that management system to achieve the same result as they would by implementing the ISO 17xxx management system. NAB must check that during its assessments.

EA Resolution 2015 (35) 23

The General Assembly approves the 2016 Work Programme of the Communications and Publications Committee (Document EACPC(15)15).

EA Resolution 2015 (35) 24

The General Assembly approves the terms of reference of the Communications and Publications Committee as revised in February 2015 and endorsed by the Executive Committee.

EA Resolution 2015 (35) 25

The General Assembly approves the 2016 Work Programme of the Inspection Committee (Document EAIC(15)10 revised).

EA Resolution 2015 (35) 26

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Inspection Committee, adopts ILAC P15:06/2014 - *Application of ISO/IEC 17020:2012 for the Accreditation of Inspection Bodies*, as a mandatory document for all EA Members, noting the following:

Based on the outcome of the workshop on ILAC P15 performed in March 2015 in Bern, the EAIC recommends the adoption of document ILAC P15 despite the fact that clause 8.1.3 in the standard ISO/IEC 17020:2012 is still not interpreted satisfactorily. Recent attempt with ILAC IC to clarify the meaning and application of clause 8.1.3 failed. No valuable alternative is presented so far to clarify the requirement of the clause regarding option B.

EA Resolution 2015 (35) 27

The General Assembly approves the 2016 Work Programme of the Certification Committee (Document EACC(15)15revised).

EA Resolution 2015 (35) 28

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation of the Certification Committee, agrees that the EA CC starts a new work item to revise EA-6/03 M 2013: *EA Document for Recognition of Verifiers under the EU ETS Directive* for inclusion of "98 activities" and recommended witnessing approach as annex (Document EAAB(15)03).

EA Resolution 2015 (35) 29

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Certification Committee, adopts:

- IAF MD 8:2015 - *Application of ISO/IEC 17011:2004 in the Field of Medical Device Quality Management Systems (ISO 13485)*;
- IAF MD 9:2015 - *Application of ISO/IEC 17021 in the Field of Medical Device Quality Management Systems (ISO 13485)*;
- IAF MD 13:2014 version 2 - *Knowledge Requirements for Accreditation Body Personnel for Information Security Management Systems (ISO/IEC 27001)*;
- IAF MD 16:2014 version 2 - *Application of ISO/IEC 17011 for the Accreditation of Food Safety Management Systems (FSMS) Certification Bodies*;
- IAF MD 17:2015 version 2 - *Witnessing Activities for the Accreditation of Management Systems Certification Bodies*;
- IAF MD 18:2015 version 2 - *Application of ISO/IEC 17021:2011 in the Service Management Sector (ISO/IEC 20000-1)*;

as mandatory documents for all EA members.

EA Resolution 2015 (35) 30

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Certification Committee, endorses that IAF MD2:2007 - *Transfer of Accredited Certification of Management Systems* shall be applied to all management systems under the EA MLA and not only to QMS and EMS (current IAF MLA sub-scopes).

EA Resolution 2015 (35) 31

The General Assembly approves the 2016 Work Programme of the Laboratory Committee (Document EALC(15)11).

EA Resolution 2015 (35) 32

The General Assembly mandates the Executive Committee to finalize and sign the cooperation agreement with CEN/CENELEC further to considering the comments made by EA Members by 15th June on the draft agreement dated March 2015.

EA Resolution 2015 (35) 33

The General Assembly, in accordance with clause 3.1 of EA-1/17 A-AB S5: 2002 - *EA Rules of Procedure - Levying of Membership Fees*, agrees that those ABs having NOT paid their annual membership fee 2015 by 1 June 2015 will have their membership suspended immediately until payment is received.

EA Resolution 2015 (35) 34

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

- 25-26 November 2015 in Budapest, Hungary – **Closing at 1600 on 26 November**
- 25-26 May 2016 in Windsor, UK
- 23-24 November 2016 in Borås, Sweden
- 23-24 May 2017 in Ljubljana, Slovenia

EA Resolution 2015 (35) 35

The General Assembly expresses its appreciation for the superb arrangements and support services provided by ESYD for the 35th General Assembly on 27-28 May 2015.

End of resolutions proposed at the 35th EA General Assembly.