

RULES ESTABLISHING A SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Resolution

The Council of the EUROPEAN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY LABORATORY, pursuant to paragraph (7) a) and b) of Article VI of the Agreement establishing the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (hereinafter referred to as “the Agreement”), taking into account the provisions of Article VIII of the Agreement, establishes hereby a Scientific Advisory Committee to be governed by the following rules.

Amendments

Council at its meeting in June 2010 amended Rule 1 to permit the membership of the committee to increase from fifteen to a maximum of eighteen members.

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Rule 1 - Membership

1. The Scientific Advisory Committee (hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”) shall consist of eighteen members.
2. Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this Rule, the members shall be appointed for a period of three years.
3. Members of the Committee may be reappointed for further periods of three years, provided that in the case of members who have served for more than one period on the Committee, at least one year has elapsed since the expiry of their previous appointment.
4. For the purpose of the first appointment of members of the Committee, five persons shall be appointed for one year, five persons shall be appointed for two years and five persons shall be appointed for three years.
5. Each member shall vacate his seat at the expiration of the period for which he was appointed, unless he resigns his seat with effect from a earlier date by notice in writing addressed to the Director-General. In such a case the Director-General may decide whether or not he will propose to the Council delegates to fill the vacancy for the rest of the period.
6. As regards the national institutions which the Director-General in accordance with paragraphs (2) of Article VIII of the Agreement has to consult concerning the candidates he intends to propose as members of the Committee, the Director-General shall seek the advice of the respective national delegates in the Council of the Laboratory.

Rule 2 - Terms of Reference

1. The Committee shall give advice to the Council of the Laboratory, in particular with regards to proposals from the Director-General on the preparation and the realisation of the programme of the Laboratory.
2. The Committee shall perform its task in due cooperation and in consultation with the Director-General; if necessary it may seek the advice of experts.

Rule 3 - Meetings

1. The Committee shall meet at least twice a year.
2. Meetings shall normally be held at Heidelberg, or at one of the outstations.
3. Meetings of the Committee shall be called by its Chairman after consultation with the President of the Council of the Laboratory and the Director-General.

Rule 4 - Rules of Procedure

In accordance with paragraph (7) d) of Article VI of the Agreement, the Committee shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

Rule 5 - Conditions of Office

Expenditure incurred in connexion with attendance at meetings of the Committee by its members or by experts consulted by it, shall be covered by the provisions of Regulation 22 of the Financial Regulations of the Laboratory.