

APPROVED RESOLUTIONS OF THE 34th EA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

19 & 20 NOVEMBER 2014

The Hague, THE NETHERLANDS

EA Resolution 2014 (34) 01

The General Assembly ratifies the results of the electronic ballots completed since the last General Assembly meeting according to Document EAGA(14)32.

EA Resolution 2014 (34) 02

The General Assembly agrees that the Executive Committee starts a new work item to revise EA-1/17 – *EA Rules of Procedure* in order to introduce the position of EA Executive Secretary and the associated reallocation of tasks and responsibilities, as well as to align EA-1/17 with EA-0/00 concerning the possible establishment of Management Groups in Committees/Council and with EA-1/14 concerning the documents that the General Assembly must approve (Document EAGA(14)35).

EA Resolution 2014 (34) 03

The General Assembly, acting upon the recommendation from the Executive Committee, appoints Natalija Jovicic-Zaric, the current Laboratory Committee Vice Chair, to be the acting LC Chair until the next elections of the Executive Committee which will take place in May 2015. Natalija becomes *de facto* a member of the EA Executive Committee.

EA Resolution 2014 (34) 04

The General Assembly, acting upon the recommendation from the Executive Committee, approves the revised EA Plan 2014-2017 (Document EAEX(14)02).

EA Resolution 2014 (34) 05

The General Assembly, acting upon the recommendation from the Executive Committee, approves the revised EA Work Programme for 2014 (Document EA/Secr/WP/2014/2 rev Sept2014).

EA Resolution 2014 (34) 06

The General Assembly, acting upon the recommendation from the Executive Committee, approves the draft EA Work Programme for 2015 (Document EA WP 2015 30_09_2014).

EA Resolution 2014 (34) 07

The General Assembly mandates the Executive Committee, in compliance with EA -1/20 A:2012, to review and adjust the revised Activity-based budget 2015, and to present it to the General Assembly for endorsement, as necessary. Endorsement may be realized by email.

EA Resolution 2014 (34) 08

The General Assembly endorses the decision of the Executive Committee to offer EA Recognised Stakeholder status to the European Electrical Products Certification Association (EPECA), and to enter into an agreement with EPECA in accordance with EA-1/15: *EA Policy for Relations with Stakeholders*.

EA Resolution 2014 (34) 09

The General Assembly endorses the decision of the Executive Committee to offer EA Recognised Stakeholder status to the International Certification Network (IQNet), and to enter into an agreement with IQNet in accordance with EA-1/15: *EA Policy for Relations with Stakeholders*.

EA Resolution 2014 (34) 10

The General Assembly, acting upon the recommendation from the Executive Committee, notes the revised forecast of the accounts of 2014 (Document EAGA(14)46) and endorses the revised activity-based budget for 2014 (Document EAGA(14)46).

EA Resolution 2014 (34) 11

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Executive Committee, endorses the revised EA activity-based budget for 2015 (Document EAGA(14)41).

EA Resolution 2014 (34) 12

The General Assembly notes IAF Resolution 2014-17 for consideration and further action by the MLA Council as relevant:

IAF Resolution 2014-17 – (Agenda Item 9) IAF MLA for Accreditation of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Validation and Verification Bodies - *The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, resolved to extend the scope of the IAF MLA to include the accreditation of GHG Validation and Verification Bodies, noting that the extension of the MLA will be part of the IAF MLA based on the Main scope, ISO 14065. The scope extension process can commence on acceptance of this Resolution.*

EA Resolution 2014 (34) 13

The General Assembly notes ILAC Resolution 18.16 for consideration and further action by the MLA Council as relevant:

ILAC Resolution 18.16 - *The General Assembly endorses the recommendation of the ARC to extend the ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) to include accreditation of proficiency testing providers and therefore accept applications as soon as the appropriate peer evaluation documents within ILAC are updated to cover this new scope.*

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The General Assembly adopts the new versions of:

- **IAF/ILAC A1:02/2014** *IAF/ILAC Multi-Lateral Mutual Recognition Arrangements (Arrangements): Requirements and Procedures for Evaluation of a Regional Group;*
- **IAF/ILAC A2:02/2014** *IAF/ILAC Multi-Lateral Mutual Recognition Arrangements (Arrangements): Requirements and Procedures for Evaluation of a Single Accreditation Body.*

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The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, decides to withdraw EA-2/17 M rev01 (June 2009).

EA Resolution 2014 (34) 16

Recognizing the value of the new EA-2/17 and that it reflects a majority of the EA Members opinion and considering the comments from the European Commission dated 27 October 2014, the General Assembly decides that EA-2/17 will be published as an EA informative documents and forwarded to the Project Team “Accreditation for Notification package”.

EA Resolution 2014 (34) 17

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Inspection Committee, endorses the withdrawal of EA-5/03 M:2008 - *Guidance for the implementation of ISO/IEC 17020 crime scene investigation*. The European Network of Forensic Science Institutes (ENFSI) will be informed about the decision of EA General Assembly.

EA Resolution 2014 (34) 18

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Inspection Committee, adopts ILAC G19: 08/2014 - *Modules in a Forensic Science Process*, as an informative document for all EA Members.

EA Resolution 2014 (34) 19

The General Assembly approves the revised Work Program of the Certification Committee for 2015 (Document EACC(14)19Revoc2014).

EA Resolution 2014 (34) 20

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

- **IAF MD 13:2014** - *Knowledge Requirements for Accreditation Body Personnel for Information Security Management Systems (ISO/IEC 27001)*;
 - **IAF MD 14:2014** - *Application of ISO/IEC 17011 in Greenhouse Gas Validation and Verification (ISO 14065:2013)*;
 - **IAF MD 15:2014** - *IAF Mandatory Document for the Collection of Data to Provide Indicators of Management System Certification Bodies' Performance*;
 - **IAF MD 16:2014** - *Application of ISO/IEC 17011 for the Accreditation of Food Safety Management Systems (FSMS) Certification Bodies*;
- as mandatory documents for all EA Members.

EA Resolution 2014 (34) 21

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Certification Committee, adopts the transition periods in the following resolutions:

- **IAF Resolution 2014-11** – (Agenda Item 8) **ISO 14001: 2015: Environmental Management Systems – Requirements with guidance for use** - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved to endorse ISO 14001: 2015 as a normative document. The General Assembly further agreed that the transition period of ISO 14001: 2015 will be three years from the date of publication.

- **IAF Resolution 2014-12** – (Agenda Item 8) - **ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015: Conformity Assessment – Requirements for Bodies Providing Audit and Certification of Management Systems** - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved to endorse ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015, as a normative document. The General Assembly further agreed that the transition period for the implementation of ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 will be two years from the date of publication.

- **IAF Resolution 2014-13** – (Agenda Item 8) – **ISO 50001: Energy management systems -- Requirements with guidance for use and ISO 50003: Energy management systems -- Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of energy management systems** - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, recognizes that the ISO 50001 and ISO 50003 are the appropriate standards for certification and accreditation in the energy management systems field. The General Assembly further agreed that the implementation period for ISO 50003:2014 will be three years from the date of publication.

Note: As the date of publication was 14 October 2014, the deadline for Certification Bodies to conform will be 14 October 2017.

EA Resolution 2014 (34) 22

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Certification Committee, adopts the *ETSI / EA Recommendations regarding Preparation for Audit under EU Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 Article 20.1* as set out in Document EAGA(14)31.

EA Resolution 2014 (34) 23

The General Assembly approves the Terms of Reference of the Laboratory Committee as revised in September 2014 and endorsed by the Executive Committee (Document EAEX(14)55).

EA Resolution 2014 (34) 24

The General Assembly adopts ILAC-P9:06/2014 - *ILAC Policy for Participation in Proficiency Testing Activities*.

EA Resolution 2014 (34) 25

The General Assembly agrees that the EA Communications and Publications Committee (CPC) will prepare a new work item to develop the EA intranet to enable blogging and sharing news among members. The CPC will investigate, in cooperation with the EA Secretariat, what can be accomplished with the present intranet platform and if needed what investments are necessary to achieve the desired communication goals.

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

- 27-28 May 2015 in Athens, Greece
- 25-26 November 2015 in Budapest, Hungary
- 25-26 May 2016 in London, UK
- 23-24 November 2016 in Boras, Sweden
- 23-24 May 2017 in Ljubljana, Slovenia

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The General Assembly expresses its appreciation for the excellent arrangements and support services provided by RvA for the 34th General Assembly on 19-20 November 2014.

End of resolutions proposed at the 34th EA General Assembly.