

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THE 31st EA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**29 & 30 MAY 2013**PARIS, FRANCE

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 01

The General Assembly endorses the revised EA *Rules of Procedure* (EA-1/17) where a new sentence under point 7.1.2 is added to complete the rules for EA elections (Document EAEX(13)05) and address the case where the results of a ballot are a tie.

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 02

The General Assembly ratifies the results of the electronic ballots that have just been completed and orally reported on EA-3/XX: *EA Policy for the Accreditation of Organic Production Certification* and EA-2/13 *Supplement 1 – Interpretation of terminology used in clause 5.1 and guidelines to assessment focus*.

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 03

The General Assembly notes the draft EA Work Programme 2014 as presented to the meeting and mandates the Executive Committee to finalise it as necessary to take account of the Action Plan 2014-2017 supporting the future new FPA, before submission to the European Commission and EFTA by 30 September 2013.

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 04

The General Assembly mandates the Executive Committee to agree with EC DG CLIMA a Work Programme and budget for the implementation of the EU/ETS Accreditation & Verification Regulation and gives the EA Chairman the mandate to sign the corresponding agreement with DG CLIMA in due course.

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 05

The General Assembly mandates the Executive Committee to finalize the negotiations on, and the Chairman to sign the renewed Framework Partnership Agreement for 2014-2017 with the EC and EFTA, once the Executive Committee is satisfied that all issues raised during the negotiations have been satisfactorily addressed.

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 06

The General Assembly elects the following officers to the EA Executive Committee for a two-year mandate starting on 1 January 2014:

EA Chair:	Thomas FACKLAM (DAkKS)
EA Vice-Chair:	Geir SAMUELSEN (NA)
EA Multilateral Agreement Council Chair:	Nicole MEURÉE - VAN LAETHEM (BELAC)
EA Horizontal Harmonization Committee Chair:	Ignacio PINA (ENAC)
EA Laboratory Committee Chair:	Paolo BIANCO (ACCREDIA)
EA Certification Committee Chair:	Leopoldo CORTEZ (IPAC)
EA Inspection Committee Chair:	Rolf STRAUB (SAS)
EA Communications & Publications Committee Chair:	Peter KRONVALL (SWEDAC)

Four additional members of the Executive Committee: Vagn ANDERSEN (DANAK)
Bizerka BAJZEK-BREZAK (HAA)
Rozsa RING (NAT)
Jan VAN DER POEL (RvA)

Three members of the Financial Oversight Committee: Claudio BOFFA (NAB-MALTA)
Elza JANEVA (BAS)
Paul STENNETT (UKAS)

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 07

The General Assembly endorses the decision of the Executive Committee to offer EA Recognised Stakeholder status to the European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines & HealthCare of the Council of Europe (EDQM), and to enter into an agreement with EDQM in accordance with EA-1/15: *EA Policy for Relations with Stakeholders*.

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 08

The General Assembly endorses the decision of the Executive Committee to offer EA Recognised Stakeholder status to the European Federation for Non-Destructive Testing (EFNDT), and to enter into an agreement with EFNDT in accordance with EA-1/15: *EA Policy for Relations with Stakeholders*.

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 09

The General Assembly endorses the decision of the Executive Committee to offer EA Recognised Stakeholder status to the Quality and Safety System for Specialty Feed Ingredients and their Mixtures (FAMI-QS asbl), and to enter into an agreement with FAMI-QS in accordance with EA-1/15: *EA Policy for Relations with Stakeholders*.

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 10

The General Assembly adopts the Annual Financial Audit Report for 2012 (Document EA/GA(13)05) and certificate of expenses claimed under 2012 Operating Grant (Document EA/GA(13)06) provided explanatory comment is given on exceptional expenditures by the accountant.

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 11

The General Assembly accepts the Financial Oversight Committee's Report on EA 2012 Accounts (Document EA/GA(13)24).

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 12

The General Assembly approves the financial accounts for 2012 (Document EA/GA(13)07).

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 13

The General Assembly approves the allocation of 2012 budget result (€ -21.106) to the reserves.

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 14

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Executive Committee, approves the revised budget and notes the forecast of the accounts for 2013 (Document EA/EX(13)56).

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 15

The General Assembly approves that the contribution of EA included in the budgetary proposal annexed to EA's application for an Action Grant with DG CLIMA is paid out of the membership fees received by EA for 2013 and 2014.

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 16

The General Assembly approves the proposed EA activity-based budget for 2014 (Document EA/GA(13)33) and fee schedule (Document EA/GA(13)34).

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 17

The General Assembly, according to the French rules providing that this appointment is valid during 6 years, agrees to amend EA Resolution 2012(29)11 adopted in May 2012 as follows:

The General Assembly appoints Philippe DAHINGER, Statutory Auditor, member of the Regional Association of Statutory Auditors in Paris, registered with the Association of Chartered Accountants of the Paris Region, as Statutory Auditor of EA until the General Assembly meeting at which the 2015 accounts will be approved.

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 18

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 2012 in accordance with Article 18.5 of the EA Articles of Association.

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 19

The General Assembly approves the 2014 Work Programme of the EA MLA Council as included in the draft EA Work Programme 2014 presented to the meeting.

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 20

The General Assembly approves the 2014 Work Programme of the Horizontal Harmonisation Committee as included in the draft EA Work Programme 2014 presented to the meeting.

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 21

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Horizontal Harmonization Committee, endorses the withdrawal of EA-3/09: *Surveillance and Reassessment of Accredited Organisations*.

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 22

The General Assembly agrees that the Horizontal Harmonization Committee starts a new work item to revise EA-2/17: *EA Guidance on the horizontal requirements for the accreditation of conformity assessment bodies for notification purposes*.

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 23

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Executive Committee, resolves that while the document EA-1/22: *EA Policy for Conformity Assessment Schemes* is being revised, and with a view to simplifying, streamlining and decentralizing the “endorsement” process, EA will apply the principles set forth in Document EAEX(13)47.

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 24

The General Assembly approves the 2013/2014 Work Programme of the Communications and Publications Committee (Document EAGA(13)12).

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 25

The General Assembly approves the 2014 Work Programme of the Laboratory Committee as included in the draft EA Work Programme 2014 presented to the meeting.

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 26

The General Assembly endorses the withdrawal of:

- EA-3/05: *Guidelines for Training Courses for Assessors used by Laboratory Accreditation Schemes*;
- EA-3/06: *Guidelines for Selection of Participants to Courses for the Training of assessors involved in Assessments of Laboratories applying for Accreditation* (previously EAL G8); and
- EA-3/07: *Programme for Course for Tutors for Assessor Training*;

and, acting upon recommendation from the Laboratory Committee, adopts ILAC G3:08/2012: *Guidelines for Training Courses for Assessors Used by Accreditation Bodies* as a guidance document for all EA Members.

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 27

The General Assembly endorses the withdrawal of EA-4/07: *Traceability of Measuring and Test Equipment to National Standards* and, acting upon recommendation from the Laboratory Committee, adopts ILAC P10:01/2013: *ILAC Policy on Traceability of Measurement Results* as a mandatory document for all EA Members.

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 28

Taking into account that EA NABs do not provide PT services, the General Assembly endorses the recommendation by the Executive Committee that EA NABs shall not provide such services. The requirement will be introduced in EA-1/17 Supplement 1 Criteria for Membership.

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 29

The General Assembly approves the 2014 Work Programme of the Certification Committee (Document EAGA(13)10).

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 30

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Certification Committee, resolves that when accrediting CBs for the purpose of the 'End of Waste Regulations' according to ISO/IEC 17021, the certification of the management system of the producers by the CBs shall be against ISO 9001 and the requirements in the applicable 'End of Waste Regulations' – this requires that compliance with all the ISO/IEC 17021 requirements, including annual surveillance audits and recertification on the third year, will be fulfilled.

The accreditation certificate shall additionally refer to the 'End of Waste Regulations' detailing the types of products covered.

The certificates issued by accredited CBs to producers shall refer to the relevant End of Waste Regulation(s) and specify the type of products covered by the management system.

Moreover, upon request and agreement with the national authorities, the CBs can be accredited under EN 45011 or ISO/IEC 17065 for the certification of the end of waste process, using the appropriate management system requirements and the applicable 'End of Waste Regulations' requirements.

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 31

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Certification Committee, resolves that accreditation of CBs providing certification according to EN 15224 can be provided as a standalone activity. In case of an audit to EN 15224 delivering two certificates (ISO 9001 and EN 15224), the CB needs to confirm this with a proper contract review and state on the audit objectives and plan; the CB needs to be accredited for both ISO 9001 and EN 15224 and follow the relevant EA and IAF mandatory documents.

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 32

The General Assembly endorses the withdrawal of EA-7/05: *EA Guidance on the Application of ISO/IEC 17021:2006 for Combined Audits* and, acting upon recommendation from the CC Chair on behalf of the Certification Committee, adopts *IAF MD11:2013: IAF Mandatory Document for the Application of ISO/IEC 17021 for Audits of Integrated Management Systems* as a mandatory document for all EA Members.

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 33

The General Assembly approves the 2014 Work Programme of the Inspection Committee as included in the draft EA Work Programme 2014 presented to the meeting.

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 34

The General Assembly agrees that the Inspection Committee starts a new work item to revise EA-5/02: *Guidance on the application of EN 45004 in recurrent inspection of motor vehicles*.

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 35

The General Assembly agrees that the Inspection Committee after the approval of the ILAC document on this topic shall review if EA-5/03: *Guidance for the implementation of ISO/IEC 17020 in the field of crime scene investigation* should be revised or revoked.

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 36

The General Assembly endorses the recommendation by the Executive Committee not to support a revision of ISO/IEC 17011. EA NABs are invited to approach their standardisation bodies to promote the EA position.

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 37

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

- 20-21 November 2013 in Oslo, Norway
- 27-28 May 2014 in Prague, Czech Republic
- XX-XX October/November 2014 in Austria
- XX-XX May/June 2015

EA Resolution 2013 (31) 38

The General Assembly expresses its appreciation for the excellent arrangements and support services provided by COFRAC for the 31st General Assembly on 29-30 May 2013.

End of resolutions adopted at the 31st EA General Assembly.
