

RESOLUTIONS OF THE 32nd EA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

20 & 21 NOVEMBER 2013

OSLO, NORWAY

EA Resolution 2013 (32) 01

The General Assembly ratifies the results of the electronic ballots completed since the last General Assembly meeting according to Document EAGA(13)46.

EA Resolution 2013 (32) 02

The General Assembly agrees that EA applies to IAF to extend the scope of EA as recognized region to the new main scope "certification of persons" based on ISO/IEC 17024, and asks for including the necessary peer evaluation in the forthcoming peer evaluation of EA by IAF/ILAC.

EA Resolution 2013 (32) 03

The General Assembly agrees that EA applies to IAF to extend the sub-scope of EA as a recognized region for the sub-scopes FSMS, ISMS and Medical Devices MS under the main scope "certification of management systems" based on ISO/IEC 17021. EA considers it necessary that discussions continue in IAF with a view to change and remove the sub-scope-based structure of the IAF MLA and that an appropriate, workable system should be in place to perform the appropriate witnessing activities while minimizing the efforts of the regions and their Members.

Outcome of EA peer evaluation activities for the relevant fields will be collected to be made available to the ILAC/IAF evaluation team, the ultimate objective being to increase confidence in the evaluation system to demonstrate that sub-scopes are not needed.

It is assumed that this extension will cease to be necessary after the scoping rules within IAF have been revised based on the proposed strategic direction.

EA Resolution 2013 (32) 04

The General Assembly authorizes the Executive Committee to conclude a contract with a person as the EA Executive Secretary according to the job description and budget already endorsed by the EA GA, based on the result of the recruitment process as defined by the Executive Committee and presented to the EA GA at its November 2013 meeting in Oslo. After the contract has been concluded, the Executive Committee will provide the General Assembly with the reasons why the selected person has been chosen.

EA Resolution 2013 (32) 05

The General Assembly, acting upon the recommendation from the Executive Committee, notes the revised forecast of the 2013 accounts (Document EAGA(13)59).

EA Resolution 2013 (32) 06

The General Assembly, acting upon the recommendation from the Executive Committee, mandates the Executive Committee, in compliance with EA-1/20 A:2012, to review and adjust the activity-based budget 2014 approved in May 2013, as well as to revise the Work Program 2014 and the EA Plan 2014-2017 as necessary concerning the specific actions and operational tasks of EA under the FPA; then to present the revised activity-based budget 2014, Work Plan 2014 and EA Plan 2014-2017 to the General Assembly for endorsement, which could be realized by email if necessary.

EA Resolution 2013 (32) 07

The General Assembly, acting upon the recommendation from the Executive Committee, approves the revised fee schedule for 2014 (Document EAGA(13)53).

EA Resolution 2013 (32) 08

The General Assembly, acting upon the recommendation from the Executive Committee, approves the proposed new EA membership fee formula to first apply for the 2015 EA membership fees (Document EAGA(13)54).

EA Resolution 2013 (32) 09

The General Assembly, acting upon the recommendation from the Horizontal Harmonization Committee, endorses the withdrawal of EA-1/18 A:2011: *Policy and Procedure for Expansion of the Scope of the EA MLA* further to the adoption of revised EA-1/06 A AB:2013: *EA Multilateral Agreement: Criteria for Signing - Policy and Procedures for Development*, which now integrates the content of EA-1/18.

EA Resolution 2013 (32) 10

The General Assembly agrees that the Horizontal Harmonization Committee starts a new work item to develop an EA document on surveillance assessments (Document EAAB(13)27).

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The General Assembly agrees that the Laboratory Committee starts a new work item to develop an EA document on Point of Care testing (POCT) (Document EAAB(13)22).

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The General Assembly agrees that the Laboratory Committee starts a new work item to develop an EA document on the implementation of opinions and interpretations as defined in ISO/IEC 17025 when accrediting laboratories.

EA Resolution 2013 (32) 13

The General Assembly approves the revised 2014 Work Program of the Certification Committee (Document EACC(13)11rev).

EA Resolution 2013 (32) 14

The General Assembly approves the Terms of Reference of the Certification Committee as revised in October 2013 (Document EAGA(13)48).

EA Resolution 2013 (32) 15

The General Assembly, acting on recommendation from the Certification Committee and the GHG Working Group, resolves that the transition from EN ISO 14065:2012 (ISO 14065:2007) to EN ISO 14065:2013 (ISO 14065:2013) can be made on an administrative basis. It is further noted that according to the Commission communication 2013/C 258/05 (list of harmonized standards), the presumption of conformity with the previous version ended on 31-10-2013.

EA Resolution 2013 (32) 16

The General Assembly agrees that the Certification Committee starts a new work item to revise EA-6/02 M 2013: *EA Guidelines on the Use of EN 45011 and ISO/IEC 17021 for Certification to EN ISO 3834* in order to align it with ISO/IEC 17065. It also agrees to withdraw the current version of EA-6/02 in the day after the transition period from EN 45011 to ISO/IEC 17065 has finished (16-09-2015) (Document EAAB(13)16).

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

- . IAF Mandatory Document for Duration of QMS and EMS Audits (IAF MD 5: 2013)
- . IAF Mandatory Document for Assessment of Certification Body Management of Competence in accordance with ISO/IEC 17021: 2011 (IAF MD 10: 2013)
- . IAF Mandatory Document for Assessment of Certification Activities for Cross-Frontier Accreditation (IAF MD 12: 2013)

as mandatory documents for all EA Members.

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the Certification Committee, also adopts IAF Informative Document for the Transition of Information Security Management System Accreditation to ISO/IEC 27006: 2011 from ISO/IEC 27006: 2007 (IAF ID 5: 2013) as an information document for all EA Members.

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

- 27-28 May 2014 in Prague, Czech Republic (hosted by CAI)
- 19-20 November 2014 (to be reconfirmed)– Offers to host the meeting kindly invited
- XX-XX May/June 2015 in XXXX
- XX-XX October/November 2015 in XXXX
- Spring 2016 – Hosted by UKAS (venue to be confirmed)

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The General Assembly expresses its appreciation for the splendid arrangements and support services provided by NA (Norwegian Accreditation) for the 32nd General Assembly on 20-21 November 2013.

End of resolutions adopted at the 32nd EA General Assembly.
