

**European Spallation Source ERIC
16th Meeting of Council
Lund, Sweden, 4-5 June 2019**

Chair's Summary

Introduction

The Chair, Lars Börjesson, welcomed the delegates, the advisory committee chairs, and ESS Management. He noted that this 16th meeting of Council had been duly convened and was quorate.

Reports

The Chairman summarised the outcomes of the written procedure concerning the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) and presented the list of PAC members to Council. He informed the delegates that the “Brexit” mandate approved by Council had become obsolete since the UK had presented a solution ensuring their continuous ERIC Membership even in the case of a so-called “no-deal” Brexit.

The Director-General, John Womersley, presented the progress and status of the overall construction project and noted that the project being on schedule for first science in 2023. The Project Manager, John Haines, highlighted components on or close to the critical path and reported on the mitigation actions concerning these components.

The PAC Chair, Mark Reichanadter, reported from the first PAC meeting which had focussed on the re-organisation and presented its findings and recommendations. Strengthening was needed for the roles of the Project Manager and the Technical Director. Council thanked the PAC Chair for his and his colleagues’ tremendous work and their excellent report.

Financial Matters

The AFC Chair, Neil Pratt, reported from the 10th meeting of AFC. The Director of Project Support and Administration, Agneta Nestenborg, presented the Organisation’s financial position including the cash flow planning. Council unanimously approved the Annual Report 2018. Concerning indexation of the initial operations phase, Council asked Management to use a 1.5 % increase for the 2020 budget.

Completion of Construction and Initial Operations

Council approved the proposed commitments to an extraordinary construction contribution of 240 M€₂₀₁₃, related to strengthened safety and security and missing contributions, subject to the conditions of any national approval process. All Members agreed to seek to commit their share to the initial operations budget by the next regular meeting of Council in December 2019.

New Member Activities

The Netherlands updated Council on their national road map process for European research infrastructures. The Head of External Relations and EU Grants, Ute Gunsenheimer, briefly updated the delegates on “Horizon Europe” and ESS’ activities related to new Members.

Procedures

Council approved the Procedure for the Election of Members of the Chair’s Committee (CC) and provided feedback on the proposed Policy for Recruitment and Re-appointment of ESS Directors. Council elected Salvatore La Rosa as Member of the Chair’s Committee.

AoB

Council thanked outgoing German delegate Oda Keppler for her enthusiasm and her great support of ESS.

Closure of Meeting

There being no further business to discuss, the Chair closed the meeting at 16:00, 5 June 2019.

Lars Börjesson
Council Chair, European Spallation Source ERIC
30 June 2019