



PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE THE LAST OPEN SESSION IN JUNE 2017

- In Restricted Session in September
 - ✓ Management was authorised to accept a grant from the STFC in support of the Non-Member State Summer Students Programme within the framework of the CERN & Society programme

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- In Restricted Session yesterday
 - ✓ conclusion of an International Cooperation Agreement with the Republic of Kazakhstan was **approved**
 - ✓ overall cost-variation index of 0.27% for 2018 (0.35% for personnel and 0.19% for materials) was **approved**

Note that Member State contributions for 2018 will thus be indexed by the overall CVI figure, 0.27% (“corridor principle”).

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- At its Closed Session in September
 - ✓ submission of an application for CERN to become an Observer at the Synchrotron-light for Experimental Science and Applications in the Middle East (SESAME) was **approved** ;
 - ✓ Professor Halina Abramowicz was **appointed** as Strategy Secretary for the next update of the European Strategy for Particle Physics.
 - ✓ the Strategy Secretariat was **established** , with Halina Abramowicz as Chair, plus Keith Ellis, the SPC Chair, Jorgen D'Hondt, the incoming ECFA Chair and Lenny Rivkin, Chair of the European Laboratory Directors group;

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- At its Closed Session in September

- ✓ Paula Eerola was **appointed** to the Council fundraising subgroup with immediate effect, and
- ✓ Klaus Gressenbauer was **reappointed** as an expert member of the Audit Committee for two years as of 1 January 2018.

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- More re-elections, elections and appointments yesterday

- S. de Jong and E. Rabinovici re-elected President and Vice-President, respectively, each for one year as of 1 January 2018,
- K. Ellis, re-elected SPC Chair for a second period of one year, as of 1 January;
- R. Cousins and M-H. Schune appointed to SPC for a first period of three years as of 1 January;
- G. Martinelli and H. Schellman reappointed as SPC members of the Scientific Policy Committee for second periods of three years as of 1 January;
- O. Malmberg and U. Dosselli re-elected Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively, of the Finance Committee for second periods of one year as of 1 January;
- K. Jon-And elected member of the Audit Committee for three years with effect from 1 January 2018;
- J. Breckenridge and A. Cunningham reappointed as professional members of the PFGB for second three-year terms of office as of 1 January 2018.

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- Geographical enlargement

Yesterday, the fact-finding task force to visit Croatia was re-established in the context of that country's application for Associate Membership in the pre-stage to Membership

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- European Strategy

- ✓ Yesterday, a small correction to the previously issued timeline for the update of the European Strategy for Particle Physics, so that the process is officially launched in **September 2018**, with the establishment of the European Strategy Group (ESG) and the Physics Preparatory Group (PPG),
- ✓ a call for proposals issued to host the Open Symposium in May 2019 and the Strategy Drafting Session in January 2020 (decision in June 2018).

