



Resolutions adopted at the IAF 21st General Assembly

27 and 29 October 2007

Amora Jamison Hotel, Sydney, Australia

IAF Resolution 2007-01 – (Agenda Item 2) **Acceptance of Apologies and Proxies** – The General Assembly received and accepted the list of apologies for non-attendance and accepted the notifications of proxies by members.

IAF Resolution 2007-02 – (Agenda Item 3) **Approval of the Agenda** – The General Assembly adopted the draft agenda (ref IAF GA 21_3).

IAF Resolution 2007-03 – (Agenda Item 4) **Minutes of the Twentieth Meeting** - The General Assembly approved the draft Minutes as a true record of the Twentieth Annual Meeting, held in Cancun, Mexico, on 12 and 14 November, 2006 (ref IAF GA 21_4) as circulated.

IAF Resolution 2007-04 – (Agenda Item 5) **Report by the Chairman** - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report of the Chairman as presented.

IAF Resolution 2007-05 – (Agenda Item 6.1) **Current Membership** - The General Assembly received the report by the Secretary on the current IAF membership as at October 2007 (ref IAF-AM-07-002 Rev1).

IAF Resolution 2007-06 – (Agenda Item 6.3) **New Members** - The General Assembly received the Secretary's report (ref IAF GA21-6) on the admission to Accreditation Body membership since the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Turkish Accreditation Agency (TURKAK) and the Japan Information Processing Development Corporation (JIPDEC), and the admission to Association membership of the Dental Trade Alliance (DTA).

Note: TURKAK (Turkey), JIPDEC (Japan) and DTA signed the IAF MoU at a ceremony during the IAF-ILAC Gala Dinner on 26 October 2007.

IAF Resolution 2007-07 – (Agenda Item 7) **Technical Committee** - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report from the Chairman of the Technical Committee (ref IAF GA 21_7) and noted the Technical Committee Program.

IAF Resolution 2007-08 – (Agenda Item 7) **Designation of IAF Documents** - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that in the future IAF will designate documents that are mandatory for IAF member Accreditation Bodies and their accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies as "Mandatory Documents", and will designate documents that are informative as "Informative Documents."

IAF Resolution 2007-09 – (Agenda Item 8) **MLA Committee** - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report from the Chairman of the MLA Committee (ref IAF GA 21_8) and noted the MLA Committee program.

IAF Resolution 2007-10 – (Agenda Item 8) **New IAF MLA Signatories** – The General Assembly noted that TURKAK (Turkey, EA) has been accepted for membership in the IAF MLA for QMS, NABCB (India, PAC) and PAO (Philippines, PAC) have been accepted for membership in the IAF MLA for EMS, and SAC (Singapore, PAC), ANSI (USA, PAC), TAF (Chinese Taipei, PAC) and KAS (Korea, PAC) have been accepted for membership in the IAF MLA for Product, as a consequence of PAC or EA MLA membership.

Note: SAC signed the IAF MLA for Product on 23 January 2007. TURKAK signed the IAF MLA for QMS, NABCB and PAO signed the IAF MLA for EMS and ANSI, TAF and KAS signed the IAF Product MLA at a ceremony during the IAF-ILAC Gala Dinner on 26 October 2007.

IAF Resolution 2007-11 – (Agenda Item 8) **IAF MLA for Accreditation of Certification Bodies for Persons** - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the MLA Committee, resolved to

- establish a MLA for accreditation of certification bodies for persons in IAF, noting that the MLA will be a part of the IAF MLA based on ISO/IEC 17011 and ISO/IEC 17024, as a framework MLA with specific Certification Schemes for Persons endorsed by IAF as sub-scopes; and
- to commence the peer evaluation for the MLA at the time of completing the revision of IAF GD 24 and the development of relevant requirements in the IAF Mandatory Document for the application of ISO/IEC 17011 as identified by the Technical Committee, to address the harmonized implementation of ISO/IEC 17024 and ISO/IEC 17011.

IAF Resolution 2007-12 - (Agenda item 9) **Development Support Committee** - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report (ref IAF GA 21_9) from the Chair of the Development Support Committee (DSC) as presented.

IAF Resolution 2007-13 – (Agenda Item 10) **Communications and Marketing Committee** – The General Assembly received with appreciation the report of the Chairman of the Communications and Marketing Committee (CMC) as presented.

IAF Resolution 2007-14 – (Agenda Item 11.1) **Treasurer's Report on the Financial Operations of IAF in 2006** - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report by the Treasurer on the Financial Affairs of IAF and the Report of the Financial Auditor on the Financial Operations of IAF, December 31, 2006 as circulated and presented.

IAF Resolution 2007-15 – (Agenda Item 11.2) **Financial Oversight Committee** - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report of the Financial Oversight Committee (ref IAF 20_11 B), as circulated and endorsed the recommendation that the 2006 financial accounts be accepted.

IAF Resolution 2007-16 – (Agenda Item 11.2) **Membership of the Financial Oversight Committee** - The Annual Meeting resolved to appoint Mr Vagn Anderson (DANAK) and Mr Jeff Chen (TAF) to be members of the Financial Oversight Committee for the complete years of 2008 and 2009.

IAF Resolution 2007-17 – (Agenda Item 11.3) **Treasurer's Report on the Financial Operations of IAF in 2007** - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report by the Treasurer on the financial affairs of IAF for the period 1 January to 31 August 2007 as presented.

IAF Resolution 2007-18 – (Agenda Item 11.3) **IAF Budget for 2008** - The General Assembly, approved the IAF Budget for 2008 as submitted by the Treasurer and directed the Secretary to send invoices for membership fees for 2008 based upon the budget amount.

IAF Resolution 2007-19 – (Agenda Item 12) **IAF Open Forum** – The General Assembly received with appreciation the presentations and status reports provided on the Re-engineering of Accreditation, a QMS Certification Validation Experiment, Proposals for improving the credibility of MS certification, Improvement of IAF MLA evaluations and the Outcomes of the San Francisco and Beijing Industry Days/Formation of the User Advisory Committee.

IAF Resolution 2007-20 – (Agenda Item 13) **Liaison Reports to IAF** – The General Assembly received with appreciation the ISO/TC 176 report (ref IAF GA 21_13A) and the IAQG liaison report (ref IAF GA 21_13B) as presented.

IAF Resolution 2007-21 – (Agenda Item 14) **Election of Directors** - The General Assembly congratulated the following Directors on their election:

Ms Elva Nilsen (SCC) elected unopposed as Vice Chair for a one year term ending at the 2008 Annual Meeting.

Mr Girdhar Gyani (NABCB) elected unopposed as Director representing Accreditation Body Members located in a low and medium income economy, as designated by the World Bank, for a three year term ending at the 2010 Annual Meeting.

Notes:

1. Dr Thomas Facklam (DAR) will complete his term as IAF Chairman at the 2009 Annual Meeting.
2. Dr Lorenzo Thione (SINCERT) will complete his term as Director representing Accreditation Body Members located in a high income economy, as designated by the World Bank, at the 2009 Annual Meeting.

3. Mr Guenther Beer (BDI) will complete his term as Director representing the Industry and User Association Members, for a three year term ending at the 2008 Annual Meeting.

4. Mr Pierre Salle (IAAR) will complete his term as Director representing Certification/Registration/ Inspection Body Association Members, for a three year term ending at the 2008 Annual Meeting.

IAF Resolution 2007-22 – (Agenda Item 17) **2007 Annual Meetings** – The General Assembly expressed its appreciation for the excellent arrangements and support provided by JAS-ANZ and NATA as joint hosts of the IAF Twenty First Annual Meetings, held in October 2007, in Sydney, Australia.

IAF Resolution 2007-23 – (Agenda Item 17.1) **Invitation for the 2008 Annual Meetings** - The General Assembly accepted with appreciation the invitation by SWEDAC to host the 2008 Annual Meetings in Stockholm, Sweden, from 10 to 22 October, 2008, in association with the ILAC General Assembly.

IAF Resolution 2007-24 – (Agenda Item 17.2) **Invitation for the 2009 Annual Meetings** - The General Assembly accepted with appreciation the invitation by CAEAL (Canadian Association of Environmental Analytical Laboratories) to host the 2009 Annual Meetings in Vancouver, Canada, from 9 to 21 October, 2009 in association with the ILAC General Assembly.

IAF Resolution 2007-25 – (Agenda Item 17.3) **Invitation for the 2010 Annual Meetings** - The General Assembly accepted with appreciation the invitation by CNAS to host the 2010 Annual Meetings in Shanghai, China, in association with the ILAC General Assembly.

IAF Resolution 2007-26 – (Agenda Item 17.3) **Invitation for the 2011 Annual Meetings** - The General Assembly accepted with appreciation the invitation by NAC to host the 2011 Annual Meetings in Bangkok, Thailand, in association with the ILAC General Assembly.

End of resolutions adopted at IAF 21. General Assembly.

**INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION FORUM****&****INTERNATIONAL LABORATORY ACCREDITATION COOPERATION****Resolutions adopted by IAF and ILAC at the 7th IAF-ILAC Joint General Assembly****28 October 2007, Sydney, Australia****JGA Sydney Resolution 1 – Presentations from International Organizations:**

The IAF and ILAC Joint General Assembly received with appreciation the presentations and reports provided by ISO, ICSCA, IEC/CAB, UNIDO, OIML and UNFCCC.

JGA Sydney Resolution 2 – Reports from Joint Working Groups:

The IAF and ILAC Joint General Assembly received with appreciation the presentations and reports provided by the IAF/ILAC Joint Working Groups.

JGA Sydney Resolution 3 - Draft Terms of Reference for the ILAC/IAF Joint Inspection Group (JIG):

The IAF and ILAC Joint General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the JCCC, endorses the draft Terms of Reference of the Joint Inspection Group (JIG).

JGA Sydney Resolution 4 – Crime Scene Investigation Document:

The IAF and ILAC Joint General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the JCCC, endorses a new work item to be undertaken by the Joint Inspection Group (JIG) to draft a single top level document that approaches the forensic process as a whole and provides common guidance for both ISO/IEC 17020 and ISO/IEC 17025 in areas where the activities overlap. The guidance will be based on the guidance document to ISO/IEC

17020 for Crime Scene Investigation, already prepared by EA and ENFSI, and on ILAC G19 for forensic laboratories.

JGA Sydney Resolution 5 - Joint Working Group on Communications:

The IAF and ILAC Joint General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the JCCC, endorses the draft Terms of Reference of the Joint Working Group on Communications.

JGA Sydney Resolution 6 - International Accreditation Day:

The IAF and ILAC Joint General Assembly endorses the proposal presented by the JWG Communications to establish June 9th as the annual International Accreditation Day.

JGA Sydney Resolution 7 – Certification to accreditation standards:

The IAF and ILAC Joint General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the JCCC, resolves that when a Conformity Assessment Body (CAB), accredited by an Accreditation Body (AB), is providing certification to any standard used as a basis for accrediting CABs (e.g. ISO/IEC 17025 or ISO 15189), the AB shall initiate its process for suspension of accreditation, as this behaviour of the CAB will put the AB, against its will, in the condition of providing the same service that a CAB performs, in violation of clause 4.3.6 of ISO/IEC 17011. Further decisions shall be based on the actions taken by the CAB.

All IAF and ILAC AB members shall include a suitable provision on such a possibility in their contracts with CABs.

Note: It is accepted that a CAB may have to assess subcontractors to confirm that they meet the CABs' requirements, which may include accreditation standards e.g. ISO/IEC 17025. Documentation issued to subcontractors as a result of a successful assessment should clearly state that this is only for the purposes of the subcontract and is not certification or accreditation in accordance with ISO/IEC 17011.

JGA Sydney Resolution 8 – Reports from IAF/ILAC Regional Groups:

The IAF and ILAC Joint General Assembly received with appreciation the presentations and reports provided by APLAC, EA, IAAC, PAC, SADCA and CAC-MAS-Q.

End of resolutions adopted at the 7th IAF and ILAC Joint General Assembly.