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## **Summary:**

A meeting for electing the Steering Committee for Eastern Mediterranean Health Genomics and Biotechnology Network (EMHGBN) was held at Summit Meeting Conference Hall, Tehran, Iran on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007 coincided with the First International Congress on Health Genomics and Biotechnology. Participants were representatives of selected centers of excellence in health-related biotechnology and genomics and some others were the focal persons of the Ministries of Health in the Eastern Mediterranean Region. The meeting was sponsored by EMHGBN secretariat and Pasteur Institute of Iran.

During the election meeting, Professor Hassar (Director of Pasteur Institute of Morocco) was introduced as the chair of the meeting since he had served as the chair of the ad hoc committee and well-experienced. Each of the participants voted for seven candidates; two of whom were from the industry and five were from the academia. The list of participants and candidates are included as Annex 1 and 2, respectively.

The results were announced as follows:

Two members from the industry: Dr Sonia Abdelhak (Tunisia), Dr Fereidoun Mahboudi (Iran)

Five members from the academia: Dr. Shaikha Salim Al Arrayed (Bahrain), Dr. Wagida Anwar (Egypt), Dr. Abdelhamid Barakat (Morocco), Dr. Habiba Chaabouni (Tunisia), Dr. Anna Rajab (Oman)

Hosting the secretariat of the EMHGBN network would rest with Iran for the next three years due to its pronounced activities and existing expertise in networking.

On the following day, the steering committee held its first meeting in order to designate the chairperson, the vice chairperson and the treasurer.

Dr. Shaikha Salim Al Arrayed (Bahrain) and Dr. Habiba Chaabouni (Tunisia) were respectively chosen as the chairperson and vice chairperson.

The Steering Committee decided to choose a treasurer for international budget later on. Dr Sardari was once more introduced as the treasurer for Iranian fund.

## **Steering committee election procedure and results:**

Dr Sardari (Iran), director of the EMHGBN network, inaugurated the meeting. Professor Hassar(Morocco) was introduced as the chairperson of the meeting. Professor Hassar and Dr. Sardari made some reminders about the election procedure. Professor Hassar made a brief speech about the EMHGBN network, its activities since early steps, roles, necessities and responsibilities.

Professor Hassar said “The membership for EMHGBN is for all the countries in Eastern Mediterranean Region. The network started under initiatives of WHO.

The first meeting was held in Tehran four years ago. EMRO countries should do activities and send off their activity reports for WHO and EMHGBN and ought to keep in touch with WHO and EMHGBN.

This network is for everybody to work in collaboration with other scientists in order to achieve better goals. Members will exchange ideas, knowledge and technical know-how through the network. Since the beginning of this network in 2004, we met different people. We have responsibility to all of our countries. This is a duty for us. We must not be labeled as backward countries which are without carrying out research. We have the potential and the money. We must start and move forward. We should have a good competition for promoting health genomics and biotechnology in the EMRO region. We need members who are really working”.

Dr Sardari made a pointed remark that the honorable Ministries of Health of all 22 EMRO countries were solicited for introducing their delegates (focal persons) by two sets of official letters; one through WHO and the other through Ministry of Health of Iran. But among them, 9 countries including Bahrain, Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, and Tunisia had introduced their delegates to participate at this meeting as voters. Each country was supposed to designate a maximum of three representatives.

According to the Oman meeting, Resolution document EMHGBN-AH/OM/06/MAY/2-3, the steering committee is composed of seven members including 2 from the industry and 5 from the academia. The steering committee takes role as the governing body of the network which can approve and amend the bylaw. Moreover it is responsible for proposing priorities for research and development in the region.

Each participant was given a ballot paper and a hand-out containing candidates' CVs to vote for two candidates from the industry and five candidates from the academia. (the list of candidates included as annex2). According to Dr. Hassar's emails (Annex 3) in Nov. 13, 2007 before the election, only up to 3 persons per country from the EMRO countries who will be authorized to vote and each represented country at the congress will designate 1, 2 or 3 maximum persons who voted for the declared candidates. This issue has been pointed out and agreed by general assembly at the opening of meeting. The ballot papers were gathered and counted. The vote counting was supervised by Dr Lotfi Chouchani (Qatar). The results were announced by Dr Hassar as follows:

Two members from the industry: Dr Sonia Abdelhak (Tunisia), Dr Fereidoun Mahboudi (Iran).

Five members from the academia: Dr. Shaikha Salim Al Arrayed (Bahrain), Dr.Wagida Anwar (Egypt), Dr. Abdelhamid Barakat (Morocco), Dr. Habiba Chaabouni (Tunisia), Dr. Anna Rajab (Oman).

Every voter signed the results and there was no objection.

The participants agreed that hosting the secretariat of the EMHGBN network would rest with Iran for the next three years due to its pronounced activities and existing expertise in networking. Iran has also provided the budget independently since early steps. Dr Sardari was introduced as the secretary general of the EMHGBN network. The steering committee is obliged to coordinate the tasks with the secretary general. Professor Hassar was suggested to be the honorary chair of the EMHGBN network.

The steering committee was assigned to hold its first meeting on 25 November 2006 (the day after election) in order to designate the chairperson, the vice chairperson and the treasurer.

### **First meeting of steering committee, 25 November 2007:**

Professor Hassar inaugurated the meeting after welcoming remarks to the elected steering committee members and wishing them to have a great team for promoting and encouraging the EMHGBN network. Dr. Sardari was introduced as the supervisor of the meeting.

“The infrastructure in terms of strategic plan, bylaw, database, newsletter, training courses and budget has been prepared. The existing bylaw was given to the members as a package for reviewing, amending and commenting” said Dr Sardari.

According to the Oman meeting, Resolution No. Document EMHGBN-AH/OM/06/MAY/2-3, there must be a chairperson, vice chairperson and a treasurer for the steering committee. Steering committee members are obliged to work on the bylaw and amend it according to the priorities.

Some duties of the steering committee chairperson consist of coordinating the work with the secretary general and approving the agenda. The duty of the vice chairperson is just propounded while the chairperson is not available.

Dr. Shaikha Salim Al Arrayed (Bahrain), Dr. Habiba Chaabouni (Tunisia) and Dr Sardari (Iran) were respectively chosen as the chairperson, vice chairperson and treasurer of the committee. Although Dr Sardari was not one of the steering committee members, but for the reason that he is recognized by Iranian government for budget on the EMHGBN as yet, he was determined to be the treasurer of Iranian fund. It should be mentioned that the network activities had been run by Iranian budget so far.

“We got the secretary at 2005 which the budget was zero and now it is as good as other networks in Iran. Many people in the region know the network because of its database. The remaining Iranian budget is allocated for joint research projects. We have to move to real scientific activities. We are ready to accept the proposals for joint projects. We have the referees and reviewers to approve the projects and then the budget will be offered. But the concerning issue is that we have difficulty transferring governmental money from Iran to another country. We should find a solution for it later on. Anyhow, we can manage some activities in Iran for the time being.” said Dr Sardari.

The steering committee would decide to choose a treasurer among themselves for international budget later on due to difficulties of transferring governmental money from one country to another. It was suggested to open a banking account for international raised fund which have the ability of easily transferring governmental fund. The budget is spent according to the priorities that the steering committee decides. The money can come from different sources such as governmental budget or sponsorship from health fund agency, etc.

“Whoever does not want to help or does not have the time should kindly leave the committee and another person substitutes. I am very thankful to Dr Hassar and Dr Al arrayed for their cooperation as ad hoc committee members. I actually want to complain about some members of ad hoc committee that I do not mention their names. We used to communicate with them a lot but there was no letter coming back. We do

not want the same experience with the steering committee.” said Dr Sardari. The committee members pledged in general terms of the steering committee and what Dr. Sardari requested them.

Dr Wagida Anwar (Egypt) said “politicians may not be interested in the network. We have to separate science and politics. We should communicate with them to get them know our activities. Professor Hassar added that “Iran has done lots of things to this network. Three years ago we had the meeting of Pasteur Institutes directors in Iran. Some politicians opposed, anyhow the meeting was held in Iran and it was a very successful meeting.”

Dr Sardari pointed out that Syria and Saudi Arabia were not elected at the steering committee election but we should not miss their help”. Professor Hassar suggested that two other committees are essential to be formed for the network: Scientific Committee and Advocacy Committee. It was suggested that the focal persons of each country should nominate for scientific, advocacy and fund raising committee. The steering committee serves as the governing body and the focal persons transfer the decisions to their respected authorities in control the activities in their own countries. The next meeting of the steering committee was assigned to be held at an international congress a country that can finance the meeting.

## Annex 1

### List of participants

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Islamic Republic of Iran	Dr. Abdolhossein Rouholamini Najafabadi General Director of Pasteur Institute of Iran
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	Dr. Soroush Sardari Director of Eastern Mediterranean Health Genomics and Biotechnology Network (EMHGBN)

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Ferdowsi University of Mashhad

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medicine research committee/Kerman  
University of medical sciences

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Genomic Research Center  
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Director Pasteur Institute of Morocco

Oman

Dr. Anna Rajab

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Cornell Medical College of Qatar

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Directorate of Public Health Laboratories

Saudi Arabia

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Central Laboratory and Blood Bank

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Director of Medical Laboratories

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**Annex 2****List of candidates and vote numbers**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Candidates</b>	<b>Vote Numbers</b>
<b>1</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RIAD ABDEL LATIF BAYOUMI</b></p> <p><b>Position:</b> Department of Biochemistry, College of Medicine, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman</p> <p><b>Education:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Medical: M.B.,B.S. (1967) University of Khartoum, Sudan, (1961-1967)</li> <li>· Graduate: Ph.D., Biochemistry (1973)London University, (1969-1973)</li> <li>· Professional: M.R.C. Path., Chemical Pathology (1975)Royal College of Pathology, U.K. (1973-1975)</li> <li>· F.R.C. Path (1995)</li> </ul> <p><b>Publications:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· 47 Abstracts and presentations</li> <li>· 105 Articles</li> </ul>	<b>3</b>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ALIREZA HAGHPARAST</b></p> <p><b>Position:</b> Immunology Section, Department of Pathobiology, faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran</p> <p><b>Education:</b> ·Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Immunology, Graduate School for Infection and Immunity, Utrecht Univ., the Netherlands (1999) ·Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.), Fac. of Vet. Med., Univ. of Tehran, Iran (1991)</p> <p><b>Publications:</b> ·More than 60 Abstracts and presentations ·10 Articles</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2</b></p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MANAR MAHMOUD SAAD EL-DIN EL-TONSY</b></p> <p><b>Position:</b> Department of Parasitology, Faculty of Medicine, Ain Shams University, Cairo 11566, Egypt.</p> <p><b>Education:</b>                  .M.B.,B.Ch., Faculty of Medicine, Ain Shams University, Cairo, (1977)                  .Master Degree in Basic Medical Sciences (Parasitology), with subsidiary: Histology , Faculty of Medicine, Ain Shams University, Cairo .                  .Ph.D. Degree in Basic Medical Sciences (Parasitology), Faculty of Medicine, Ain Shams University, Cairo (1989).</p> <p><b>Publications:</b>                  .20 Articles                  .Author for 7 chapters published in the international book “Textbook of Tropical Surgery” edited by Prof. Refaat Kamel and Prof. John Lumley</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>0</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>5</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SIROUS ZEINALI</b></p> <p><b>Position:</b> Director, National Network Biotechnology Research Center for Molecular Medicine, Pasteur Institute of Iran</p> <p><b>Education:</b>                  .B.Sc., Molecular Biology. University of Oregon, USA. 1979-1980                  .Ph.D., Human Genetics University of Glasgow, Scotland, UK. 1985-1988                  .M.Sc. (Med.Sci), Medical Genetics, University of Glasgow, Scotland, UK. 1989-1990</p> <p><b>Publications:</b>                  .31 Articles                  .370 Abstracts and presentations</p> <p><b>Awards:</b>                  .3 awards from ORS, ISS for SE and ISS for SE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b></p>

<p><b>6</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SOHAIL ASIF QURESHI</b></p> <p><b>Position:</b> Department of Biological and Biomedical Sciences, Faculty of Health Sciences, Medical College, The Aga Khan University, Karachi 73800, PAKISTAN</p> <p><b>Education:</b> ·University of Maine, USA. Individualized Ph.D. in Molecular Biology (1990) ·Quaid-I-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan, M.Sc. in Biology (1984)</p> <p><b>Publications:</b> ·23 Articles ·15 Abstracts and presentations ·2 Patents</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ·6</p>	<p><b>1</b></p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BARAKAT ABDELHAMID</b></p> <p><b>Position:</b> Head, the Molecular Human Genetic Unit, Institut Pasteur Du Maroc</p> <p><b>Education:</b> ·Stage Post-Doc, Institut Gustave Roussy, Villejuif, France (1999) ·Researcher, Ministère Santé Public rattaché à, l'Institut Pasteur Du Maroc (1995) ·PHD. Université des Sciences et Techniques du Languedoc Montpellier II (1994)</p> <p><b>Publications:</b> ·16 Articles</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>

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<p><b>9</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RASHIKA A.F. EL RIDI</b></p> <p><b>Position:</b> Zoology Department, Faculty of Science, Cairo University, Cairo 12613, Egypt</p> <p><b>Education:</b> ·D.Sc., Immunobiology, Faculty of Science, Cairo University, (2004) ·Ph.D., Immunobiology, Institute of Molecular Genetics, Czech Academy of Science, Prague (1975)</p> <p><b>Publications:</b> ·76 Articles</p> <p><b>Awards:</b> ·3</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>

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<p><b>24</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FEREIDOUN MAHBOUDI</b></p> <p><b>Position:</b> Faculty Assistant Professor , Biotechnology Dept., Pasture Institute of Iran, Tehran, Iran</p> <p><b>Education:</b> Post-doc, Pathology Department, UMDNJ, USA, (1993-1994) Ph.D., Experimental Pathology, Department of Pathology, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, New Jersey Medical School (UMDNJ), Newark, N.J, (1989-1993). M.S., Microbiology, San Diego State University (SDSU), San Diego, CA, (1986-1989) B.S., Medical Technology, Department of Pathology, Shiraz University, Shiraz, (1979-1984)</p> <p><b>Publications:</b> .4 Awards .5 International Grant Support and 7 National Grant Support .18 Abstracts and Presentations .44 Articles</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>
<p><b>25</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NAJAH R. HADI</b></p> <p><b>Position:</b> Prof. and Chair Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics Kufa College of medicine, Iraq</p> <p><b>Education:</b> MBChD, DM, Msc, Ph.D FACP, FRCP (Edin), FRCP (Ireland) Consultant physician and professor of clinical pharmacology and therapeutics</p> <p><b>Publications:</b> 27 Articles 4 Fellowships</p>	<p><b>0</b></p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>26</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CARLA KARIM MOUNSEF</b></p> <p><b>Position:</b></p> <p><b>Education:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>·Bachelor of Sciences in Medical Laboratory sciences, ETLAM, Saint Joseph University, Achrafiyeh, Lebanon</li> <li>·Lebanese Bacculaureate, Experimental Sciences College Melkart, Louaizeh, Lebanon</li> <li>· French Bacculaureate, Scientific Series, Biology Option. College Melkart, Louaizeh, Lebanon</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>0</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>27</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HABIBA CHAABOUNI BOUHAMED</b></p> <p><b>Position:</b> Full Professor of Medical Genetics. Faculté de Médecine de Tunis.</p> <p><b>Education:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Medical Doctor . Faculté de Médecine de Tunis, July 1977</li> <li>· Master in Genetics : DEA de physiologie "option Génétique" (doctoral). Faculté des Sciences de Tunis. September1978</li> </ul> <p><b>Publications:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· 3 Awards</li> <li>· Several scientific publications</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>8</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>28</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SHAIKHA ALARRAYED</b></p> <p><b>Position:</b> Bahrain</p> <p><b>Education:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>·M.B.Ch.B., D.H.C.G., 1976 Cario Univ.</li> <li>·D.H.C.G., 1981, London Univ.</li> <li>·Ph.D., 1992, Scotland</li> </ul> <p><b>Publications:</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>13</b></p>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>29</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>KHNEISSER ISSAM</b></p> <p><b>Position:</b> Newborn Screening Laboratory Operational Manager University Saint Joseph, Beirut, Lebanon</p> <p><b>Education:</b> ·MBA Health Management Sorbonne Paris I ·MSc Chemistry- Biochemistry Lebanese University ·Many certificates and Diplomas in Epidemiology, Genetics and Community</p> <p><b>Publications:</b> ·2 articles ·10 Abstracts and presentations ·2 National Support Grant</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>0</b></p>

## Annex 3

### Dr. Hassar's Emails on Voting

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date Nov 12, 2007 12:59 PM

subject RE : Urgent:Steering Committee Election

signed-by yahoo.fr

Dear All

I think that each country should propose one or two candidates for election by the general assembly

One candidate for the scientist slots(5)

and the other one, if they have, for the industry slots(2)

The candidacy should be sent by mail along with a CV. If not received ahead of the congress, they can always be deposited 24H before the general election

Best

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date Nov 13, 2007 11:40 AM  
subject Re: RE: Urgent:Steering Committee Election

Dear All

In that case we should have only up to 3 persons per country from the EMRO countries who will be allowed to vote  
Each represented country at the congress will designate 1,2 or 3 maximum persons who will vote for the declared candidates  
Another option is to have 2 candidates per country 1 scientist and 1 from industry and and the country candidates will vote for the 7 members of the board  
Best

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