

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING BETWEEN THE
ARABOSAI EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND THE
EUROSAI GOVERNING BOARD**
(Tunis, TUNISIA, 30 November 2006)

Pursuant to resolution N° 16/2005 issuing from the ARABOSAI Executive Council held in Tunis from 21 to 23 February 2005 and the agreement taken by the VI EUROSAI Congress held in Germany from 30 May to 2 June 2005, and related to cooperation between ARABOSAI and EUROSAI, the members of the ARABOSAI Executive Council and the EUROSAI Governing Board (Annex 1) held a joint meeting at Abou Nawas Hotel (Tunis) on 30 November 2006.

After adoption of the Agenda (Annex 2), the President of the ARABOSAI Executive Council, Dr. Mustapha El Barari, delivered a welcoming address (Annex 3). The meeting then listened to a speech given by Prof. Dr. Dieter Engels, EUROSAI President (Annex 4), then two presentations on possibilities of cooperation between the two Organisations by Mrs. Faiza El Kefi, ARABOSAI Secretary General (Annex 5), and Mr. Ubaldo Nieto de Alba, EUROSAI Secretary General (Annex 6), were made. The meeting also listened to an overview on the possibilities of cooperation in the field of IT offered by Ms. Saskia J. Stuiveling, President of the Dutch SAI.

The floor was opened to the participants for making contributions on the scope, ways and formulas for making cooperation effective between both Organisations. In view of the suggestions put forward in the speeches and presentations on cooperation between the two Organisations, the meeting underscored the importance of this cooperation and its bearing on the objectives set by the INTOSAI Strategic Plan. The following areas were highlighted to focus the priority actions of the cooperation:

1. Organisation of cyclic scientific symposia, which would be hosted alternatively by the two Organisations and whose subject would be identified by joint agreement;
2. Study visits among the SAIs of ARABOSAI and EUROSAI for sharing experiences. The President of the Kuwaiti SAI kindly

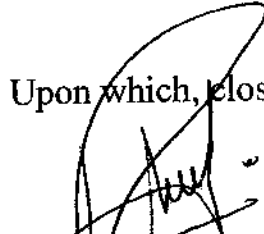
accepted to host the first delegation, with the date and relevant arrangements to be finalised subsequently;

3. Promotion of the appropriate training activities, with view to offer opportunity to the host to consider participation of the staff of individual SAIs in the scope of each of the Organisations in the training and scientific sessions organised by the sister Organisation. Exchange of experts between both Organisations in the field of training. Contacts in this regard may also be conducted directly between the Secretariat General and the Training Committee of each of the Organisations about the participations and the results obtained for purposes of monitoring and evaluation;
4. Exchange of information between the two Organisations, in particular with regard to annual training programmes, audit guides, professional standards and audit reports issued by the SAIs, where possible. The two Secretariats General to undertake coordination with a view to setting out the procedures of centralising this information and disseminating it to all member SAIs;
5. Promotion of joint activities in areas of common interest in the scope of the audit of public funds.
6. Exchange of experiences and experts.
7. Cooperation, exchange of visits, researches and case studies between the committees and working groups of both Organisations and serving in similar work fields.


Besides, the participants underscored the key role played by the General Secretariat of each of the Organisations as regards the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the various aspects pertaining in this cooperation, as well as the crucial attention to be paid to linguistic aspects, it being a fundamental factor of maximising the benefit of the cooperation process between the two Organisations.

As regards the date and venue of the next joint scientific meeting between ARABOSAI and EUROSAI, invitations were made by the SAIs of France and the Russian Federation (2009). The definitive proposal would be made by EUROSAI later on.


Upon which, closing remarks were made by the President of ARABOSAI.



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Secretary General



Mustapha El Barari
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President of the ARABOSAI
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Dieter Engels
Dieter Engels, President of the
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President