

**Resolution of the XXXII EUROSAI Governing Board, expanding the EUROSAI
Training Committee granting membership to the SAI of the Russian Federation
(Bern, Switzerland, 13 September 2007)**

The EUROSAI Training Committee (ETC) was established by a Resolution of the Governing Board, in the XXII meeting (Madrid, 16 February 2000), with the aim of dealing with and advising, under the mandate of the Governing Board, on matters related to training in the Organisation. The ETC was initially constituted with eight Members: the SAIs of Germany, Denmark, Spain, France, Poland, Portugal, United Kingdom and Czech Republic; under the co-chair of the SAIs of Spain and France. In the establishment Resolution it was foreseen that the Governing Board could decide on additional participations trying to keep an appropriate balance of EUROSAI Members.

In their XXIV meeting (Copenhagen, 7 March 2002) the Governing Board established two principles to be kept in mind, in a balanced way, should be considered an enlargement of the ETC: on one hand, the preservation of a small structure and a limited number of members to guarantee its effectiveness; and, on the other hand, the respect to the open and inclusive character attributed to EUROSAI by its Statutes, what would allow considering new participation initiatives in the ETC. The Governing Board agreed in its XXXI meeting (Reykjavik, 11 September 2006) to also grant ETC membership, under the same conditions that the original Members, to the SAIs of Lithuania and Hungary, that already enjoyed Observer's status; taking into account their active work developed in the field of training, their effective contribution to it by means of the organisation of diverse EUROSAI training events, and their availability to facilitate the works of the ETC itself organizing and hosting its meetings.

On 30 January 2007 the President of the SAI of the Russian Federation requested ETC Membership. This request was presented to the ETC with the purpose of knowing their point of view in this respect. Considering the existent precedents, the demonstrated commitment of the SAI, and the fact that the requesting SAI is Member of the EUROSAI Governing Board and that it has participated regularly as a guest in the ETC since its first meetings, the ETC suggested in its XV meeting (Bonn, 8 and 9 March 2007) to grant the SAI of the Russian Federation Observer's status; without detriment that, taking into account its active work in the training field and its contribution the mentioned area, it could be submitted in the future to the Governing Board the opportunity to integrate the referred SAI as an ETC Member.

Following this approach, the EUROSAI General Secretary submitted to the Governing Board the ETC proposal related to the request of the SAI of the Russian Federation, by means of a written consultation on 15 March 2007, receiving the support from the Governing Board.

In attention to all that exposed, and in agreement with the application and the suggestion raised by the ETC, and to the Governing Board's criteria in relation to the participation in the ETC expressed in its Resolutions adopted in 2000 and 2002, and following the proposal of the Secretary General of EUROSAI, **the Governing Board Agreed:**

"To grant ETC membership to the SAI of the Russian Federation, in the same conditions that the original members."