

GAC-EPA

Groupement des Anciens CERN- ESO Pensioners' Association

Association du personnel du CERN

CH-1211 GENEVE 23

<https://www.gac-epa.org>

Meyrin, 26 October 2022

Invitation to an Extraordinary General Assembly (EGA)

Dear Madam, Sir, dear Member

In accordance with Article 32 of our Rules in force, an Extraordinary General Assembly (EGA), devoted to a revision of the Group Rules, will take place on:

Thursday 1st December 2022 at 15.30 in CERN's Main Auditorium (Building 500/1-001).

This Meeting will be followed by the traditional end-of-year drink that will take place from 17:00 in the Salle des Pas Perdus, adjacent to the auditorium.

We look forward to meeting you face-to-face for the first time in nearly three years.

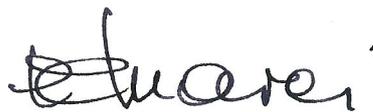
We draw your attention to the validity of the access cards to the CERN site which must be reactivated (if you have not already done so) at the entrance of the site (Building 55).

If you are unable to attend, a webcast of the meeting will be available via <https://webcast.web.cern.ch/event/i1210798>; the presentation of the amendments will also be made available on the public website <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1210798/>, as well as the English and French versions of the draft new Rules.

According to the current Rules, any modification of these Rules must be approved in writing, by a majority of voters, and by the Members of the Group after the Extraordinary General Assembly.

For this purpose, and to avoid a new mailing, we attach to this letter **a voting ballot that you will use after the December 1st meeting**; this form must be returned by post (see address in the header) or electronically (office.secretariat@gac-epa.org) to the GAC-EPA Secretariat before December 31, 2022.

In the hope that you will be many to attend the meeting, please accept our sincerest regards,



GAC-EPA President, Enrico Chiaveri,

Enclosed:

Draft new Rules subject to approval (French version), Main motivations for the proposed changes, Voting Ballot, Invitation to the 2022 End-of-Year Drink

Main motivations for updating the Rules

The GAC-EPA Rules currently in force date from 2012.

The main motivations for launching a Rules update are:

- a clarification of the Group's aims, including the notion of defending interests and social advances for the beneficiaries of the Pension Fund;
- the removal of incompatibilities with the current Statutes of the CERN Staff Association e.g. number of GAC delegates to the CERN Staff Council;
- an extension of the possibility of membership in special cases (see Article 4);
- an adaptation of some procedures, in the light of the experience gained during the recent period of pandemic and lockdown - for example, the possibility of holding a General Assembly by correspondence, as well as wider use of electronic communication;
- a simplification of the Committee's electoral procedure if the number of candidates is lower than the number of posts to be filled, as well as a simplification of the procedure for a future revision of the Rules that do not concern the founding articles of the Group;
- the removal of the possibility of challenging the decisions of the Annual General Assembly - the possibility of calling for an Extraordinary General Assembly and the approval of the minutes at the following General Assembly were considered sufficient.

In detail, the new Rules were confronted with a model proposed by the Centre d'Accueil de la Genève Internationale - CAGI - to simplify and clarify the text while remaining in conformity with the provisions of Articles 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code, on the one hand, and consistent with the Statutes of the CERN Staff Association, on the other hand.

The changes were largely prepared by G. Bossen and J-C. Gouache in 2020. Amendments were then made by the current Committee.

The final draft was adopted by the Committee on 2 September 2022 and accepted by the CERN Staff Association on 7 October 2022.

The changes will be detailed at the Extraordinary General Assembly on 1st December 2022.

VOTING BALLOT
for the update of the GAC-EPA Rules

presented at the Extraordinary General Assembly of 1st December 2022

	YES	NO	ABSTENTION
I approve the new Rules of the GAC-EPA presented at the EGA of 1st December 22			

How to fill in the ballot paper and modalities for returning the form

- ✓ Use either the English or the French version of the ballot – NOT both!
- ✓ Vote by putting a cross in one of the boxes marked (YES, NO, ABSTENTION)
- ✓ Place the ballot paper in an envelope addressed to GAC-EPA. On the back of this sealed envelope, write your surname, first name, and address before sending it.

Alternatively, you can return the ballot as an attachment to an email with the subject AGE2022 to office.secretariat@gac-epa.org, mentioning your surname, first name, and postal address.

Ballots must arrive at the GAC-EPA office on **31 December 2022 at the latest** (post or email).

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Dear Member

It is with great pleasure that the Committee of the CERN and ESO Pensioners' Association invites you to its traditional end-of-year drink on:

Thursday 1st December 2022 at 17 h 00
Salle des Pas Perdus, next to the Main Auditorium.

The last time we were able to get together was almost 3 years ago, before the COVID-19 pandemic and the lockdown!

For those who have not yet reactivated their CERN access card – a campaign launched in late 2021-early 2022 to improve the security of CERN access cards – plan a stop at Building 55, 1st Floor, Registration Service.

Hoping to see many of you and happy to be together again,



GAC-EPA President, Enrico Chiaveri

Note: The drink will be preceded by an Extraordinary General Assembly at 15:30 in CERN's main auditorium (Building 500/1-001).