

Short Protocol

11th General Assembly of the Swiss Society of Biomaterials
Wednesday, June 1, 2005, at 12.30 at Medicoat (Mägenwil)

Present: B. Aronsson, T. Blättler, I. Boecken, A. Boger, M. Bohner, Y. Bruderer, E. Doelker, L. Eschbach, C. Feller, B. Gander, B. Gasser, I. Gerber, A. Gisep, H. Gruner, O. Jordan, J. Lemaître, R. Lerf, H. Lüthy, J. Mayer, J-M Meyer, S. Mikhailov, L. Reclaru, G. Richards, W. Rieger, K. Ruffieux, A. Salito, F. Schlottig, M. Schuler, M. Textor, P-H. Valloton, S. Verrier, A. Wishott, G. Zhen

Executive committee members

M. Bohner (secretary)
H. Gruner
J. Lemaître (president)
H. Lüthy
J. Mayer (leaving the EC at the present GA)
G. Richards (vice-president)
A. Salito
M. Textor
P-H. Valloton

The SSB President, J. Lemaître (JL), welcomes the members and opens the meeting.

1. Agenda: unanimous approval

2. Protocol of the 10th general assembly, Neuchatel: unanimous approval

3. Report of the president

JL rapidly summarizes the decisions made in the 21st and 22nd executive committee (EC) meetings:

- Student prices and awards: EC approved that 8K CHF will be maximally available in 2005 (including Biosurf poster prize 500CHF and SSB student prizes 1000CHF).
- The Romanian Society for Biomaterials (SRB) is affiliated to the ESB, after this being initiated in May 2003 at the 9th GA of the SSB.
- The EC accepts that the SRB does not pay to make the ECM its official journal
- Honorary members can vote at the SSB EC meeting if they are present (but only as long as they are not more numerous than EC members)
- The EC/secretary will send a “News” mail from time to time (meetings, news, etc...)
- The EC decided to increase the money allocated to Marc Petitmermet for our website from 750 to 1'000.- CHF. As MP did not receive any payment in 2004, MP should send an invoice to AS for 2'000.- CHF (for 2004 and 2005).
- The EC accepted the proposal of GR to increase the money allocated to BIOSURF 2005 for student prize (from 500.- CHF to 1'000.- CHF).
- The EC decided to group all prizes, awards, travel grants in the budget to better show to our members how much money goes back to our young members. For 2005, the total budgeted amount is 8'000.- CHF, i.e. 1'000.- CHF for Biosurf 2005, 1'000.- CHF for the annual SSB meeting, 3'000.- CHF for travel awards (6x500.- CHF), and 3'000.- CHF for thesis printing and binding.
- JL received a honorary membership of the Romanian Society for Biomaterials to thank the SSB for our efforts in supporting the RSB and introduce it to the ESB.
- The Polish Society for Biomaterials is now affiliated to the ESB, partly thanks to the efforts of GR.
- J-M Meyer and W Rieger are working on the SSB History. The history will be placed on our website as soon as it is finished.
- Joerg Mayer has to retire from the EC. JM joined the EC in 1998. Joerg will take over the direction of a school (Steiner school), which will prevent him to find time for the SSB.
- Kurt Ruffieux has been proposed as a possible candidate for this position.
- Efforts should be done to have more input from Bern and Basel.

4. Report of the treasurer

(i) Accounting per 31.12.2004 (see table hereafter)

Balance per 31.12.2003	31'254.06	
Income 2004	Actual	Budget
Annual Fee 2004 Members	3'750.00	3'000.00
Student Member Fees	25.00	200.00
Laboratory Membership	1'600.00	1'050.00
Sponsorship 2004	4'250.00	4'500.00
General Meeting Davos 2004	3'608.40	4'000.00
Others	41.50	0.00
Total Income	13'274.90	12'750.00
Payments 2004	Actual	Budget
Information Technology (*)	-	-1'575.00
General Meeting Davos 2004	-8'808.33	-4'000.00
SSB Student Sponsorship	-2'000.00	-3'000.00
Others (Post Account 2004, Biosurf V 2003, SSB)	-1'509.60	-1'500.00
Total Payments	-12'317.93	-10'075.00
Results per 31.12.2004	956.97	2'675.00
Balance per 31.12.2004	32'211.03	33'929.06
(*) CHF 862.50 Paid on January 2005		

5. Report of the auditors

K. Ruffieux and A. Gisep agreed with the report of the treasurer.

6. Budget 2006

Expenses

	CHF	
Information Technology (ECM Web Page)		3'750
SSB Student Sponsorship		7'000
Executive Committee Expenses, Biosurf VI, Post Finance		1'200
SSB GA Meeting Expenses		3'000
		Total Expenses 14'950

Revenue

Members fees	4'000
Student fees	200
Laboratory member fees	1'800
Sponsorship	5'000
SSB GA Meeting Medicoat	5'000
Others	50
	Total Revenue 16'050

Result 1'100

The budget 2006 was accepted by the assembly

7. Fees and sponsoring

A. Salito mentioned that we should get more sponsors to be able to sponsors/help students and young researchers in the field of biomaterials

A. Salito thanked all sponsors, i.e.

- AO Foundation Davos, CH
- Biotronik Bülach, CH
- Degradable Solutions AG
- Disetronic, Burgdorf, CH
- Geistlich Biomaterials, Wohlhusen, CH
- Krahn Chemie GmbH Ceramics, Hamburg, D
- Robert Mathys Stiftung, Bettlach, CH
- Medicoat AG, Mägenwill, CH
- Metoxit AG, Thayngen, CH
- Peyer AG Waltenschwil, CH
- Institut Straumann AG, Waldenburg, CH
- Synthes Inc, Solothurn, CH
- Sulzer Metco AG, Wohlen, CH
- Surface Solution GmbH

- Symbios Orthopédie SA, CH
- Synthes AG, Chur , CH

The fee for our annual SSB meeting will be increased by 20CHF for all non-SSB members. So far, SSB and non-SSB members paid the same fee.

8. Elections

As J. Mayer is leaving the EC, a new member has to be elected. K. Ruffieux is proposed to replace J. Mayer. The assembly accepted the proposal of the EC.

J. Mayer was thanked for his work for the SSB

J. Lemaître was re-elected president

A. Gisep was re-elected as an auditor. B. Gasser was elected auditor (to replace K. Ruffieux)

9. Official journal

The next meeting of the board of the ECM journal will take place in July. At this meeting, it will be decided whether the Romanian Society for Biomaterials (RSB) may have the ECM journal as official journal without having to pay any fee.

10. Future meeting

The next SSB meeting will take place in Grenchen on May 10, 2006 and will be organized by M. Bohner (Robert Mathys Foundation).

J.-M. Meyer would like to see the list of EC members in the SSB program

M. Bohner, June 2, 2005.