



Short Protocol of the 13th GA of the SSB

13th General Assembly of the Swiss Society for Biomaterials

Wednesday, May 9, 2007, Neuchatel

Duration: 50min

Present (52): J. Antoniac, P. Antoniac, M. Bohner (MB), C. Bortun, T. Brunner, O. Casse, F. Cengelli, MC Cotrut, D. Daniels, L. Debeve, K. Dittmar, N. Doebelin, M. Dunkel, F. Fierz, B. Gander, B. Gasser, R. Geertsma, A. Gisep, H. Gruner, I. Hauser-Gerspach, J. Hayes, J. Herzen, K. J hn, J. Lema tre (JL), R. Lerf, F. Maspero, J. Mayer, S. Mikhailov, F. Moriarty, B. M ller, L. Pfister, S. Poulsson, S. Porojah, G. Richards (GR), W. Rieger, K. Ruffieux, S. Saladin, J. Salaklang, B. Saldamli, A. Salito (AS), L. Sandu, M. Schmidt, F. Schlottig, C. Sch tz, S. Schweizer, V. Simon, D. Suarez, P. Vallotton (PV), D. Vonwil, C. Wandrey, M. Widmann, R. Wieling,

1. Agenda

The SSB President, J. Lema tre (JL), welcomes the members and opens the meeting.

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Protocol of the 12th general assembly
3. Report of the president
4. Report of the treasurer
5. Report of the auditors
6. Budget 2007/2008
7. Bylaws
8. Elections (elect new EC member, president, and auditors)
9. Sponsoring
10. Future meetings (SSB 2008, etc...)
11. ESB 2009 (loan from SSB to ESB 2009)
12. Varia

The agenda was unanimously approved

2. Protocol of the 12th general assembly

The protocol was unanimously approved

3. Report of the president

JL presented a chart of the e-mails exchanged per year between the EC members: an almost exponential growth is observed. MB was thanked for his work as secretary for the past 3 years. JL mentioned that H. L thy (HL) had to withdraw from the EC due to health reasons. JL thanked HL for his work as SSB co-founder, EC member and past SSB secretary. H. L thy was given an honorary life membership.

4. Report of the treasurer

Accounting 2006 – AS gave the EC member the account situation at the end of 2006. The SSB has about 35 kCHF on the account (- 1.5kCHF compared to end of 2005). This negative result is explained by the fact that the costs generated in 2005 by the EC meeting were paid in 2006.

5. Report of the auditors



B. Gasser and A. Gisep are the two SSB auditors. B. Gasser said the accounts were well kept and that the numbers were correct.

6. Budget 2007/2008

Accounting 2007 – the budget of 2007 should be equilibrated with total expenses and revenues of 13.0 and 13.1kCHF, respectively. Biosurf will received 1kCHF for student awards from SSB. The budget 2006 was accepted by the assembly.

7. Bylaws

PV briefly summarized the proposed changes of the bylaws. The new bylaws were approved

8. Elections

The new EC member Tobias Brunner was elected

G. Richards was elected president and thanked J. Lema tre for his work as past president.

A. Gisep and B. Gasser were re-elected as auditor.

Past executive committee members

M. Bohner (MB, secretary; wrote the present protocol)

H. Gruner

J. Lema tre (JL, president)

H. L thy

G. Richards (GR, vice-president)

K. Ruffieux

A. Salito (AS)

P-H. Valloton (PV)

C. Wandrey (CW)

New executive committee members

M. Bohner (Vice-president)

T. Brunner

H. Gruner

J. Lema tre

G. Richards (president)

K. Ruffieux

A. Salito

P-H. Valloton (Secretary)

C. Wandrey

9. Sponsoring

The number of members and sponsors is stable.

A. Salito thanked all sponsors, i.e.

- AO Foundation Davos, CH
- Degradable Solutions AG, Schlieren, CH
- Geistlich Biomaterials, Wohlsusen, CH
- Krahn Chemie GmbH Ceramics, Hamburg, D
- Mathys AG Bettlach, Bettlach, CH



- Medicoat AG, M genwill, CH
- Mediluc Sagl, Bodio, CH
- Metoxit AG, Thayngen, CH
- Peyer AG, Waltenschwil, CH
- Plus Orthopedics AG, Rotkreuz, CH
- Institut Straumann AG, Waldenburg, CH
- Robert Mathys Stiftung, Bettlach, CH
- Sulzer Metco AG, Wohlen, CH
- Surface Solution GmbH, Zurich, CH
- Symbios Orthop die SA, Yverdon, CH
- Synthes Inc, Solothurn, CH

10. Official journal

GR mentioned that the ECM has over 4900 registered readers, that the journal has a tough reviewing policy (75% refusal rate), and it is now indexed by “ISI Thomson” (impact factor in 2008).

11. Future meeting

The next SSB meeting will take place in Basel on May 8, 2008 and will be organized by Dan Daniels and B. M ller.

In 2009, there won’t be any SSB meeting (due to ESB 2009). Candidates for 2010 can show their interest. The company “Icotec” (<http://www.icotec.ch/>) has already signalized its interest.

The ESB meeting will be organized by SSB in Montreux in 2009. G. Richards, C. Wandrey and M. Bohner were appointed by the SSB EC to prepare the meeting. C. Wandrey briefly presented the present situation: Montreux is chosen as a meeting place, the dates will be from Sept 7 to 11, 2009, 1000 participants are expected, the budget is close to 800 kCHF, the members are asked to support the organization.

12. Varia

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