

## Protocol of the 16<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the SSB D bendorf, Thursday, May 5, 2010 12.00 – 12.50

**Present:** 58 participants (see list of participants attached)

The SSB president, Marc Bohner (MB), welcomes the members and guests and opens the General Assembly. He thanks the sponsors and organizers.

### 1. Agenda

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Protocol of the 15<sup>th</sup> General Assembly
3. Report of the president
4. Report of the treasurer
5. Report of the auditors
6. Budget 2010
7. Election of the Executive Committee (2 years term)
8. Election of the President (1 year term)
9. Sponsoring
10. ESB 2009
11. SSB 2011
12. Varia

The agenda was unanimously approved.

### 2. Protocol of the 15<sup>th</sup> GA, 2009 in Lausanne (MB)

The protocol was unanimously approved.

### 3. Report of the President (MB)

ESB 2009: Marc Bohner highlighted the ESB 2009 as the most important event of the SSB during the last year.

General information: MB reported the status of the membership database, the membership, and the preparation of online payment.

Honorary Memberships: A Honorary Life Membership of the SSB in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the SSB was presented to:

- Prof. Jacques Lema tre – Founder, past Vice President, President and Executive Committee Member,
- Dr. Armando Salito – Founder, past Treasurer and Executive Committee Member,
- Prof. R. Geoff Richards – Secretary, past Vice President, President and Executive Committee Member.

EC candidates: Dr. Alexandra Poulsson (Davos) and Dr. Dominique A. Rothenfluh (Z rich) were presented to the GA as new candidates for the EC of the SSB.

SSB awards: MB announced that the EC of the SSB has decided to sponsor for the next 10 years at the Annual European Conferences on Biomaterials a “Swiss Society for Biomaterials award for the best contribution on translational research”, the first time at the 23<sup>rd</sup> European Conference on Biomaterials 2010 in Tampere, Finland. The award, totally 15'000.- CHF is financed from the surplus of the ESB 2009.

In addition, the SSB will sponsor a “Student Award” of 1'000.- CHF at the 3<sup>rd</sup> International NanoBio Conference in Zürich, 2010.

ECM: MB further highlighted the success of ECM the official journal of the SSB. ECM journal received its first IF in 2009. The value of IF = 4.289 is the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest in the field of biomaterials. Geoff Richards (GR) added that ECM is a true Open & Free Access Journal entirely financed by sponsors. In February 2010, 5'072 visits on the web page and 12'533 page views have been counted. ECM has over 10'000 registered readers. The acceptance rate is currently 10%.

SSB 2011: see 11

#### **4. Report of the Treasurer (GRI)**

Giancarlo Rizzoli (GRI) appreciated the work of Dr. Armando Salito who was the treasurer of the SSB from 1997 to 2009.

Financial processes: GRI explained the time line of the financial processes including budget approval, budget presentation to the GA, approval of the auditors' report at the GA in detail. The budget of the year X will be approved in the EC meeting of the year X-1 and then presented to the GA in X. The auditors' report of the year X-1 will be approved in the GA of X.

Accounting: GRI presented the accounting for 2009. The balance on December 31, 2009, was 55'095.70 CHF. GRI mentioned that the present balance is higher because the accounting of the ESB 2009 could not be closed until the end of 2009. It was closed in January 2010. The correct value will be reported on the next GA.

#### **5. Report of the Auditors (GRI)**

GRI presented the report of the two auditors Dr. David Eglin and Dr. Beat Gasser. The report confirmed the balance of 55'095.70 CHF at 31.12.2009 and proposes to the GA to accept the accounting of the year 2009.

The proposal was unanimously accepted.

#### **6. Budget 2010 (GRI)**

The income budget was communicated as 15'125.00 CHF. The payments expected are 14'000 CHF, thereof, the result per 31.12.2010 will be 1'125 CHF.

#### **7. Election of the Executive Committee (2 years term)**

Dr. A. Salito, Prof. J. Lemaître and Prof. R.G. Richards resigned from the EC of the SSB. Due to the three resignations, the EC has decided to appoint new EC members. The two candidates presented under 3. have sent their candidatures to the EC. The list of EC

candidates was presented to the GA as follows: Marc Bohner (MB), Paul-Henri Vallotton (PV), Christine Wandrey (CW), Giancarlo Rizzoli (GRI), Tobias Brunner (TB), Katharina Maniura (KM), Kurt Ruffieux (KR), Alexandra Poulsson (AP), Dominique Rothenfluh (DR).

The EC was unanimously elected for the next two years.

## 8. Election of the President (1 year term)

Prof. Marc Bohner was presented as candidate for the Presidency. He was unanimously elected, after having left the room.

The Executive Committee 2010-2011 is now composed as follows:

President:	Marc Bohner
Vice-President:	Paul-Henri Vallotton
Secretary:	Christine Wandrey
Treasurer:	Giancarlo Rizzoli
Web Editor/Student Rep.:	Tobias Brunner
Members:	Katharina Maniura Kurt Ruffieux Alexandra Poulsson Dominique Rothenfluh

Marc Petitmermet will continue as webmaster.

## 9. Sponsoring (GRI, MB)

GRI again thanked all sponsors of the SSB and ESB 2009. He invited to further supporting the activities of the SSB and to become sponsors of the SSB.

Sponsoring fees: CHF 300.- (regular sponsor) for small-medium sized enterprises  
CHF 500.- (major sponsor) for large enterprises

## 10. ESB 2009 (MB)

1201 participants attended the conference. The budget was in the order of 600 k . 1044 abstracts have been submitted. News such as partnering event, exhibitor evening, theme of the day, accreditations have been introduced. The financial result was positive. Detailed info is available on <http://ssb.biomaterials.ch/ssb/history>.

## 11. SSB 2011 (PV)

The SSB 2011 will take place in Yverdon-les-Bains on May 4, 2011. It will be organized by Dentsply Maillefer (PV as local coordinator). Theme of the day will be "Applications of Biomaterials in Dental and Musculoskeletal Devices".

The meeting place was presented by PV.

**12. Varia**

SSB Student Travel Grants: Tobias Brunner announced that CHF 2'000.- are available for 2010 to support the active participation of students in (international) scientific conferences related to Biomaterials. He explained the requirements for the application.

At 12:45 the president, Marc Bohner, closed the General Assembly by thanking the GA attendees for their participation.



Christine Wandrey, SSB Secretary, 27.05.2010

**Annex:** List of participants