

## Short protocol

**First Assembly of the Swiss Society of Biomaterials  
Wednesday May 17, 1995, at 2.15 p.m.  
at the University of Berne, Main Building, Kuppelraum,  
Hochschulstrasse 4, Berne**

**Present:** Aebischer, Allémann, Bittmann, Bouillaguet, Ciardelli, Descouts, Doelker, Gurny, Gruner, Hirt, Illi, Lemaître, Lendlein, Lüthy, Mand, Matter, Meyer, Neuenschwander, Orang, Rieger, Snétivy, Stoll, Streicher, Tullberg-Reinert, Ungersbäck, Valloton, Vaudaux, Vuaridel, Wintermantel, Zurcher.

Meyer, Provisional President of SSB opens the session. The proposed agenda is accepted. After explaining the purpose of the Swiss Society of Biomaterials (SSB) he describes today's membership: 22 members from the Industry, 48 from Universities and Hospitals and 4 others. The total accounts for 74 members. The geographical distribution is the following: ZH 24, GE 22, BS 5, BE 4, AG 3, BL 3, NE 3, VD 3, SG 2, FR 1, SH 1, SO 1, VS 1.

### **Official foundation of the Swiss Society of Biomaterials**

After short debates, the General Assembly votes each time with unanimity for:

- the approval of the proposed Charter
- the approval of the proposed Bylaws
- the election of the following 10 proposed candidates (for 2 years)
  - Dr. Peter Bittmann, Sulzer Innotec AG, Winterthur, ZH
  - Prof. Pierre Descouts, GAP-Biomedical, University of Geneva
  - Prof. Ludwig Gauckler, Nonmetallic materials, ETH-ZH
  - Dr. Heiko Gruner, Medicoat AG, Niederrohrdorf, AG
  - Prof. Heinz Lüthy, Dental materials, University of Zurich
  - Prof. Hans Peter Merkle, Galenical pharmacy, ETH-ZH
  - Prof. Jean-Marc Meyer, Dental materials, University of Geneva
  - ✓ Dr. Wolfhart Rieger, Metoxit AG, Thayngen, SH
  - Mr. Armando Salito, Sulzer Metco AG, Wohlen, AG
  - Dr. Robert M. Streicher, Sulzer Medizinaltechnik, Winterthur, ZH
- the election for SSB-President (for 1 year) of Prof. Jean-Marc Meyer
- the election of the 2 following Auditors:
  - Prof. Eric Doelker, Section of pharmacy, University of Geneva
  - Dr. Sandro Matter, Institute of polymers, ETH-ZH

- the 1995-1996 annual fees:  
SFr. 50.- for regular members  
SFr. 10.- for students

The dates for the future General Assemblies were fixed on:  
May 8, 1996 and  
May 7, 1997

During the meeting the following remarks have been formulated:

- The elevated number of 10 board members (maximum number admitted by the bylaws) is needed for starting the Society activities (organizing tasks, recruiting new members, trying to get money etc.). This number should be reduced in the future.
- The new elected committee is exclusively staffed by development and research people. In the future users should also be included.
- The SSB will participate in the organization of the 2nd Monte Verità Conference on Biocompatible Materials Systems.

The end of the General Assembly (3.30 p.m.) was followed by a conference given by Prof. James M. Anderson, Case Western Reserve University, School of Medicine, University Hospitals of Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio, USA entitled: "Perspective on Leukocytes Adhesion, Activation, and Fusion on Biomedical Polymers: Cell- and Surface Dependent Interactions".

Responsible for the protocol



Prof. Dr. H. Lüthy

Zürich, May 23, 1995