

Short protocol

**2nd General Assembly of the Swiss Society of Biomaterials
Wednesday May 8, 1996, at 11.55
at the Sulzer Hochhaus, Winterthur**

Present: Bohner, Bittmann, Burch, Ciardelli, Descouts, Doelker, Gander, Gander, Gruner, Hirt, Lemaître, Lurf, Lohmann, Lüthy, Matter, Merkle, Meyer, Reclaru, Rieger, Saad, Salito, Snétivy, Stoll, Textor, Valloton, Vaudaux, Windler, Wohlwend.

Meyer, President of SSB opens the session. The proposed agenda is accepted.

Protocol of the 1st General Assembly, Berne, May 17, 1995
It is approved with unanimity.

Report by the President

- Since the 1st General Assembly the Executive Committee (EC) met 3 times. The dates were: June 7, 1995, September 20, 1995 and February 28, 1996.

- Over 80 participants were present at this 2nd General Meeting, which is considered as a success.

- Our Society should establish contacts with people on the board of the Dutch and German Societies and the European Society for Biomaterials (ESB).

Decision: SSB should be rapidly affiliated to ESB (in 1997 or 1998).

- The EC has seriously planned the presence of the SSB on the Internet. Should this preparation be pursued?

Decision: approval.

- Long run planning of the SSB (activities, supports, national research projects, joint meetings etc.). Dr. Textor (ETH-Z) is interested to be involved in this task. The EC will make some propositions for the next General Assembly.

Report by the Treasurer

The financial situation is sound. On April 30, 1996, SFr. 5068.20 were in the account. The costs of the present General Assembly (about SFr. 2500.-) have to be deducted from this amount.

Report by the Auditors

The newly elected auditors, Prof. Doelker (University of Geneva) and Dr. Lohmann (Novartis Ltd.) revised the account and proposed to accept the actual balance.

Approval of the Treasurer and Auditors reports

Decision: approval with unanimity.

Decision about the membership fee for 1997

- The fees remain unchanged: SFr. 50.- for regular members
SFr. 10.- for students
- For the next year, conference fees will be increased.

Proposal for the 3rd General Meeting

The proposition of Lausanne (EPF-L) on May 7, 1997 is approved with unanimity. The organizers will be Dr. Lemaître and Prof. Aebischer.

Future meetings

- The 4rd General Meeting should be hosted by a company.
- The 5rd General Meeting should be hosted by a university.
- A special joint meeting with the Swiss Society for Surface Treatments is in the agenda. The date is still unknown.

New members of the Executive Committee

Prof. Gauckler and Dr. Streicher have withdrawn from their position and need to be replaced. The following new members were proposed by the President, and finally elected:

Dr. J. Lemaître (EPF-L), with unanimity
Prof. P. Aebischer (CHUV-Lausanne), by 10 to 8 votes.

President for 1997

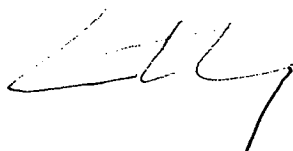
Prof. Meyer is reelected with unanimity.

Individual proposals and varia

Announcement of the following Congress: "Biomaterials in Surgery", Maastricht, NL, October 25-6, 1996.

End of the assembly: 12.30

The secretary



Prof. Dr. H. Lüthy

Zürich, May 24, 1996