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Geneva, April 30, 1997

Dear Colleagues,

You are invited to attend the General Assembly during the

3rd General Meeting of the SSB

**Salle Polyvalente, EPFL, 1015 Lausanne,
Tuesday May 6, 1997, 11:30 - 12:30**

The following agenda has been prepared:

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Approval of the short protocol of the 2nd General Assembly,
Winterthur, May 8, 1996
3. Report by the President
4. Report by the Treasurer
5. Report by the Auditor
6. Approval of the Treasurer and Auditor reports
7. Decision about the membership fee for 1998
8. Should we become a sister society of the European Society for
Biomaterials ?
9. Proposal for the 4th General Meeting
10. Future meetings
11. Election of new members of the Executive Committee
12. Election of the President for 1998
13. Individual proposals and varia

For item # 5, Dr. Lucien Reclaru has accepted to be the Auditor.

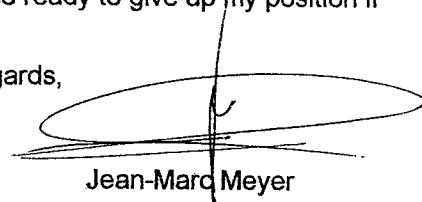
For item # 9, here enclosed you will find the formal proposal by Dr. Reto Lerf, from STRATEC Medical, CH - 4436 Oberdorf BL. It will be proposed at the General Assembly.

For item # 10, we expect to hear from an academic institution about the organization of the 5th General Meeting of the SSB in 1999.

For item # 11, at least one member of the present Executive Committee should be ready to give his seat to Dr. Reto Lerf, who should become a member of the EC. Please, no massive withdrawal !!!!!

For item # 12, I will accept a third year as President, but I am also ready to give up my position if anyone has a proposal to offer.

I am looking forward to seeing you again in Lausanne ! Best regards,



Jean-Marc Meyer

Enclosure

Short protocol

**3rd General Assembly of the Swiss Society of Biomaterials
Tuesday May 6, 1997, at 11.45
at EPFL, salle polyvalente, Lausanne**

Excused EC-members: Aebischer, Descouts, Rieger

Meyer, President of SSB opens the session. He thanks the organizing committee for the perfect job.

1. Approval of the agenda

The proposed agenda is accepted.

2. Protocol of the 2nd General Assembly, Winterthur, May 8, 1996

It is approved with unanimity.

3. Report by the President

- Since the 2nd General Assembly the Executive Committee (EC) met 2 times. The dates were: September 25, 1996 and February 26, 1997.

- Over 100 participants (namely 51 from universities and from both ETHs, 13 from the medical field, 29 from industries, 2 from the "Arbeitsgruppe Osteosynthese" Davos and 5 people from not specified origins) were present at this 3rd General Meeting, which represents about 20 people more than last year and is considered as a success.

- There have been 25 (i.e. 8 oral and 17 poster) presentations.

- The SSB was invited to make an extended proposal for a new National Research Program (PNR) on Biomaterials. Because the deadline was set too short, the EC could not respond in time, despite of a real interest.

- The installation of our society on the Internet is on its way.

- Both universities of Geneva and Lausanne and the EPFL have created a coordinated program on biomaterials.

4. Report by the Treasurer

The financial situation is sound. At the present time, SFr. 9803.95 were in the account. The costs of the present General Assembly have to be deducted from this amount.

5. Report by the Auditor

Dr. L. Reclaru (PX Holding Company, La Chaux-de-Fonds) revised the account and proposed to accept the actual balance.

6. Approval of the Treasurer and Auditor reports

Decision: approval with unanimity.

7. Decision about the membership fees for 1998

- The fees remain unchanged: SFr. 50.- for regular members
SFr. 10.- for students

8. Should we become a sister society of the European Society for Biomaterials?

The response is yes. The president is in charge to prepare the affiliation for the next General Assembly (decision of the majority; 2 members were in favour of a faster decision).

9. Proposal for the 4th General Meeting

The president communicates the generous offer of STRATEC Medical, Oberdorf (BL) to host the next General Meeting. After a short explanation given by Dr. Lerf (manager materials science of this company), the proposition is accepted (14 votes to 0 with 1 abstention). The meeting is agended on May 12, 1998.

10. Future meetings

- The 5th General Meeting should be hosted by an academic institution. The place of Zurich is suggested (Biocompatible Materials Science and Engineering, ETH-Z ?)
- The 6th General Meeting should be hosted by a company.

11. Election of a new member of the Executive Committee

On proposition of the President, Dr. R. Lerf (Stratec Medical) was elected with unanimity in replacement of Prof. Aebischer who has withdrawn from his position.

12. Election of the President for 1998

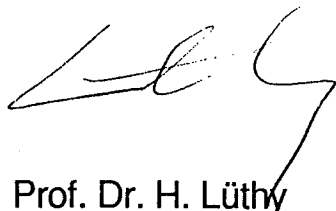
Prof. Meyer is reelected with unanimity.

13. Individual proposals and varia

None.

End of the assembly: 12.15

The secretary



Prof. Dr. H. Lüthy

Zürich, June 20, 1997