

## Short protocol

### 4th General Assembly of the Swiss Society of Biomaterials Tuesday May 12, 1998, at 11.15 at STRATEC Medical, Oberdorf

Present: Aronsson (non-member), Bohner, Bouillaguet, Eckert, Gander, Gasser, Gruner, Hofmann (SVMT), Hubbell (non-member), Illi, Laurent, Lemaître, Lerf, Lohmann, Lüthy, Matter, Merkle, Meyer, Rahn, Rieger, Ruffieux, Salito, Tullberg, Van Landuyt

Excused EC members: Bittmann, Descouts

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 3rd General Assembly, Lausanne, May 6, 1997

It is approved with unanimity.

#### 3. Report by the President

- Since the 3rd General Assembly the Executive Committee (EC) met 2 times. The dates were: October 22, 1997 and March 4, 1998.

- 79 participants (namely 47 from universities and from both ETHs, 24 from industries, 5 from the "Arbeitsgruppe Osteosynthese" Davos and 3 people from not specified origins) were present at this 4th General Meeting. This number is considered as a success.

- There have been 26 (i.e. 9 oral and 17 poster) presentations.

- SSB has now a web site: <http://cmu.unige.ch/swissbiomat/>

- At its 6th Meeting the EC decided to have a collaboration with the SVMT, mainly in matter of exchange of information, and use of a common address list.

#### 4. Report by the Treasurer

The financial situation is healthy. At the present time, SFr. 14093.55 are in the account. The treasurer proposes that the membership fees for 1999 should remain unchanged. On the question "why does the SSB accumulate money" the president answers that we are a young society; we should have a basis amount of SFr. 20 to 25'000.-. According to Lemaître the construction of the web-site will cost money. After Hofmann (SVMT) the invitation of an international speaker can be expensive, sometimes in the order of SFr. 5'000. For Rieger the annual fee of SFr.50.- is low and should remain unchanged. Another question is "why should we as member pay an annual fee plus a registration fee while non-members pay the registration fee only and can so anyway attend the scientific meeting?" Meyer takes this remark into account and suggests that in the future the registration fee should be decreased for the members whereas the non-members should pay the full prize. This issue has to be clarified at a next EC-Meeting.

#### 5. Report by the Auditors

P. Van Landuyt (EPFL) and K. Ruffieux (ETH-Z) 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

Result of the vote: approval, 1 abstention and 1 vote against.

Moreover, it is decided to attribute for next year a "junior award" for special work. The prize is not yet fixed but it should not exceed SFr. 2'000. The members are encouraged to inform the president about

ideas concerning such an award by the end of September. These propositions will be discussed at the next EC-Meeting.

#### 8. Proposal for the 5th General Meeting

The president communicates that it is the turn of ETH-Z. He was thinking of Prof. Wintermantel as the main organizer. The latter did not agree to organize because in 1999 (in September or October) the 3rd International Conference on Biomaterials "BIOSURF III" needs to be organized in Zurich by ETH-Z and SVMT. Meyer proposes to have our meeting coordinated with this event -even though it will occur in autumn instead of spring (May)- based on two days in succession.

The proposition is accepted with unanimity.

#### 9. Future meetings

- The 6th General Meeting in 2000 will be hosted by AO Research Institute, Davos. However, Dr. Rahn (AO Research Institute) underlines that May is a "bad" month for Davos.
- The 7th General Meeting in 2001 will take place at the Medical School of Geneva.
- The 8th General Meeting in 2002 will be hosted by the industry, probably by Novartis AG according to Dr. Lohmann.

#### 10. Election of a new member of the Executive Committee

On proposition of the President, Prof. Wintermantel (ETH-Z) -absent but having previously agreed- was elected as a new EC member with unanimity (3 abstentions). He will replace Prof. Merkle, who has withdrawn from his EC position.

#### Reassignment of functions among the members of the EC:

- H. Gruner (Medicoat AG) will take over the position of the Secretary of the SSB from H. Lüthy.
- A. Salito (Sulzer Metco AG) becomes Treasurer in replacement of H.P. Merkle.

#### 11. Election of the President for 1998

Meyer wanted to resign as president of the EC. Nevertheless he is ready to continue for another year if no one is willing to take over. Wintermantel has accepted to be proposed as President at the General Assembly in 1999.

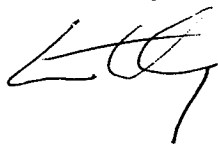
Meyer is reelected for one year with unanimity.

#### 12. Individual proposals and varia

None.

End of the assembly: 12.30

The secretary



Prof. Dr. H. Lüthy

Zürich, July 7, 1998