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8th General Assembly of the Swiss Society of Biomaterials **Wednesday, May 22, 2002, CMU, Geneva**

Present: B.-O. Aronson, A. Blatter, I. Boeken, M. Bohner, M. Cattani-Lorente, E. Conforto, P. Descouts, B. Gander, B. Gasser, A. Gisep, J. Hasselkus, J. Krumeich, J. Lemaître, R. Lerf, H. Lüthy, H.-J. Mathieu, J. Mayer, J. Perriard, B. Rahn, L. Reclaru, R.G. Richards, C. Rieker, K. Ruffieux, A. Salito, P.-H. Valloton, P. Vaudaux, W. Weber
Excused EC member: H. Gruner

W. Rieger, president of the SSB, opens the session at 1215.

1. Approval of the Agenda

There is no comment concerning the agenda.

2. Minutes of the 7th General Assembly, Waldenburg, May 16, 2001

The minutes are presented by R. Lerf and accepted by acclamation.

3. Report of the President

- The Executive Committee (EC) met two times
- R. Lerf resigns from the EC. R.G. Richards will take over the secretary work from him by end of this GA
- Contact to the European Society of Biomaterials and the Italian Society for Biomaterials
- ECM European Cells and Materials Journal (official journal of SSB) now has 1300 registered members.
- SSB home page kept actual
- Member count May 2002: 116 individual members and 6 sponsoring members

4. Report of the Treasurer

In the year 2001, the SSB had a income of CHF 9'618.35 compared to expenses of CHF 5'656.05. By April 30, 2002, the fortune of the society grow up to CHF 24'615.32, compared to CHF 16'758.40 at beginning of 2001.

5. Report of the Auditors

A. Gisep and K. Ruffieux revised the accounts and suggested to discharge the treasurer and to accept his report. Approval by Acclamation.

6. Budget 2002

After the budget presented by A. Salito, the expenses for 2002 will reach CHF 11'100.-, compared a income of CHF 11'600.-. Main expenses are related to the General Meeting, while the main income originates from the GA and member fees.

7. Membership Fees 2002

The membership fees will remain unchanged:

CHF 50.- for individual members (CHF 10.- for students)

CHF 100.- minimum for small enterprises

CHF 300.- minimum for medium size enterprises

CHF 500.- minimum for large enterprises

Budget 2002 and the membership fees for 2002 were accepted by acclamation.

8. Elections

President (for 2002): W. Rieger (Metoxit AG, Thayngen, re-election)

new member of the EC: M. Bohner (Robert Mathys Stiftung, Bettlach)

two auditors: A. Gisep (AO Research Institute, Davos, re-election)

K. Ruffieux (Degradable Solutions, Schlieren, re-election)

All candidates were elected by a warm applause.

For 2002, the EC of the SSB presents as follows:

Function	Name	First Name	Institution	PLZ	City
President	Rieger	Wolfhart	Technische Keramik Thayngen	8240	Thayngen
Vice President	Lemaître	Jacques	EPF Lausanne	1015	Lausanne
Treasurer	Salito	Armando	Sulzer Metco	5610	Wohlen
Secretary	Richards	Geoff	AO Research Institute	7270	Davos
	Bohner	Marc	Robert Mathys Stiftung	2544	Bettlach
	Descouts	Pierre	Université de Genève	1211	Genève 4
	Gruner	Heiko	MEDICOAT AG	5506	Mägenwil
	Lüthy	Heinz	Univeristät Zürich	8028	Zürich
	Mayer	Jörg	ETH Zürich	8952	Schlieren
	Meyer	Jean-Marc	Université de Genève	1205	Genève

9. Senior Membership

A new membership category is established: senior members. This category is reserved for people in age of at least 60 and retired from professional activity. The annual fee is fixed to be linked to the student cost which currently is CHF 10.-.-Accepted by acclamation.

10. Future Meetings

2003: PX TECH, La Chaux-de-Fonds, offers to host the SSB General Meeting in Neuchâtel. It will be held on May 14, 2003. Applause.

2004: It is proposed to held a joint meeting with European Cells & Materials in Davos at the June 31st, 2004.

11. Varia

- Prof. Jean-Marc Meyer, the founding president of the SSB, was awarded the first honorary member for life.
- Discussion on the opportunities and restrictions in giving an award for the best oral presentation.

End of the assembly: 1255

Secretary of the SSB

Reto Lurf, Dr. ès sc.