

9th GA / Protocol

Short Protocol

9th General Assembly of the Swiss Society of Biomaterials
 Wednesday, May 14, 2003, at 12.00 at the University of Neuchatel

Present: Romanian delegation, B Aronsson, M. Bohner, P. Descout, C. Frei, B. Gasser, A. Gisep, H. Gruner, J. Lemaître, R. Lerf, H. Lüthy, J. Mayer, J-M Meyer, B. Rahn, B. von Rechenberg, W. Rieger, K. Ruffieux, A. Salito, F. Schlottig, P-H. Valloton

Excused: G. Richards

The SSB President, W. Rieger, welcomes the members and opens the meeting.

1. **Agenda:** unanimous approval

2. **Protocol of the 8th general assembly, Geneva:** unanimous approval

3. Report of the president

- Apart from the general assembly the executive committee (EC) meets twice a year
- Two members of the executive committee resigned: P. Descout and J.-M. Meyer
- There are no changes in the main functions of the EC
- There is still an on-line journal of the SSB (European Cells and Materials)
- The SSB would like to work in closer collaboration with the European Society for Biomaterials (ESB), and the Romanian Society for Biomaterials.
- The SSB homepage has been updated.
- The SSB has 114 individual members and about 10 sponsors at the end of April 2003

4. Report of the treasurer

(i) Accounting per 31.12.2002

At the end of 2001, the SSB had 21'120.70 CHF. Income in 2002:

Annual fee 2002 for full members:	3590 CHF
Annual fee 2002 for graduate students:	40 CHF (4 x 10 CHF)
Interests:	34.85 CHF
Sponsorship:	2700 CHF
General meeting 2002 - fees paid by participants:	3710 CHF
General meeting 2002 - fees paid by students:	100 CHF (10 x 10 CHF)
Cost of the meeting:	-10987.18 CHF
Total at the end of 2002:	20'308.37

The treasurer informed about a correction in the accounting of 2002 which was requested by the auditors. He also informed about the account per 30th April 2003 (27'023.27 CHF).

5. **Report of the auditors:** K. Ruffieux and A. Gisep mentioned that a mistake had been done in the accounting 2002 (see above). Apart from this error that had been corrected, they agreed with the report of the treasurer.

6. Budget 2003

SSB prize:	-1000 CHF
EC expenses:	-1000 CHF
Administration:	-1500 CHF
Web page:	-1000 CHF
ECM Journal Sponsorship:	-825 CHF
SSB general meeting:	<u>-3500 CHF</u>
Total of the expenses:	-8825 CHF

Revenues:	5000 CHF
SSB general meeting:	3800 CHF
Sponsoring:	4000 CHF
Correction Geneva:	<u>1785 CHF</u>
Expected result:	5760 CHF

7. Membership 2003/sponsoring

Sponsors:

- AO Foundation Davos

- ✔ Geistlich Pharma
- ✔ Krahn Chemie GmbH Ceramics
- ✔ Metoxit
- ✔ Straumann
- ✔ Stratec
- ✔ Robert Mathys foundation
- ✔ Sulzer Innotec Surface Engineering
- ✔ Synthcs AG

There was no discussion of the 2003 membership fees. The report of the treasurer which included parts 4, 5 and 7 was accepted by the assembly unanimously, which includes the membership fees.

8. Election of the EC

The EC is elected for two years.

Two members are leaving: J-M. Meyer and P. Descout. P-H Valloton is proposed as a new member. He is accepted unanimously.

The president is also re-elected for one year. W. Rieger mentioned that this new presidency will be the last one.

The auditors (A. Gisep and K. Ruffieux) were also re-elected.

W. Rieger mentioned that M. Petitmermet had accepted to stay webmaster for another year.

9. Presentation of the Romanian Society for Biomaterials

The president of the Romanian Society for Biomaterials read a letter written by the Romanian minister of education. Then, the vice-president of the Romanian Society for Biomaterials said a few words about the presence of a romanian delegation at the SSB meeting and the possibility to tie stronger contacts with the SSB. He formerly invited SSB members to take part in the next meetings of the Romanian Society for Biomaterials.

10. Future annual meetings

10th annual meeting, June 30th, 2004, Davos (part of the European Cells and Materials meeting)

11th annual meeting, May 2005 (hosted by H. Gruner and Medicoat)

11. Future meetings

ECM meeting in Davos, June 30-July 2, 2003

Biosurf, ETH, Zurich, Sept 25-26, 2003

ESB Meeting, Stuttgart, Oct 1-4, 2003

World Biomaterials Congress, Sydney, May 16-21, 2004

12. Honorary member

Professor P. Descout was elected honorary member of the SSB.

M. Bohner, May 15, 2003.