

Minutes of the 23rd General Assembly of the SSB+RM

Empa St. Gallen, Thursday, May 18th, 2017, 11:20-12:20

Present: 83 participants according to the 8 lists of participants (enclosed)

The SSB+RM president, K. Maniura, welcomes the members and opens the general assembly. She thanks the sponsors and active supporters of the annual meeting and the society.

1. Agenda

- 1-Approval of the agenda of the 23rd GA
- 2-Minutes of the 22nd General Assembly, discussion and approval (2016)
- 3-Report of the President
- 4-Report of the Treasurer
- 5-Report of the Auditors
- 6-Activities by and for the Young Scientists of the Society
- 7-Election of the Executive Committee (one-year term)
- 8-Election of the President (one -year term)
- 9-2018 Annual Meeting
- 10-Varia

2. Minutes of the 22nd General Assembly in Zurich, 2016

The minutes are unanimously approved.

3. Report of the President.

The president summarizes the activities from 2016 and 2017:

The society had a very successful 22nd annual meeting in June 2016 (Schulthess Klinik, Zürich) with the specific topic : "Biomaterials in Translation"
The Meeting format was a 1.5 days meeting, with a dedicated young scientist session and a conference dinner.
Best Podium and Poster presentation awards were given to

Queralt Vallmajo, USZ for her talk entitled “Deciphering hematopoietic stem cell niche factors in bioengineered human bone marrow models in vivo.” and Emma Cavalli, ETHZ for her poster entitled “An in-situ Crosslinkable, Adhesive Scaffold for Cartilage Repair: in vitro and in vivo Characterization.”

Andreas Schmocker, who obtained his PhD from EPFL, was the 2nd recipient of the SSB+RM research award given to an outstanding PhD thesis in the field of Biomaterials and Regenerative Medicine. The 2016 PhD Thesis Award was given for his thesis work entitled: "In situ photopolymerized composite hydrogels for implants: Application to a nucleus pulposus replacement."

Four Executive Committee (EC) meetings took place in 2016/17.

Several newsletters and information emails were prepared and distributed to the SSB+RM members.

4 Travel Awards were given in 2016:

Angelina Schönenberger (ETHZ)	International Scientific Tendinopathy Symposium (ISTS) <i>oral contribution</i>
Sofiya Matviyiv (Uni Basel)	International Symposium of Smart Structures (SPIE) <i>oral contribution</i>
Emma Cavalli (ETHZ)	International Cartilage Repair Society (ICRS) <i>oral contribution</i>
Anna Khimchenko (Uni Basel)	SPIE International Symposium of Smart Structures <i>oral contribution</i>

The president reports the co-organisation with the Swiss Society of Biomechanical Engineering (SSBE) of a breakout session entitled "Current Research Trends in Medical Technology and Biomaterials." At the Swiss Medtech Day in Bern the 13th of June 2017. Prof. Michael de Wild, Prof. Wendelin Stark and Prof. Marcy Zenobi-Wong have been invited to give a talk.

The president indicates that the society will be presented at the TERMIS-EU 2017 conference in Davos, through the organisation of a symposium entitled: "SSB+RM Symposium on Translational Cell-Based Therapies." with 3 invited keynote speakers: Prof. E. Reichmann, University of Zürich, CH, Dr. Marcus Mummer, University of Basel, CH, Dr. Paris Jafari, CHUV, CH. The symposium will be chaired by Prof. Marcy Zenobi-Wong.

The President reminds the members of the SSB+RM that the eCells and Materials (eCM) is the official journal of the society and that abstracts of the meeting will be published as every year in the eCM journal supplements/proceedings.

The president thanks again the sponsors and active supporters of the society and the journal *Biointerphases*, Exabone and RMS, the awards sponsors of this year.

Finally, the president announces the new website design of the society is now ready and will be online after the end of the meeting, thanks to the effort of the web editor of the society, Bj rn Olbricht, and our webmaster, Marc Petitmermet.

4. Report of the treasurer and of the auditors.

Accounting: The accounting per 31.12.2016 is presented by the treasurer. The balance at the end of 2016 50'179.20 CHF compared to the budget for 2016 of 47'186.11 CHF.

Auditors report: Both auditors, Dr. A. Bruinink and Dr. S. Hieber could not be present at the General Assembly, but they sent their reports for reading at the General Assembly.

Dr. Nicola Dobelin, member of the SSB+RM society reads to the GA the reports send by the auditors to the treasurer. "The records presented to them were in good order, well organised and the calculations correct. The auditors proposed to accept the accounting."

The SSB+RM members present unanimously accept the report of the treasurer.

The budget 2017 is presented by the treasurer. The budget has a result of 30'500.00 CHF, which should lead to an balance of 44'371.20 CHF at the end of 2017. The treasurer indicates that the coming years should be focused in finding a balance in the society spending and income as the saving of the society has now reached the level that was targeted after the large income from the ESB 2009 organisation.

5. Actions for Young Scientists of the Society.

The young scientists liaison person JC reports on the activities of young scientists within the SSB+RM. The actual young scientist team is presented; Queralt Vallmaj  (YS Representative), Emma Cavalli (Communication), Letizia Vainieri (Administration). The aim of the SSB+RM Young Scientists is to represent the interest of the younger scientists within our society. This is a platform for networking and collaboration within Switzerland, a platform to get information about education and career opportunities.

- The SSB+RM Young Scientists has been active and organised the "Lab and Networking Event" on 31st of January 2017 (RMS foundation, Bettlach).
- The Young Scientists also organised a pre-conference workshop on scientific writing on the 17th of May 2017, morning, presented and run by Prof. Martin Stoddart, editor of the eCM journal.
- A 2nd Young scientists symposium is being organised following the successful 1st symposium. It will be held in Zurich in the Fall 2017.
- Young SSB+RM members are invited to join the YS activities and to contact the YS team.

6. Election of the executive committee (EC)

First, the president communicates the resignation of

Björn Olbricht (EC member since 2015, web editor), Andreas Zumbühl (EC member since 2015), and Bert Müller (EC member since 2011, secretary 2013-2015, vice-president 2015-2017, Organiser of Annual Meetings in 2008 and 2015), as well as her decision to step down and leave the EC of the SSB+RM (EC member since 2008, vice-president 2013-2015, president 2015-2017).

New EC members have been invited and suggested to join the SSB+RM EC: Prof Michael de Wild, FNHW; Dr. Arnaud Scherberich, University Hospital Basel; Dr. Markus Rottmar, Empa; Dr. Mario Morgenstern, University Hospital Basel.

The president presents the members of the new EC 2017-2018 for election:

David Eglin
Marcy Zenobi-Wong
Martin Ehrbar
Laetitia Galea
Pierre Etienne Bourban
Michael de Wild
Arnaud Scherberich
Markus Rottmar
Mario Morgenstern

Marc Petitmermet should continue as the webmaster of the society.

The SSB+RM members present unanimously vote for the proposed EC.

7. Election of the president

David Eglin is the sole candidate and is asked to leave the room for the election.

The SSB+RM members present unanimously vote for the new president, David Eglin.

The new EC is therefore presented with:

David Eglin (President)
Marcy Zenobi-Wong (Vice-President)
Martin Ehrbar (Secretary)
Laetitia Galea (Treasurer)
Janine Conde (YS liaison)
Pierre-Etienne Bourban
Mario Morgenstern
Markus Rottmar
Michael de Wild
Arnaud Scherberich

Marc Petitmermet (Webmaster)

8. Annual Meeting 2018

The new president announces that the next annual meeting will take place in Fribourg at the AMI, tentatively proposed dates are the 6th and 7th of June 2018 with a special session on Bioinspired Materials. This will be confirmed in the next months.

9. Varia

The president indicates that Dr. S. Hieber has announced that she will not carry on her auditor duty next year and a new auditor, member of the SSB+RM is needed. Dr. Nicola Dobelin, member of the SSB+RM society, has proposed himself as auditor. The SSB+RM members present unanimously vote for Dr. Nicola Dobelin. The Auditors of the SSB+RM for the following year are therefore Dr. N. Dobelin, RMS and Dr. A. Bruinink, Empa.

Katharina Maniura is presented the honorary membership to thank her for her dedication to the society.

At 12:20, the president thanks again the sponsors of the annual meeting and society and closes the general assembly by thanking the attendees for their participation and contributions.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'David Eglin'.

David Eglin, May 18th, 2017 (draft to be approved during 2018 general assembly)

SSB+RM secretary

Annex: lists of participants.