



Minutes of the 25th General Assembly of the SSB+RM

University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland FHNW, Muttenz, Switzerland,
May 23rd, 2019, 11:45-12:15

Present: 37 participants according to the 10 lists of participants

The SSB+RM president, D. Eglin, welcomes the SSB+RM members and opens the general assembly. He thanks the sponsors and active supporters of the annual meeting and the society. A special thank goes to the guest institute the University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland FHNW, Muttenz and especially to Dr. Michael De Wild for the local organization.

1. Agenda

The following agenda was unanimously approved:

1. Approval of the agenda of the 25th GA
2. Minutes of the 24th General Assembly, discussion and approval
3. Report of the President
4. Report of the Treasurer
5. Report of the Auditors
6. Election of new Auditor
7. Report of the Young Scientists
8. Election of the Executive Committee (one-year term)
9. Election of the President (one-year term)
10. 2020 Annual Meeting
11. Varia

2. Minutes of the 24th General Assembly in Fribourg, 2018

The minutes are unanimously approved.

3. Report of the President.

The president summarizes the activities from summer 2018 till 2019:

The society had a very successful 24th annual meeting in June 2018 (Adolphe Merkle Institute, Fribourg) with the specific topic: "Bioinspired materials". The Meeting format was a 1.5 days meeting, with a dedicated young scientist session and a conference dinner. Best Podium presentation award was given to C. Wyss "Resistance to damage of pre-conditioned composite hydrogel implants" and the best Poster presentation award was given to M. Estermann for her presentation on "3-D bioprinting of a human omentum model: Mimicking the mesothelial cell layer and microenvironment in vivo".

Ulrich Blache, who obtained his PhD from ETH Zürich, received the SSB+RM Research Award for an outstanding PhD thesis in the field of Biomaterials and Regenerative Medicine. The Award was given for his PhD thesis on the "Fate and potential of MSCs in micro-vascularized tissue models".

Four Executive Committee (EC) meetings took place in 2018/19.

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

4 Travel Awards were given in 2018:

Benjamin Kessel	TERMIS
Clara Levinson	TERMIS
Anne-Sophie Mertgen	Biointerface Science
Queralt Vallmajó Martín	TERMIS

The SSB+RM and the Swiss Society of Biomechanical Engineering (SSBE) co-organised a breakout session at the Swiss Medtech Day in Bern the 12th of June 2018. The session was entitled "Current Research Trends in Medical Technology and Biomaterials". Markus Rottmar has presented a talk. The next breakout session at the Swiss Medtech Day will be held on 6th of June 2019 and chaired by Dr. Janine Conde, the SSB+RM industry liaison officer. Presentations by Prof. Mark Tibbitt and Dr. Matteo D'Este are foreseen.

The President informs that meeting abstracts will be published and indexed in the eCM Periodical & eCM Conferences one week after the conference. eCM is a non-profit, open access journal and is the official journal of the SSB+RM society. He informs that the AO Research Institute Davos organizes the "eCM Biofabrication for Orthopaedics" congress on 22nd to 24th of June 2020, Congress Center, Davos, Switzerland.

The president thanks again all sponsors and active supporters who allow EC members to work for the society. A special thank goes to the RMS for the long-term support of the society to Exabone, Straumann, Bonesupport and Celtec as well as the canton of Baselland.

4. Report of the treasurer

The treasurer presents the accounting per 31.12.2018. The balance at the end of 2018 was 51'732.15 CHF compared to the budget for 2018 of 47'185.94 CHF. The income for the past year was slightly decreased due to the lower number of participants at the 2018 annual meeting than in the 2017 annual meeting. Overall this resulted in a loss of 3'000 CHF for the past year. However, the balance is still above the targeted 50'000 CHF.

5. Report of the auditors.

The auditors Dr. J. M ller and Dr. N. Dobelin attest the accounting to be well organized, in good order and calculations to be correct. Therefore the auditors propose the acceptance of the 2018 accounting.

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

6. Election of Auditors

Dr. N. Dobelin will be available as auditor for the SSB+RM and is unanimously elected. Dr. J. M ller has been elected in 2018.

7. Actions for Young Scientists of the Society.

The young scientists team: Queralt Vallmaj , Emma Cavalli, Letizia Vainieri and Eva Kurisinkal present their 2018 to 2019 activities. The aim of the SSB+RM Young Scientists foster networking and collaborations within Switzerland as well as providing information regarding education and career opportunities. Young Scientists organised following events:

- The 5th Lab Networking Event which took place on January 28th, 2019 at Geistlich Pharma AG in Wolhusen with 15 participants.
- A pre-conference workshop entitled "Patient-specific implants produced by additive manufacturing" took place in the morning of May 22nd with 18 participants, including hands-on practice and a tour through the implant manufacturing labs. The workshop was led by Daniel Seiler from FHNW.

To promote young scientists the SSB+RM provides a Research Award (1'000 CHF) and two Student Mobility Grants (1'500 CHF per grant) with application deadlines on April 1st and July 1st or December 1st, respectively.

Queralt Vallmaj  encourages young scientists to actively participate in the young scientist leading team as current members have finished/will soon finish their PhD and will need to be replaced in the near future.

8. Election of the executive committee (EC)

David Eglin announces that he will resign as president. To replace David Eglin, the EC suggest to elect Matteo D'Este from AO Davos and Maartje Bastings from EPF Lausanne. David Eglin accordingly presents the members of the new executive committee of the SSB+RM EC 2019-2020 for election:

Marcy Zenobi-Wong
Martin Ehrbar
La titia Galea
Janine Conde

Michael de Wild
Arnaud Scherberich
Markus Rottmar
Mario Morgenstern
Queralt Vallmajó Martín
Matteo D'Este
Maartje Bastings
Marc Petitmermet is the webmaster of the society.
The SSB+RM members present unanimously vote for the proposed EC.

9. Election of the president

The EC of the SSB+RM suggests that Marcy Zenobi-Wong becomes the new president.
The SSB+RM members present unanimously vote for Marcy Zenobi-Wong.

Consequently the new EC consists of:

Marcy Zenobi-Wong (President)
Martin Ehrbar (Vice-President)
Laëtitia Galea (Treasurer)
Janine Conde (Industry Liaison)
Mario Morgenstern (Clinical Liaison)
Markus Rottmar (Secretary)
Michael de Wild
Arnaud Scherberich (Homepage)
Queralt Vallmajó Martín (Young Scientist Representative)
Matteo D'Este (Sponsoring)
Maartje Bastings
Marc Petitmermet (Webmaster)

10. Annual Meeting 2020

Martin Ehrbar announces that the next annual meeting will take place in Zürich at the University Hospital (USZ), tentatively proposed dates are the 2nd and 3rd of June 2020 and the title will be "Biomaterials: From Innovation to Translation".

Martin Ehrbar (USZ), Queralt Vallmajó (USZ) and Mark Tibbitt (ETHZ) will be the local organizers of the 2020 SSB+RM Annual Meeting.

11. Varia

Marcy Zenobi-Wong, the new president, thanks David Eglin again for his great work as an EC member and president of the SSB+RM. For his contributions to the SSB+RM, she awards him the life-time membership.

The president thanks all the sponsors of the SSB+RM and closes the general assembly at 12.15 by thanking the attendees for their participation and contributions.

Martin Ehrbar, June 9th, 2019 (draft to be approved during 2020 general assembly)

SSB+RM secretary

Martin Ehrbar

