

Protocol of the 17th General Assembly of the SSB Yverdon-les-Bains, Wednesday, May 4, 2011 12:10 – 12:30

Present: 47 participants (list of participants attached)

The SSB president, Marc Bohner (MB), welcomes the members and guests and opens the General Assembly. He thanks the sponsors and organizers.

1. Agenda (slight modification of the agenda sent to the members in advance)

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Protocol of the 16th General Assembly
3. Report of the President
4. Report of the Treasurer
5. Election of the new Executive Committee members
6. Election of the President (1 year term)
7. Election of the auditors
8. Sponsoring
9. SSB 2012
10. WBC 2020
11. Varia

Modifications:

- Report of the auditors and budget 2011 was included in the report of the Treasurer.
- Election of the auditors was added.

This agenda was unanimously approved.

2. Protocol of the 16th GA, 2010 in D bendorf (MB)

The protocol was unanimously approved.

3. Report of the President (MB)

EC activities: The EC had 5 meetings during the report period.

General information:

- The SSB has now a permanent address. It was the prerequisite for the introduction of Paypal-online payment.
- New presentation of the Charter, Bylaws and Actions of the SSB on the SSB webpage.
- Changes in the EC: Kurt Ruffieux (KR) is resigning from the EC.
- Information about the present status of the "Swiss Society for Biomaterials award for the best contribution on translational research" at the ESB Annual Meeting

- Recognition of the ECM. The journal approached an IF of 5.378 and is now considered as number 2 in the field of “Biomaterials”.

Honorary Memberships: A Honorary Life Membership of the SSB in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the SSB was presented to:

- Dr. Kurt Ruffieux – Founder and Executive Committee Member

EC candidate: Prof. Bert Müller was presented and proposed to the GA as new candidate for the EC of the SSB.

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4. Report of the Treasurer (GRI)

Accounting: The accounting per 31.12.2010 was presented by Giancarlo Rizzoli (GRI). The balance on December 31, 2010, was 91'858.32 CHF. GRI mentioned that the present balance is high because of the result of the ESB 2009.

Auditors report 2010: GRI presented the report of the two auditors Dr. David Eglin and Dr. Beat Gasser. The report confirmed the above balance at 31.12.2010 and proposed to the GA to accept the accounting of the year 2010.

The proposal was unanimously accepted.

Budget 2011: The income budget was communicated as 15'900 CHF. The expenses expected are 20'500 CHF, thereof, the result per 31.12.2011 will be -4'600 CHF.

5. Election of the new Executive Committee Members

Prof. Bert Müller (Basel) has sent his candidature to the EC.

He was elected by acclamation.

6. Election of the President (1 year term)

Prof. Marc Bohner was re-elected as SSB President. He was elected unanimously after having left the room.

The Executive Committee 2011-2012 is now composed as follows:

President:	Marc Bohner
Vice-President:	Paul-Henri Vallotton
Secretary:	Christine Wandrey
Treasurer:	Giancarlo Rizzoli
Web Editor/Student Rep.:	Tobias Brunner
Members:	Katharina Maniura Bert Müller Alexandra Poulsson Dominique Rothenfluh

Marc Petitmermet will continue as webmaster.

7. Election of the auditors (MB)

Dr. David Eglin and Dr. Kurt Ruffieux were unanimously elected.

8. Sponsoring

MB thanked again all sponsors of the SSB and the sponsors of the 17th Swiss Conference on Biomaterials (SSB 2011). He invited to further support the activities of the SSB and to become sponsors of the SSB.

Sponsoring fees: CHF 300.- (regular sponsor) for small-medium sized enterprises
CHF 500.- (major sponsor) for large enterprises

9. SSB 2012 (DR)

SSB 2012, the 18th Swiss Conference on Biomaterials, will take place at the Uniklinik Balgrist, Zurich, on May 3, 2012. It will be organized by Dr. Dominique Rothenfluh (DR) as local coordinator. Theme of the day will be "Biomaterials in Orthopaedic Surgery: From Bench to Bedside and Back".

The meeting place was presented by DR.

10. WBC 2020 (MB)

MB informed about the official application of the SSB to organize the World Biomaterials Congress- WBC 2020 in Switzerland, in Geneva.

11. Varia

SSB Student Travel Grants: Tobias Brunner (TB) announced that CHF 2'000.- (4 x CHF 500) are available for 2011 to support the active participation of students in (international) scientific conferences related to biomaterials. He also informed that two grant had already been awarded.

SSB and Social Media: TB asked to join "Members and Supporters of the SSB" on Facebook.

At 12:30, the President, Marc Bohner, closed the General Assembly by thanking the GA attendees for their participation.



Christine Wandrey, SSB Secretary, 17.05.2011

Annex: List of participants