

## Protocol of the 18<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the SSB Zurich, Wednesday, May 3, 2012 11:45 – 12:45

**Present:** 52 participants (list of participants attached, 2 lists circulated)

The SSB president, Marc Bohner (MB), welcomed the members and guests and opened the General Assembly. He thanked the sponsors and organizers.

### 1. Agenda

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Protocol of the 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly
3. Report of the President
4. Report of the Treasurer
5. Budget 2012
6. Proposal membership payments
7. Election of the Executive Committee (2 years term)
8. Election of the President (1 year term)
9. Sponsoring
10. SSB 2013
11. International Union of Societies for Biomaterials Science and Engineering (IUSBSE)
12. Varia

This agenda was unanimously approved.

### 2. Protocol of the 17<sup>th</sup> GA, 2011 in Yverdon-les-Bains (MB)

The protocol was unanimously approved.

### 3. Report of the President (MB)

EC activities: The EC had 4 meetings during the report period.

General information:

- Membership (see point 6)
- Introduction of Paypal-online payment (see point 4)
- Changes in the EC: Dr. Tobias Brunner (Biotronik) is resigning from the EC. MB thanked TB for his valuable work as Student Representative during the period 2007-2012.
- Awards at the SSB 2011 (2 x 500.- CHF): Alexander Stepuk, Nora Hild
- Travel grants (5 x 500.- CHF): Jasmin Althaus, Redouan Mahou, Dirk Mohn, Edward Rochford, Markus Rottmar.
- "Swiss Society for Biomaterials award for the best contribution on translational research" (at ESB 2011 in Dublin, podium: 700.- €, poster: 300.- €): Andrey Sokolov, Nihal Engin Vrana.
- Recognition of the ECM. The journal approached an IF of 9.65 and is now considered as number 1 in the field of "Biomaterials". It has over 12'300 registered readers.
- ESB Council Elections: MB not elected, not sufficient votes.

- International Union of Societies for Biomaterials Science and Engineering (IUSBSE): (see point 11)
- YSF: The SSB will decide about organizing a YSF event after having received clear information concerning the concept of the event.
- ISP 2012 - 9<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Polyelectrolytes (July 9-12, Lausanne: The SSB supports the organization of sessions (oral and posters) dedicated to biomaterials in the framework of the ISP 2012. The support is communicated on the web page of the symposium and in all symposium materials.
- WBC 2020: The SSB applied for nomination by the ESB. The ESB nominated Glasgow, UK, as the European candidate. The final decision will be made at the WBC 2012 in Chengdu.

EC candidates: Dr. David Eglin (AO Davos) and Dr. Pierre-Etienne Bourban (EPF Lausanne) were presented and proposed to the GA as new candidate for the EC of the SSB.

SSB 2013: (see point 10)

#### **4. Report of the Treasurer (GRI)**

Accounting: The accounting per 31.12.2011 was presented by Dr. Giancarlo Rizzoli. The balance on December 31, 2011, was 88'603.77 CHF.

Auditors report 2011: GRI presented the report of the two auditors Dr. David Eglin (present at the GA) and Dr. Kurt Ruffieux. The report confirmed the above balance at 31.12.2011 and proposed to the GA to accept the accounting of the year 2011.

The proposal was unanimously accepted.

Introduction of Paypal-online: Paypal-online was successfully introduced and started. Due to some administrative requests (official cantonal declaration of the non-profit status of the SSB) it was interrupted until such document is submitted.

#### **5. Budget 2012 (GRI)**

GRI presented the budget 2012. The income budget was communicated as 17'700.- CHF. The expenses expected are 20'500.- CHF, thereof, the result per 31.12.2012 will be -2'800.- CHF.

#### **6. Proposal membership payment (GRI)**

GRI presented a new payment concept in order to simplify payments, reduce the workload of the EC, especially the treasurer, as well as always having actual membership information.

The intention is "Pay for what you get" - only one payment as participant in the Annual SSB Meeting instead of two separate payments (membership and registration fee). The single payment automatically creates membership for the following year. The name of the member is specified and archived.

Only three different fees: "Standard" CHF 150.-; "Reduced" for graduate students CHF 100.-; On-site registration CHF 200.-; current EC-members (incl. Honorary) free membership.

The proposal was unanimously accepted and will be applied in 2013. For 2012, membership payments are requested upon invoicing.

#### **7. Election of the Executive Committee ( 2 years term)**

The EC was unanimously elected.

The Executive Committee 2012-2014 is after the election of the new President and the proposed two new EC members composed as follows:

President:	Paul-Henri Vallotton (PV)
Vice-President:	Katharina Maniura (KM)
Secretary:	Christine Wandrey (CW)
Treasurer:	Giancarlo Rizzoli (GRI)
Web Editor:	David Eglin (DE)
Student Representative:	Alexandra Poulsson (AP)
Members:	Marc Bohner (MB) Pierre-Etienne Bourban (PEB) Bert Müller (BM) Dominique Rothenfluh (DR)

Marc Petitmermet will continue as webmaster.

## 8. Election of the President (1 year term)

Dr. Paul-Henri Vallotton was elected as new SSB President. He was elected unanimously after having left the room. On behalf of the EC, he thanked Prof. Mark Bohner for his excellent work as President during the period 2009-2012.

## 9. Sponsoring (PV)

PV thanked again all sponsors of the SSB and the sponsors of the 18<sup>th</sup> Swiss Conference on Biomaterials (SSB 2012). 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

## 10. SSB 2013 (DE)

SSB 2013, the 19<sup>th</sup> Swiss Conference on Biomaterials, will take place in Davos, on 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> June, 2013. It will be organized by the AO with Dr. David Eglin as local coordinator. The theme will be "Polymers and Biomaterials".

Scientific Committee: P.-E. Bourban, M. D'Este, D. Eglin, B. Müller, C. Wandrey

The meeting place, Congress Center Davos, was presented by DE.

## 11. International Union of Societies for Biomaterials Science and Engineering (IUSBSE) (MB)

MB informed about the non-satisfying collaboration with the ESB, to which the SSB is affiliated, and further about the decision of the EC taken at the 48<sup>th</sup> EC meeting of May 2, 2012. Accordingly, the EC will request for SSB members from the ESB the same rights, which are given to other national biomaterials societies even not affiliated to the ESB. In case there is no satisfying solution, the EC will propose at the next GA, June 26, 2013, cancelling the affiliation to the ESB and joining the IUSBSE.

The proposal was unanimously accepted.

## 12. Varia

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At 12:45, the President closed the General Assembly by thanking the GA attendees for their participation.



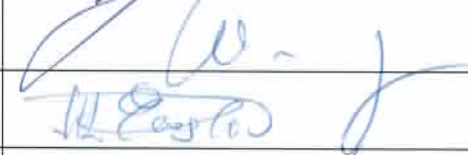





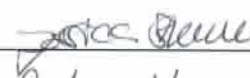
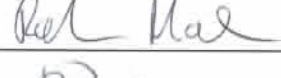






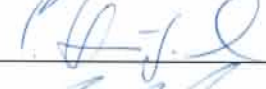




Christine Wandrey, 24.05.2012 (09.05.2012 draft)  
SSB Secretary

**Annex:** List of participants









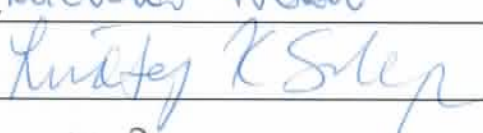




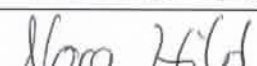
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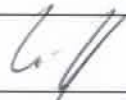


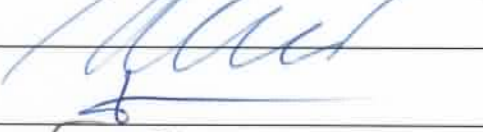

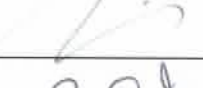
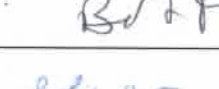

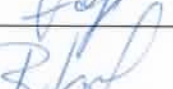
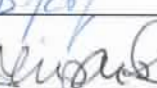
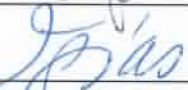




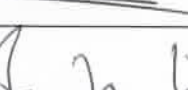

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