

Minutes of the 20th General Assembly of the SSB+RM

Present: 56 participants according to the five lists of participants attached
Place: **Medartis AG, Basel**
Date: **Thursday, May 8, 2014** **Time: 11:35-12:25**

The SSB+RM President Paul-Henri Vallotton (PV) opens the GA.

1. Approval of the agenda (PV)

The agenda was distributed to the members of the society well in advance. PV asks to combine the foreseen items 4 and 7, which will be both presented by the treasurer. All members approve the modified agenda.

2. Protocol of the 19th General Assembly (PV)

PV thanks the secretary of the society B. Müller (BM) for his work. The minutes are approved without any objection.

3. Report of the President (PV)

PV presents the last-year activities of the society in chronological order (see ten slides of the presentation attached). The presentation slides include the interdisciplinary nature of the society with the fundamentals in academia, industry, and clinics, the successful SSB+RM annual meeting 2013 in Davos, the integration of regenerative medicine into the core activities of SSB+RM including the realization of a new logo, the current relation to international societies in the field, the modification of the rules, and the objectives for the period until 2015. In addition, PV mentions the activities of the EC and acknowledges the fruitful interactions with official research journal of the society, namely European Cells and Materials.

4. Report of the Treasurer including budget 2014

The SSB+RM Treasurer G. Rizzoli (GRI) provides his report that is accepted without discussion. He also shows the documents of the auditors. The GA approves the report of the auditors.

GRI also presents the budget and acknowledges the contributions of the numerous sponsors. The participants realize that within one sum of the presented data a single value is missing. GRI is going to correct the sheet.

GRI explains the trend of the financial development that is in accordance with the policy communicated. PV adds that the available financial means arises from the successful organization of the ESB 2009 meeting and should be redistributed to support young scientists in the field of biomaterial science and tissue engineering/regenerative medicine. Just one third of this amount has been used within a period of six years (five previous years and budget).

Six slides of the presentation (with missing number) are attached.

5. Report of the *Tissue Engineering* Task Force

The SSB+RM Vice President K. Maniura (KM), who is one member of the task force, informs the members of the society about the initiative to incorporate and promote the activities of SSB+RM in the field regenerative medicine. The related four slides are attached to the minutes.

6. Changes in the Bylaws (PV)

PV displays the proposed changes of the Bylaws, which only relates to the wording, i.e. the replacement of *biomaterials* by *biomaterials and regenerative medicine*, see attachment. The modifications are accepted by all members. The modified document will be published on the website of SSB+RM.

7. Election of the Executive Committee members (PV)

PV recalls that the election of the Executive Committee (EC) members corresponds to a one-year term. All current EC-members are going to continue their work. PV says that new members are always welcomed. There is one new application, which the current EC-members fully support. PV introduces A. Papadimitropoulos (Basel), see attachment.

He asks for the voting about the EC-members. There is no dissenting vote. As a consequence, the EC for the term 2014/2015 has the following members: P.-E. Bourban, D. Eglin, L. Galea, K. Maniura, B. M ller, A. Papadimitropoulos, G. Rizzoli, P.-H. Vallotton, C. Wandrey, and M. Zenobi-Wong.

8. Election of the President (KM)

PV leaves the room. KM asks the participants for their votes about the single candidate. As everybody agrees, P.-H. Vallotton becomes President of SSB+RM for another one-year term.

9. Sponsoring (PV)

PV shows a slide, that summarizes the sponsors, and explains that changes in the sponsoring system of SSB+RM are necessary and foreseen. The EC members will develop a procedure to better integrate the companies with a history in SSB both in general sponsoring and in dedicated sponsoring of the SSB+RM events as well as to approach further companies especially in the field of regenerative medicine. The related issues will be discussed during the forthcoming EC meetings. Dedicated tasks will be distributed among the EC members.

10. 2015 Annual Meeting – Celebrating 20 years of SSB+RM (PV)

PV displays a copy of documents from the first assembly of the society in 1995. The EC suggests **celebrating 20 years of the society using the theme “Biomaterials - Past and Present” in Lausanne on June 9 and 10, 2015**. P.-E. Bourban is selected to act as the head of the organization committee.

11. Varia (PV)

PV presents the proposal of the EC to establish two SSB+RM research awards per year to honour excellent scientific work in the area of biomaterials and regenerative medicine, one for an outstanding PhD thesis and one for an outstanding doctoral thesis in medicine or dentistry. The awards will be given based on originality and impact of the work. The research award consists of CHF 1500.- and a certificate. The related call will be published on the SSB+RM webpage.

Due to the workload of K. Ruffieux, a second auditor (besides A. Bruinink) is required for a one-year term. PV acknowledges the readiness of Simone E. Hieber (University of Basel) to become a candidate. There is no dissenting vote. Therefore, S. E. Hieber is one of the two auditors.

PV asks the participants to group outside the building for the conference photo and closes the GA.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Bert Müller'.

Prof. Dr. Bert Müller, SSB+RM Secretary

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