

Minutes of the 22nd General Assembly of the SSB+RM

Schulthess Clinic, Friday, June 10th, 2016, 11:30-12:05

Present: 81 participants according to the 9 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 22nd GA
- 2-Minutes of the 21st General Assembly, discussion and approval (2015)
- 3-Report of the President
- 4-Report of the Treasurer
- 5-Report of the Auditors
- 6-Actions for Young Scientists of the Society
- 7-Election of the Executive Committee (one-year term)
- 8-Election of the President (one -year term)
- 9-2017Annual Meeting
- 10-Varia

The president asks the members of the SSB+RM if the item 4 and 5 of the agenda could be treated simultaneously. The members agree and the agenda is unanimously approved.

2. Minutes of the 21st General Assembly in Lausanne, 2015

The minutes are unanimously approved.

3. Report of the President.

The president reminds the SSB+RM of the purpose of the society and the desire to be situated and act between academic research, industry and clinics to make progresses in the field of Biomaterials and Regenerative Medicine.

The president summarizes the activities from 2015 and 2016:

The society had a very successful 21st annual meeting in June 2015, at EPFL, Lausanne, with a two-days conference on "biomaterials: past and present" for the 20th Anniversary of the SSB+RM.

Best Podium and Poster presentation awards were given to Sonja Kracht and Daniela Frauchiger, respectively.

Alexandre Larmagnac, who obtained his PhD from ETHZ, was the first recipient of the SSB+RM research award given to an outstanding PhD thesis in the field of Biomaterials and Regenerative Medicine.

Four Executive Committee (EC) meetings took place in 2015/16.

Three newsletters were prepared and distributed to the SSB+RM members.

Four Travel Awards were given to: Rebecca Huber (Empa) for ESB Krakow, Claudia Loebel (AO Davos) for WBC Montreal, Mischa M ller (ETHZ) for Biofabrication Utrecht and Dalila Petta (AO Davos) for Scandinavian Soc. Biomaterials, Sigulda.

There was one recipient of the SSB+RM research award in 2015. For the 2017 annual meeting, PhD students and MD students finalising their work in the upcoming months are invited to submit their thesis to the Society who will again give the Research awards to outstanding contributions (https://ssbrm.ch/young_scientists/awards).

The objectives 2015 of the SSB+RM were:

1/ Reduce the society asset from circa 90'000 CHF after the successful ESB conference 2009 meeting to circa 40'000 CHF (see treasurer report). This is now achieved.

2/ Increase the visibility of the society to stakeholders in the field of Biomaterials and Regenerative Medicine in Switzerland.

- The SSB+RM was presented at the The Swiss Stem Cell Network Annual meeting on the 29th of June 2015 by Dr. David Eglin.
- A contact was made to CTI: The EC is in discussion with the organizers of the Swiss Medtech Day and planning a breakout session for the 2017 event, on June 13, 2017.
- In addition, a symposium is being organised at the TERMIS EU chapter meeting 2017, who will be held in Davos on the 26th to 30th of June. Prof. Marcy Wong-Zenobi and Dr. David Eglin are coordinating the organisation of this symposium.

Reaching out the SSB+RM members via social media. The Society is now more active on the professional platform, LinkedIn, thanks to Dr. Bj rn Olbricht, and the SSB+RM members are invited to join and participate, to make this tools attractive and useful for them.

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.

4. Report of the treasurer and of the auditors.

Accounting: The accounting per 31.12.2015 is presented by the treasurer. The balance is 55'361.11 CHF compared to the budget 2015 of 43'348.41 CHF.

This result derives from an annual meeting budget which generated more revenues than expenses in the recent years. Also to notice that actual sponsorship was lower than budgeted. This was due to changes in EC member responsibilities, which lead to delay in the requests for sponsorship. Further, the general strategic and financial situation of "large" companies active in the field lead to decrease of sponsoring activities from their side.

Auditors report: Both auditors, Dr. A. Bruinink and Dr. S. Hieber could not join the general assembly. However, both sent and signed a letter, read by Prof. M. Bohner, Honorary SSB+RM member stating that the records presented to them were in good order, well organised and the calculations correct and proposed to accept the accounting.

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

The budget 2016 is presented by the treasurer. The budget has a negative result of 8'175.00 CHF, which should lead to an balance of 47'186.11 CHF. There is no comment of the members present.

Finally, the treasurer report of the balance history of the SSB+RM bank account. The very successful organization of the ESB 2009 meeting lead to a SSB+RM asset above 90'000 CHF. The EC decided that this should be lowered to a more sustainable level around 40'000 CHF and the difference invested in activities toward the SSB+RM members. After 5 years, the society has mostly reach is goal and the actual objective is now to have balanced revenues and expenditures for the following years, which should be achievable as it was shown last year, that the annual meeting, the largest expenditure in the SSB+RM budget, could be run cost neutral.

5. Actions for Young Scientists of the Society.

The president reports on the activities of young scientists within the SSB+RM. 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" in February 2015 (Davos) and September 2015 (Zurich). The Young Scientists also organised the 1st Young Scientists Symposium in February 2016 in Zurich. Young SSB+RM are invited to join those activities.

6. Election of the executive committee (EC)

First, the president communicates the resignation of Dr. Giancarlo Rizzoli from the EC- he was a member since 2006. She thanks Dr. G. Rizzoli for his dedication and commitment to the Society, especially as treasurer in the last years. In recognition for his long-term engagement in various functions within the EC, Dr. G. Rizzoli is awarded the Honorary Life Membership of the SSB+RM.

The president presents the members of the EC for election.

Katharina MANIURA (president-to be elected), Bert M LLER (vice-president), L etitia GALEA (treasurer), David EGLIN (secretary), Janine Conde (YSF Liaison), Bj rn OLBRICHT (web-editor), Marcy ZENOBI-WONG (member), Pierre-Etienne BOURBAN (member), Martin EHRBAR (member), Andrea ZUMB HL (Member).

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

The vice-president, B. M ller asks the president to leave the room and starts the discussion on the election.

The members present unanimously vote for K. Maniura without any points raised for a discussion from the members.

8. Annual Meeting 2017

The president introduces the location, date and topic for the 2017 SSB+RM annual meeting.

The Meeting will take place the **17th and 18th of May 2017 at Empa in St. Gallen** and the Scientific topic and title will be **Advances in Antimicrobial Biomaterials**. Dr. Qun Ren Zulian, Empa will be the local organiser of the meeting.

9. Varia

Two questions arise from the SSB+RM members.

One question is regarding the possibility to pay online the registration fee of the SSB+RM annual meeting. The Treasurer reports that for several years, the society has been struggling with paypal and the EC hence decided to cancel the paypal option. Paypal still has blocked some money paid in for previous registration fees, but this is being sorted out. The EC committee is considering alternatives for online payment.

The second question concerns the relation with the European Society for Biomaterials (ESB) and International society for biomaterials. The president reports that she is often approached by sisters/national societies in this respect, looking to join forces to enhance visibility of the biomaterials field in Europe. However, there is no on-going discussion with the ESB. This may change with changes in the ESB EC next year.

No other varia item is discussed.

At 12:05, 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, June 24th, 2016 (draft to be approved during 2017 general assembly)
SSB+RM secretary

Annex: lists of participants.