



Minutes of the 2008 General Assembly of the Swiss Group for Mass Spectrometry

Dorint Hotel Beatenberg– 6. November 2008 – 17:32

1. Nomination of the scrutineers

Beat Aebi and Christian Guenat are elected by all members present.

2. Approval of the minutes of the 2007 general assembly

The minutes are approved unanimously.

3. President's report and its approval

After six years of duty as acting president Andreas Stämpfli resigns. He gives us a brief overview of the past six years. Following the meetings in Rigi Kaltbad and Chaumont, Neuchâtel, this is the 6th year, that the SGMS meeting is taking place in Beatenberg. During that time the committee has invited 20 speakers from all around the world (see www.sgms.ch for details)

The work of Andreas is honoured with a big applause and a gift from the committee.

Andreas informs the members that he will stay on the committee.

Andreas Stämpfli also informs the members about the resignation of Thomas Läubli, our secretary, who is also warmly thanked for his great contributions.

The president's report is approved by all members

4. Treasurer's report

	Postal account	Banking account	Total
Balance Oct. 1st, 2007	34'881.64	30'291.48	65'173.12
Revenues	388.90	35642.34	36031.24
Expenses	8520.80	38584.11	47104.91
Balance Sept. 30st, 2008	26749.74	27349.71	54099.45
Difference	-8131.90	-2941.77	-11073.67

5. Auditor's report and approval of treasurer's and auditor's report

Andreas Topp and Peter Oggenfuss have checked the treasurer report.

Stephan Brombacher reads the auditor's report, as the auditors are not present.

The treasurer's report is accepted and approved by all members.

Andreas Topp and Peter Oggenfuss have both accepted to be auditors again.



6. Decision of the 2008 membership fee

The membership fee for 2008 remains at CHF 25.00 per year and member. This is accepted by all members present.

All members are advised to put their name on the invoice to make life easier for the treasurer.

Especially industry tends to pay with only the company name as reference, making it extremely difficult to track down who this payment concerns.

7. Admission of new members

The following new members are admitted to the SGMS:

Dr. Sohrab Kheradmandan, Applied Biosystems

Mr. Jean-Christophe Probst, University of Zurich

8. Election of the president and the members of the committee

Marc Suter is elected as new president by all members present.

Yuri Tsybin is elected by all members as a new member of the committee.

Matthias Herzog is elected by all members as the new secretary.

Jean-Luc Wolfender, Stephan Brombacher, Laurent Bigler and Andreas Stämpfli are re-elected by all members.

9. News from the SCS – Marc Suter

Marc informs about news from the SCS. In August 2008, the SCS foundation has been created. Its main tasks are i) fundraising for nonprofit projects, ii) investment and administration of the funds, iii) awards and iv) project controlling. By creating a tax-free foundation, the SCS reduces its expenses. The board of the foundation consists of R Ernst (Nobel laureat), G Fráter (president SCS), J Weber (treasurer and dean Univ. Geneva), R Wehrli (CEO Gurit Holding; president SCGI) and J Witmer (president board of directors, Givaudan). More information can be found on their homepage <http://www.swiss-chem-soc.ch>

10. SGMS Homepage – Marc Suter

The "jobs" page is the most visited on the homepage. A total of 21 job openings in Switzerland and Europe have been advertized on this site over the last 12 months.

Additionally, all Newsletters except for one (11/2, 1993) are posted on the homepage

The instrument exchange has been discontinued in February 2008, due to lack of traffic.



11. IMSC bid 2015

Renato Zenobi and Marc Suter will submit a bid for the IMSC 2015 at the IMSC 2009 in Bremen (30.8 – 4.9.2009). Candidate cities for the IMSC 2015 are Basel or Geneva. It is most likely that France, Italy and England will also present a bid in Bremen. France has also inquired about a joint bid with Switzerland.

All members agreed that we have a better chance to win the bid for the IMSC 2015 if we do this jointly with France. Details of the joint organization will have to be worked out.

12. Individual proposals

None

13. Miscellaneous

Christian Staub presents us the TIAFT 2009 meeting which will be held in Geneva. At this meeting, a LC/MS/MS workshop will be organized by the SGMS.

Yuri Tsybin informs us, that there will be a Mass Spec workshop on fundamentals from 17.8 – 21.8.2009

The next SGMS Meeting will be taking place at the same location (Beatenberg) October 29./30. 2009.

The General Assembly closes at 17:28

Beatenberg, 06.11.2008

Matthias Herzog

Secretary of the SGMS