

1. Minutes of the 1983 General Assembly

The minutes of the 1983 General Assembly are attached to this Newsletter.

2. 1984 Meeting and General Assembly

The 1984 Meeting and General Assembly will be held on October 19 and 20 again at the Hostellerie Rigi.

Programme

Friday, October 19

14.30 - 18.00

Invited Lectures

18.15 - 19.00

General Assembly

19.30

Aperitif, Buffet-dinner

Saturday, October 20

08.30 - 13.00

Free oral communications

Oral communications

The time allotted is 20 min., including a period for discussion.

There will be no poster session.

Abstracts

Those who wish to present an oral communication are requested to submit a short abstract with authors' names and address before July 31.

An abstract booklet will be distributed to all members.

Registration fee

Fr. 50.-, including apéritif, dinner and coffee-breaks.

Your definitive participation will be registered upon receiving the registration fee (payment form attached), not later than September 15.

Accommodation

A block of rooms has been provisionally reserved. The special rates are (per person) :

	<u>without bath</u>	<u>with bath</u>
single	Fr. 60.-	Fr. 73.-
double	Fr. 55.-	Fr. 65.-

These rates include buffet-breakfast and free access to the swimming pool. Children under 12 are accomodated free of charge in their parents' room.

In order to confirm the reservation, we need to know the approximate number of participants as soon as possible and ask you to send back the attached pre-registration form before July 31, 1984.

However, you are requested to make your own booking directly at the Hostellerie Rigi, 6356 Rigi-Kaltbad (LU) as soon as possible, specifying clearly that you will attend the SGMS meeting. Tel. (041) 83.16.16.

Deadlines

pre-registration	July 31
abstract	July 31
payment of registration	September 15
mailing of programme and General Assembly convocation	September 15

3. Membership List

A list of the members of the Group is attached.

For the moment, it contains only the names and addresses of those who have been included in the first mailing list (and have not stated that they did not want to join the Group) and of those who have been admitted at the last General Assembly.

However, to be really useful, such a list should also indicate the type of instrument used and the fields of activity. To be able to complete this list, a form is included in this Newsletter. Please, return it at your earliest convenience and before the end of June anyway, to enable us to prepare this very useful document for the next Newsletter. Everyone should realize that the more complete the list is, the more useful it will be to everyone.

4. 1984 membership fee

The payment form for the 1984 fee is enclosed. Some of you have not yet paid their 1983 fee and are requested to pay for the two years. The fee is very low to encourage participation, especially of students. But, this means that we do need all the fees to be able to pursue our efforts.

5. Collective memberships

Some members, either manufacturers of laboratories, have kindly joined the Group as collective members. It appeared that among some of these collective members, several persons naturally claimed to be considered as individual members. However, it is stated in the Statutes that a collective membership allows only one delegate having one vote at the General Assemblies.

In the future, to avoid this kind of problem, we ask you to join the Group as individual members. Should you wish to help the Group with a more generous contribution, the possibility exists to make an annual donation (a letter of request is at your disposal) or to add a collective membership in the name of the company to the individual memberships.

Thank you for your understanding.

6. Meeting report

Journées Franco-Suisses de Spectrométrie de Masse
28-29 Mars 1984, Ecole Polytechnique de Lausanne

The Swiss Federal Institute of Technology was host to the first Journées Franco-Suisses of Mass Spectrometry which were organized under the auspices of GAMS (Groupement pour l'avancement des Méthodes Spectroscopiques) and of the SGMS. Before the meeting on 27 March and after it on 30 March, the Department of Physical Chemistry also held a one day training course in Fourier Transform Mass Spectrometry. The meeting was attended by some 120 people.

The first day was devoted to the less common form of mass spectrometry, i.e. Fourier Transform Mass Spectrometry, FTMS. The opening invited lecture was given by Prof. T. Gäumann who covered the basic principles of ion cyclotron resonance and of Fourier Transform and showed how their association leads to FTMS. This excellent introduction in the field of FTMS was followed by the projection of a video-cassette on this topic conceived by Dr. R. Houriet and realized by the "Centre Audio-Visuel" of the EPFL. The second invited lecture was given by Prof. M. Gross who presented several aspects of development and applications of FTMS in his

laboratory : a new type of hyperbolic cell, exact mass measurement, coupling of FTMS with soft ionization methods and GC/FTMS. These themes were also covered by the representatives of the manufacturers (Spectrospin AG and Nicolet Analytical Instruments). Prof. K.P. Wanczek presented a quantum mechanical treatment of ion motion in a FTMS cell and its application to exact mass measurement. Finally the scientific part of this first day was closed by a Round Table on the prospects and realities of FTMS.

The social programme of the evening was held at the Chalet Suisse where a dinner of 10 typical swiss courses was given in a folkloristic mood created by local shepherds with alphorns and other less conventional "instruments".

The topic covered during the second day was Mass Spectrometry/Mass Spectrometry. The invited speaker, Prof. R.G. Cooks, traced the development of hybrid instruments (those which include both sector and quadrupole mass analyzers), in particular the design and applications of a BEQQ instrument : different modes of scanning the instrument allow characterization of targeted compounds or classes of compounds in complex mixtures. It was also shown, with examples of alkaloids, that new compounds can be discovered by MS/MS. Dr. W. Richter presented a detailed mechanistic study by triple stage quadrupole MS/MS of protonated diketones. The representatives of quadrupole manufacturers (Nermag and Finnigan-MAT) showed some analytical applications of triple stage quadrupole MS/MS, and VG-Analytical presented some recent developments in MS/MS instrumentation (sector and hybrid instruments). The last lecture was given by Prof. H. Schwarz who emphasized the role of MS/MS in ion structure elucidation. The meeting was closed by a Round Table on MS/MS. During these two days about 18 posters were displayed.

D. Stahl

The video-tape which was presented at the Journées can be purchased. The proposed "teaching" version includes a short introduction to analytical mass spectrometry. The commentary can be either in French or in English. It lasts approx. 30 min. and costs Fr. 100.- in VHS and Fr. 150.- in U-matic.

If you are interested, please contact Dr. R. Houriet, Institut de Chimie Physique, EPFL, 1015, Lausanne (tel. : 021/ 47 31 17).

7. Meeting announcement

The 3rd Symposium on LC/MS and MS/MS will be organized in Montreux on October 24-26, 1984. It will be preceded by a 2-day short course on LC/MS (Prof. D. E. Games and J.D. Henion, instructors).

Information is available from :

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Submission of abstracts to (deadline : September 15) :

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PROCES-VERBAL DE L'ASSEMBLEE GENERALE 1983 DU
GROUPE SUISSE DE SPECTROMETRIE DE MASSE (SGMS),
réunie à l'Hostellerie Rigi le 21 octobre 1983.

L'assemblée s'est réunie à 18h.55, sous la direction de notre Collègue H. Milon, Président, qui, après avoir souhaité la bienvenue aux participants, propose de passer à l'examen des divers points de l'ordre du jour.

1. Désignation de deux scrutateurs

Messieurs D. Stahl et J. Dennemont sont désignés.

2. Procès-verbal de l'assemblée générale du 17 septembre 1982

Approuvé à l'unanimité.

3. Rapport du Président

Le président résume les principales activités du Groupe durant cette première année de son existence et signale qu'un résumé de son rapport sera envoyé à chaque membre. Le rapport du président est alors accepté à l'unanimité.

4. Rapport du Trésorier

Le trésorier signale qu'au 21 octobre, 60 membres ont payé leur cotisation et il met en évidence le bon état des finances du Groupe. Son rapport est accepté à l'unanimité.

5. Rapport des vérificateurs des comptes

Monsieur P. Weibel demande à l'assemblée d'approuver les comptes et d'en donner décharge au trésorier, ce qui est fait à l'unanimité.

Monsieur L. Rivier, qui est également rapporteur, et qui s'était excusé de ne pouvoir participer à l'assemblée, avait aussi signé le rapport.

6. Cotisation 1984

Elle demeure inchangée, à savoir Fr. 20.- pour les membres individuels et Fr. 100.- pour les membres collectifs.

7. Admission de nouveaux membres

Les nouveaux membres sont admis à l'unanimité. La liste complète des membres sera communiquée à tous les membres.

8. Modifications des statuts

Néant.

9. Propositions individuelles

Néant.

10. Divers

Monsieur D. Stahl aimerait qu'on envoie à chaque membre une liste indiquant de quel équipement chacun dispose et quel est son principal domaine d'activité. - Il est décidé qu'un questionnaire sera envoyé à chaque membre à cet effet.


Armand BUCHS

Secrétaire

PROTOKOLL DER GENERALVERSAMMLUNG 1983 DER SCHWEIZERISCHEN
GRUPPE FÜR MASSENSPEKTROMETRIE (SGMS),
stattgefunden im Hotel Rigi, am 21. Oktober 1983

Die Versammlung hat sich um 18.55 Uhr vereinigt, unter der Direktion unseres Kollegen H. Milon, Präsident. Nachdem Herr Milon alle Teilnehmer willkommen geheissen hat, schlägt er vor, die verschiedenen Punkte der Tagesordnung zu prüfen.

1. Ernennung von 2 Stimmzählern

Die Herren D. Stahl und J. Dennemont sind gewählt.

2. Protokoll der Generalversammlung vom 17. September 1982

Einstimmig angenommen.

3. Bericht des Präsidenten

Der Präsident macht eine kurze Zusammenfassung der hauptsächlichsten Tätigkeit der Gruppe während ihres 1. Jahres und teilt mit, dass eine kurze Zusammenfassung ihres Berichtes an alle Mitglieder gesandt werde. Der Bericht des Präsidenten ist einstimmig angenommen.

4. Bericht des Kassiers

Der Kassier teilt mit, dass bis zum 21. Oktober 60 Mitglieder ihre Beiträge beglichen haben, und er offenbart den guten Zustand der Finanzen der Gruppe. Sein Bericht ist einstimmig angenommen.

5. Bericht der Rechnungsprüfer

Herr P. Weibel bittet die Versammlung, die Berechnung zu genehmigen, und deren Entlastung an den Kassier zu erteilen, was einstimmig gemacht wird.

Herr L. Rivier, der ebenfalls Rechnungsprüfer ist, und der sich für seine Abwesenheit an der Versammlung entschuldigt hatte, unterschrieb den Bericht ebenfalls.

6. Beiträge 1984

Sie bleiben unverändert, das heisst Fr. 20.- für die Aktivmitglieder und Fr. 100.- für die Kollektivmitglieder.

7. Zulassung neuer Mitglieder

Die neuen Mitglieder sind einstimmig angenommen. Die vollständige Mitgliederliste wird nächstens an alle Mitglieder gesandt.

8. Abänderung der Statuten

Keine.

9. Persönliche Vorschläge

Keine.

10. Verschiedenes

Herr D. Stahl wünscht, dass man an alle Mitglieder eine Liste sende, auf der jeder angebe, welche Ausrüstung ihm zur Verfügung steht und sein hauptsächliches Arbeitsgebiet. - Es wird entschieden, dass ein Fragebogen für diesen Zweck an alle Mitglieder gesandt wird.

A. Buchs
Armand BUCHS
Sekretär

1. What happened during the first year ?

- 2 committee meetings, one in Bern and one in Olten, mainly to prepare the 1983 Meeting and General Assembly
- memberships : we are now 90 members and 39 have requested their admission which will be voted by this Assembly
- contacts with other associations :
 - GAMS : a joint meeting will be organized in March 1984 in Lausanne on FTMS and MS/MS. The first announcement has been mailed recently to all the members.
 - Italian Chemical Society : the Mass Spectrometry Group has proposed us to participate in the organization of the 2nd Workshop on Biomolecular and Environmental Mass Spectrometry together with the BMSS. As this participation involved the expenses of several invited speakers, we had to refuse this year, due to our rather poor financial situation
 - 10th International Mass Spectrometry Conference : Prof. Beynon asked us to nominate a representative of our Group to participate in an International Committee. The tasks of this Committee will be to take decisions concerning papers to be accepted, publication of the Proceedings, location of the Conference in 1991, etc.
 - U.P. Schlunegger has been proposed to represent us.

2. Newsletter

Many of you have asked for information concerning events to come, job opportunities, a MS forum, etc.

It seemed evident for us that this kind of information must come from YOU and that our task was to transmit it. Unfortunately, we received up to now very little matter to put in the Newsletter. We are open to give it another form or, if one of you wishes to, a member of the Group could be its editor.

Let us know your opinion and try to make it a more active link between us.

H. Milon

Hubert MILON
President