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Details concerning invited lecturers, free communications, accomodation and transport will be given in the next Newsletter, as early as possible.

The full list of the SGMS members, including instrumentation and fields of activity is attached. Each year, an up-dating will be distributed. It also includes the list of contact people of worldwide MS Associations as provided by the International Mass Spectrometry Newsletter (see the president's report in this Newsletter).

1986 Membership Fee

The payment form is enclosed. Some of you have not yet paid their 1985 fee and are requested to pay for the two years. In case of error, please, let us know and excuse us.

President's Report

As far as our activities are concerned, 1985 was rather quiet. One of our principles is to avoid overloading with more meetings than there already are, but, rather, to facilitate and promote information, contacts and participation. In this context, I would like to mention two points:

The first point concerns our future and our evolution. When we formed our Association three years ago, our aim was, after a period of growth and maturation, to adhere to a "parent" society. The obvious choice in our country is the Swiss Academy of Sciences (SNG or SHSN). The Committee has agreed unanimously to ask our admission to the SAC. Although the final decision to proceed further will be discussed later (point 8 of the Agenda) and depends on the General Assembly will, I would like, here, to point out the importance for us to join the SAC, as it will mean that we are recognized as a Swiss scientific society, both inland and abroad.

The second point concerns contacts with other MS associations. An "International Mass Spectrometry Newsletter" has started to circulate among worldwide associations. It was initiated by the American Society for Mass Spectrometry after several contacts with representatives of MS societies from a number of countries. For the moment, it contains meeting announcements and a list of contact people for each association. Our follow up will consist in including the relevant meeting announcements in our own Newsletter when it is mailed and in adding the list of contact people to the "full" member list which will be sent early next year.

If, as mentioned above, our own activities do not voluntarily increase, the contacts we have with other associations, either in Switzerland or abroad, progress. I believe this is important for each of us and fulfils a main aim of our Group.

H. Milon

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Minutes of the General Assembly held at the Hostellerie Rigi

on November 8, 1985

The General Assembly was opened at 7.15 PM by the president. The following persons had excused themselves: J.Cl. Landry, N. Neve and G. Pérignon.

The Assembly proceeded according to the published agenda.

1. Mrs. Berode and Mr. Hill were nominated as scrutineers.
2. The minutes of the 1984 General Assembly were approved by 22 votes with no opposition or modification.
2. The president communicated his annual report concerning the activities of the Group since the 1984 General Assembly. He explained the different advantages and disadvantages for the SGMS becoming a member of the Swiss Academy of Sciences (SAC Société Helvétique des Sciences Naturelles, Schweizerische Naturforschende Gesellschaft). This point will be discussed on point 8 of the agenda. His report was accepted by 28 votes without any opposition.
4. The treasurer's report for the period of September 29, 1984 to October 31, 1985 was delivered and accepted by 30 votes with no opposition. The actual capital of the SGMS is Frs. 8505.05.
5. The auditors' report by R. Houriet and U.B. Ranalder confirmed the perfect book-keeping of the treasurer and proposed that the General Assembly discharged the treasurer of his responsibility for the present accounts. This report was accepted by 28 votes without any opposition.
6. According to the proposal of the Committee, the membership fees are maintained at the 1985 level (29 votes with no opposition).
7. The admission of 9 individual members (U. Georgi, W. Hafner, A.M. Kappeler, J. Meili, D. Müller, G. Pérignon, M. Suter and B. Zagalak) and one collective member (Firmenich SA) was accepted by 29 votes without any opposition.
8. The president presented the organization and activities of the Swiss Academy of Sciences. Prof. Brandenberger told the Assembly of the obligations as a member of the SAC. In case of adhesion to the SAC, he suggested a joint meeting be held within the SAC activities with two societies in the field of analytical chemistry. Considering that the members of the SGMS are not sufficiently informed about the consequences of such an adhesion, R. Houriet proposed to postpone the decision to the next General Assembly and to nominate a commission to study this possibility. This proposal was accepted by 22 votes and 4 oppositions. MM. F. Friedli, R. Houriet and H. Milon are the members of this commission.

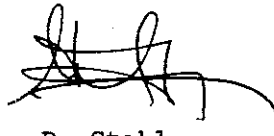
9. Modification of the Statutes: no proposal

10. Individual proposals: none

11. No miscellaneous

The Assembly was closed by the president at 8 PM.

The secretary

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D. Stahl

Meeting announcements (from the International MS Newsletter)

Annual Conference of the Mass Spectrometry Society of Japan
Tokyo, Japan - May 15-17, 1986.

Nineteenth Discussion Meeting of the Arbeitsgemeinschaft Massenspektrometrie
Mainz, FRG - May 21-23, 1986

Sixth Nordic Conference on Mass Spectrometry
Borgholm, Sweden - May 25-28, 1986

Thirty-Fourth Annual Conference on Mass Spectrometry and Allied Topics
Cincinnati, OH USA - June 8-13, 1986

International Dynamic Mass Spectrometry Symposium
Canterbury, Great Britain - July 7-10, 1986

Annual Symposium on Biomedical Mass Spectrometry
Nagoya, Japan - July 16-19, 1986

Third International Laser Microprobe Mass Spectrometry Workshop
Antwerp, Belgium - August 26-27, 1986

Tenth Conference of the Australian and New Zealand Society for Mass Spectrometry
Dunedin, New Zealand - August 27-29, 1986

Sixth International Symposium on Mass Spectrometry in the Life Sciences
Ghent, Belgium - August 31-September 3, 1986

Fifth Asilomar Conference on Mass Spectrometry
Monterey, California, USA - September 28-October 2, 1986

Job request

Swiss Chemical Engineer EPFL/Mass Spectrometrists, Ph.D.
Two years of postdoctoral research experience in United States using mass spectrometry for chemical, environmental and biomedical applications.

Experienced in the use of a large variety of instrumentation (EB, BE, BE-EB, QQQ, ICR) and techniques.

Looking for a position in Switzerland starting summer 1986 after ASMS.

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