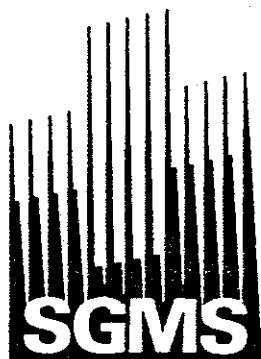


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1991 Meeting and General Assembly

HOSTELLERIE RIGI

November, Thursday 7 and Friday 8

Invited Speakers:

Prof. K. Jennings (Warwick, UK) : "Fact, Fiction and Prejudice in Tandem Mass Spectrometry"

Prof. A. Bruins (Groningen, NL) : "Electrospray ..."

Dr. K. Rose (Geneva, CH) : "Pharmacokinetics of polypeptides and proteins using mass spectrometry: dream or reality?"

New features

- Very short communications (10 min.) will be included in the programme.
 - A Question/Answer Forum will be organized.
- More details will be given in the next Newsletter.

Membership fee 1990

Payment forms are enclosed. The fees are Fr. 20.- for individual members and Fr. 100.- for collective members. According to our records some of you have not payed previous fees. The amount due to date, including the 1991 fee, is specified on the payment form. According to the statutes (page 4 , 9.2), those who will not pay the overdue fees since 1989 by October 31, 1991 will be considered as resigning and scratched from the SGMS members and mailing lists. Thank you in advance for rapid payment.

Minutes of the SGMS General Assembly 1990

The General Assembly is opened at 6.50 p.m. by the president. The General Assembly proceeds according to the published agenda.

1) Drs. Lehmann and Guenat are nominated as scrutineers.

The following members have been excused : Buchs A, Chaintreau A, Fathi M, Gauss Ch, Gulacar O.F, Jounet J.M, Kuchen A, Spichtig B, Suter M.

2) The minutes of the 1989 General Assembly are approved without any modification request and opposition.

3) The president communicates his annual report (see below) concerning the activities of the society over last year. His report is accepted by acclamation without any opposition.

4) The treasurer's report is delivered for the period of October 16th, 1989 to October 31st, 1990. The capital of the SGMS at this date is Fr. 10'540.20 (see below).

5) The auditors' report (Dr. Schellenberg and Dr. Staub) confirms the perfect book-keeping of the treasurer and proposes the General Assembly to discharge Dr. W.Vetter of his responsibility for the present account. This proposal is accepted without any opposition.

6) Dr. B. Willhalm proposes that the fee for 1991 will be fixed at Fr. 25.- due to the fact that the fee is the same since 1982 and that we now have to pay Fr. 5.- to the SNG. Dr. Brandenberger points out that many members of the SGMS are also members of other societies and pay at least twice Fr. 5.- to the SNG. Perhaps this problem has to be discussed with the SNG. Dr. Friedli makes a comparison of this situation with sport associations and is not in favor of a discussion with the SNG. Dr. Houriet proposes to leave the 1991 fee unchanged due to the good financial situation of the SGMS. Prof. Schlunegger recalls the essential role of the SNG in convincing the authorities to support the different sciences. It is decided by vote (26 against 21) that the 1991 fee will remain at Fr. 20.-. Different members suggest to ask money to the SNG for the 10th anniversary of the SGMS.

7) The following 11 new members are admitted in globo by acclamation: Mr. B. Aebi, Org. Chem., Uni. Bern; Dr. F. Clairet, ICP-1, E.P.F.-Lausanne; Mr. M. Gälli, Org. Chem., Uni. Bern; Dr. C.W. Heizmann, Uni. Kinderklinik, Zürich; Dr. M. Huser, Amt für Umweltschutz und Energie, Liestal; Mr. D. Koks, Galileo Electro-Optique, Bruxelles; Dr. A. Lorenzi Riatsch, Org. Chem., Uni Zürich; Mr. Reto Stöcklin, Biologie Médicale, Genève; Dr. L.A. Savoy, Dpt Biochemistry, Imperial College, London; Dr. F. Scanlan, LTP, E.P.F.-Lausanne and Prof. J.C.Tabet, Université Paris VI.

On the other hand the SGMS loses 15 members (resignation, death, exclusion).

The General Assembly is asked to stand for one minute in memory of Mr. Georges Pérignon who passed away during this year.

8) Dr. Willhalm confirms his resignation from the presidency and from the Committee. Dr. Stahl is elected president by acclamation and the remaining members of the Committee are reelected in globo. The Committee proposes Dr. Rivier to replace Dr. Willhalm. The former is elected by acclamation. Drs. Schellenberger and Staub are reelected as auditors and Dr. Haib accepts to become substitute.

The new president proposes the General Assembly to elect Doctor Willhalm as the second honorary member of the SGMS as acknowledgment of his job as President and in the Committee since the foundation of the SGMS. This proposal is accepted by acclamation.

9) Modification of the Statutes : no proposal

10) Individual proposals : none

11) Miscellaneous : Dr. Haib proposes to change the location of our annual meeting as it takes a long time for everybody to reach the Rigi. After some discussions this proposal is rejected after voting.

Dr. Schellenberg suggests that the meeting will be held on Thursday and Friday rather than on Friday and Saturday as it was before. This proposal is accepted after voting.

In order to stimulate presentations from a greater number of laboratories, it is suggested and approved by a majority of members to allow very short communications (less than the usual 20 mn) in the next meeting.

The General Assembly is closed at 7.40 p.m.

The secretary of the SGMS
D. Stahl

1999 -SGMS General AssemblyPresident 's Report

The year since the last General Assembly has been a time of consolidation for our society. In spring time a half-day board meeting in Berne, organized by our Vice-President Prof. Schlunegger in the beautiful rooms of the House of the University, gave the board members the occasion to discuss all current problems of our society and to start the planning of this year Annual Meeting and General Assembly, including the election of board members for the next two years.

Our Secretary and Treasurer were well occupied to update our members list because not all members pay regularly their membership fees or inform us of their changing address. I should like to thank all those who pay their dues in time and inform us of their mutations. They are the large majority indeed!

Let me finally express my very best thanks to my five colleagues of the board for their most efficient collaboration.



B. Willhalm