

Protocol

7th General Assembly of the Swiss Metabolomics Society

Date and time: 10th December 2021, 13:00 – 14:00

Place: Remote ZOOM Meeting (60 Min)

Present: Online participants, Board members (Julijana Ivanisevic, Juan Zhang, Christian Berchtold, Julien Boccard, David Tonoli, Pablo Sinues, Endre Laczko, Serge Rudaz, Guido Sonsmann)

Chair: Serge Rudaz

Protocol: Julien Boccard (SR)

Agenda:

1. Welcome and confirmation of quorum
2. Acceptance of the minutes of the GA 2020
3. Reports and communications:
 - a) President's communication Statutes of the SMS (SR) - Modification proposal
 - b) Membership situation (JZ)
 - c) Treasurer's and Trustee's Report Financial aspects – (DT)
 - d) External communication (CB) / Visibility - Web (JB)
4. Election of the Committee 2022 – 2023
5. Perspectives 2022 and Proposals
6. Miscellaneous

1. Welcome

The president welcomes all members and prospects of the Swiss Metabolomics Society and starts the meeting on time. All board members, institutional member representatives, sponsor member representatives and individual members were present.

2. Acceptance of the Agenda 2021 and minutes of the GA 2020

The agenda is confirmed by the assembly (**Unanimity**) and the GA minutes 2020 approved (**Unanimity**)

3. Reports and communications

Next the report of the activities of the society in 2021 is presented and voted (**Unanimity**). It is pointed out by SR, that there have been a lot of virtual board meetings over the year. According to the COVID situation, several e-seminars were proposed by the SMS in collaboration with our corporative partners. Thanks to them.

SR presented the active SMS participation at the SGMS 2021 event (Together strong). This was a real success not only regarding the meeting school itself but also for the pre-congress school. During this meeting, our vice-president Prof. Pablo Sinues received a price regarding his «Key contributions to the analysis of exhaled breath by ambient mass spectrometry».

3a. Statutes of the SMS (SR) - Modification proposal

SR presented several propositions for modification of the status of the SMS. Briefly, it included minor points, such as the location of the society, the possibility to have more than one vice-president, the member status to be part of the board, etc. More importantly, a new mode of election was proposed for the committee. SR explained that there is no need to elect first a president and then the board. The proposition is therefore that « The general assembly elects the members of the committee for a term of two years. Every member can be re-elected after each term. In the first meeting, the committee attribute the role of each member ».

Modification of statutes: Unanimity

3b. Membership situation (JZ)

The membership list was presented. In 2020, there were 79 individual members, 7 institutional Members (representing 56 individuals) and 10 Company Members, so 145 members in total. The list of members has been accepted by the general assembly as well as the fact that no modification of the fees was proposed. As a reminder, the proposal for the 2022 fees is:

Individuals 30 CHF // « Active » Sponsoring members: 1000 CHF for Company/Association
« Regular » Sponsoring members
500 CHF Private entities // 300 CHF University / Academic laboratory

Membership situation, List and Fees: Unanimity

3c. Treasurer's and Trustee's Report Financial aspects – (DT)

The financial report was presented by the treasurer (David Tonoli). The society relies on three pillars of members: individual memberships, institutional memberships (academia) and company sponsors. The society is healthy. The financial report has been audited and deemed correct. The financial auditors (Jean-Christophe Probst and Florence Mehl) were warmly thanked by SR for their support.

Financial report: Unanimity

3d. External communication (CB) / Visibility - Web (JB)

A new website was launched in 2020 with the help of a web provider in collaboration with JB. The website is an important communication tool for the society and is continuously evolving. An expertise map has been set-up to facilitate interaction between research groups. All metabolomics groups (independent of membership status) are welcome to join the expertise map. Further projects are posting of job offers or Congress announcements.

The SMS is additionally active on Twitter (about 800 followers) and LinkedIn (more than 300 connections) driven by JZ and CB.

In order to attract the young scientists, it was mentioned that more modern communication channels should be included (LinkedIn, Instagram, Slack, etc.). The board will discuss this on the next meetings.

Communication reports: Unanimity

4. Election of the Board (2022-2023)

Guido Sonsmann and Cédric Bovet retired from the SMS board. SR thanks both of them for their engagement during all the last few years. Mojgan Masoodi (University of Bern) applied as new member of the board. Most of the current board members confirmed their intention for the next period. The election of board is proposed at the assembly as a group.

1. Pablo Sinues (PS)
2. David Tonoli (DT)
3. Julijana Ivanisevic (JI)
4. Endre Laczko (EL)
5. Christian Berchtold (CB)
6. Julien Boccard (JB)
7. Juan Zhang (JZ)
8. Mojgan Masoodi (MM)
9. Serge Rudaz (SR)

Election of the board members: Unanimity

Congratulations to all of them. SR welcome Mojgan Masoodi (MM) and her engagement in the field of Metabolomics. She pointed out the importance to educate good practice in metabolomics.

5. Perspectives 2022, Proposals and Miscellaneous

Julijana Ivanisevic (JI) will host the next scientific days in 2021 (invited speakers: Oscar Yanes - Tarragona, Martin Giera - Leiden, Fabien Jourdan - Toulouse and Mojgan Masoodi - Bern)

6. Miscellaneous

No additional points were raised by the attending members and board members.

End of General Assembly: 12:58