



## Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> General Council Meeting, Bern, 7 December 2004

Presidency of the general council: Prof. J.-D. Tissot

Author of the minutes: Patricia M. Palagi

List of presence: the participants of the 4<sup>th</sup> SPS congress.

(1) The proposed agenda was slightly modified and accepted as the following:

- 1) Approval of the proposed agenda
- 2) Approval of the minutes of the General Council of 3 December 2003
- 3) Report of the president: summary of the activities of the SPS
- 4) Presentation and approval of the accounts
- 5) Resignation of the President (J.-D. Tissot)
- 6) Future of the SPS (proposals for 2005-2008)
- 7) Election of the new committee
  - Proposal:
    - Jean-Charles Sanchez (President)
    - Patricia Palagi (Vice-president)
    - Michael Affolter (new member)
    - Christine Hoogland
    - Niels Lion (new member)
    - Joel Rossier
    - Reto Stocklin
    - Hans Voshol
- 8) Election of the Accounting Reviewer Board
- 9) Approval of the annual membership fee
- 10) Announcement and presentation of the next scientific meeting (2005 Congress in Zurich)
- 11) Other

(2) The minutes of the General Council of 3 December 2003 were accepted.

(3) The President made a report which summarized the SPS activities:

- 1) Edition of the Special Issue of the journal Proteomics: Applied Proteomics. 15 articles were published after the normal review process. Guest Editors: P. Palagi, J.-C. Sanchez, R. Stöcklin
- 2) Organisation of the 4<sup>th</sup> SPS congress with the help of the Local Steering Committee:
  - Michael Affolter, Nestlé Research Center, Lausanne
  - Stephan Gadola, Inselspital, University of Bern
  - André Haerberli (chairman), Inselspital, University of Bern
  - Hanno Langen, Roche AG, Basel
  - Mario Neri, Swiss Federal Institute of technology, Zurich
  - Joël S. Rossier, DiagnoSwiss SA, Monthey
  - Marc Solioz, Inselspital, University of Bern
  - Reto Stöcklin, Atheris Laboratories, Geneva
  - Jan van Oostrum, Novartis AG, Basel
 and the help of the SPS Scientific Committee: P. Palagi, J.-C. Sanchez and R. Stöcklin
- 3) Financial support for:
  - One grant to a participant of the Geneva Proteomics courses, held in May 2004;
  - A prize for the best educational poster at the 6th Siena meeting, Aug. 30th-Sept. 2nd, 2004, Siena, Italy;
  - One grant to a student for registration to the SPS'04 meeting;
  - To the congress NP2D: NATURAL PEPTIDES TO DRUGS hold in Nov 30 - Dec 3, 2004, Zermatt, Switzerland.
- 4) The SPS virtual Journal (SPS'Digest) has completed one year with 13 issues.

(4) Hans Voshol (SPS' treasurer), presented the accounts, and then the report of the Accounting Reviewer Board. Beat Riederer (the Accounting Reviewer Board) approved the accounts. The Assembly as well approved the accounts.

(5) Jean-Daniel Tissot has officially resigned of the SPS executive committee.

(6) The six members of the SPS executive committee (namely: Jean-Charles Sanchez, Patricia Palagi, Christine Hoogland, Joel Rossier, Reto Stocklin and Hans Voshol) renewed their will to stay in the committee. Jean-Charles Sanchez presented their strategic plan for the new mandate, which can be summarized like the following:

A SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) analysis led to the desire of creating four strategic sub-committees:

I) Education, training and promotion committee (chairmen Patricia Palagi and Jean-Charles Sanchez)

Support new masters in proteomics and help disseminating them in other Swiss regions.

Support the establishment of educational material and disseminate it.

Create a summer and winter one-week SPS courses.

Create a European Proteomics Association (EuPA).

II) Information committee (chairmen Christine Hoogland and Niels Lion)

Create a database of courses and degree programs.

Extend the SPS Digest initiative to the Web and news.  
Create a new web page that gathers grant and fund possibilities.  
Investigate the opportunity to establish a MS spectrum repository.

III) Networking and SPS annual meeting committee (chairmen Joel Rossier, Michael Affolter and Reto Stöcklin)

This committee will favour collaborations with other Swiss societies.  
This committee will continue to disseminate the annual meeting in new Swiss locations and support the local committee.  
This committee will promote and extend the network of proteomics platforms throughout Switzerland.

IV) Orphan Diseases Project committee (chairman Reto Stöcklin and the others of the committee. Jean-Daniel Tissot will strongly assist this initiative)

The SPS will explore the opportunity to set-up a scientific project that will federate Swiss proteomics-related groups.

(7) Michael Affolter (Nestlé Research Center, Lausanne) and Niels Lion (EPFL, Lausanne) announced their candidacy (one to replace J.-D. Tissot and one in provision of Joel Rossier's resignation in 2005). The election of the executive committee was carried out. The executive committee was elected unanimously. It is thus composed by:

Jean-Charles Sanchez (President)  
Patricia Palagi (General-secretary and Vice-president)  
Michael Affolter  
Christine Hoogland  
Niels Lion  
Joel Rossier  
Reto Stocklin  
Hans Voshol (Treasurer)

(8) The election of the Accounting Reviewer Board was carried out. Beat Riederer (University of Lausanne) has renewed his candidature for three more years and was elected unanimously.

(9) The annual membership fees were accepted as they are.

Ordinary Members

- Students: SFr: 30.-
- Others: SFr: 50.-

Honorary Members

- SFr: -

Corporate Members

- SFr: 500.-

(10) The next SPS scientific meeting will be held from December 5-7 2005 in Zurich under the theme "Expanding Proteomics - New directions in Biology, Chemistry, Pharmaceutical sciences and Medicine." Dr. Dario Neri and Dr. Giuliano Elia will lead the local organization. Both made a brief presentation of this proposition.

(11) Other

– Reto Stocklin proposed to nominate Jean-Daniel Tissot as an honorary member. Jean-Charles Sanchez proposed to nominate Jean-Daniel Tissot as an honorary President. Both proposals were accepted.