



Minutes of the 5th General Council Meeting, Zurich, December 6 2005

Presidency of the general council: Jean-Charles Sanchez

Author of the minutes: Patricia M. Palagi

List of presence: the participants of the 5th SPS congress.

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

- 1) Approval of the proposed agenda
- 2) Approval of the minutes of the General Council of December 7, 2004
- 3) Report of the president: summary of the activities of the SPS
- 4) Resignation of Joel Rossier and N!light
- 5) Presentation and approval of accounts
- 6) Approval of the annual membership fee
- 7) European Proteomics Association (EuPA)
- 8) 2006, 2007 and 2008 congresses
- 9) Other

(2) The minutes of the General Council of December 7th 2004 were accepted.

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

- 1) Edition of the Special Issue of the journal Proteomics: Proteomics for Health. 9 articles were published after the normal review process. Guest Editors: P. Palagi, J.-C. Sanchez, R. Stöcklin
- 2) Organisation of the 5th SPS congress with the help of the Local Steering Committee:
Ruedi Aebersold, Institute for Molecular systems Biology, ETHZ
Michael Affolter, BioAnalytical Science Department, Nestlé Research Centre, Lausanne
Adriano Aguzzi, Institute of Neuropathology, UniZH
Giuliano Elia, Institute for Pharmaceutical Sciences, ETHZ
Wilhelm Gruissem, Institute of Plant Sciences, ETHZ
Dario Neri (Chairman), Institute for Pharmaceutical Sciences, ETHZ
Joël Rossier, DiagnoSwiss SA, Monthey

Ralph Schlapbach, Functional Genomics Centre Zurich
Reto Stöcklin, Atheris Laboratories, Geneva
and the help of the SPS Scientific Committee: P. Palagi, J.-C. Sanchez and R. Stöcklin

3) Financial support to:

- a student for participation to the 2nd Czech Proteomic Conference;
- a student for participation to the 4th HUPO Annual world congress;
- a student for participation to the HUPO Proteomics Standards Initiative 2005 Spring Workshop;
- the HUPO Proteomics Standard Initiatives autumn workshop, Sept 4-6, 2005, Geneva, Switzerland;
- Experimental Course on Antibody Phage Technology, February 7-11, 2005, Zürich, Switzerland.

4) The SPS virtual Journal (SPS'Digest) has completed its second year with 26 issues.

(4) Joel Rossier has officially resigned from the SPS executive committee. Jean-Charles Sanchez, Patricia Palagi, Christine Hoogland, Michael Affolter, Niels Lion, Reto Stocklin and Hans Voshol compose thus the SPS executive committee for the period 2006-2008. N!Light (and Dimitrios Noukakis), the company that has been organising the SPS congresses in the past 5 years, has also resigned.

(5) Patricia Palagi, in the name of Hans Voshol - the SPS treasurer, presented the accounts, and then the report of the Accounting Reviewer Board (Beat Riederer) The reviewer approved the accounts. The Assembly approved the accounts as well.

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

Ordinary Members

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

Honorary Members

- SFr: -

Corporate Members

- SFr: 500.-

(7) The European Proteomics Association had its first General Council in August 2005 during the HUPO congress in Munich. Its Executive Committee is composed by:

Friedrich Lottspeich (President)
Mathias Ulhen (Vice-President)
Jean-Charles Sanchez
Concha Gil
Michael Dunn
Pier Giorgio Righetti

And the Committee Coordinators are:

Conferences/Communications: Jean-Charles Sanchez
Education: Concha Gil
EuPA-HUPO-Interactions: Michael Dunn
Funding: Pier Giorgio Righetti

(8) The next SPS scientific meeting will take the form of an Interactive Training Initiative. It will be composed of on-site applied training courses spread out in Proteomics laboratories in Switzerland. There will be a wrap up session in December 2006 to foster scientific as well as social interactions among trainees and trainers. The place where will take place the wrap up session is to be announced. The SPS'07 scientific meeting will probably take place in Geneva together with the EuPA scientific meeting. The SPS is looking for candidates to organise the SPS'08 scientific meeting.

(9) Other

– Nothing was added to the agenda.