



Minutes of the 6th General Council Meeting, Yverdon-les-Bains, December 3 2006

Presidency of the general council: Jean-Charles Sanchez

Author of the minutes: Patricia M. Palagi

List of presence: Ch. Hoogland, H. Voshol, R. Stöcklin, M. Affolter, N. Lion, M. Quadroni, C. Zimmermann, B. Bodenmiller, A. Vaezzadeh, P. Lindiger, M. Colzani, J. Rossier, P. Waridel.

(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 6, 2005
- 3) Report of the president: summary of the activities of the SPS
- 4) Presentation and approval of accounts
- 5) Approval of the annual membership fee
- 6) ICVolunteers
- 7) European Proteomics Association (EuPA)
- 8) 2007, 2008 and 2009 congresses
- 9) Other

(2) The minutes of the General Council of December 6 2005 were accepted.

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

- 1) The SPS'05 scientific meeting has had a Special Issue in the "Journal of Chromatography B". Four articles were published after the normal review process. Guest Editors: G. Elia, D. Neri, P. Palagi, J.-C. Sanchez, R. Stöcklin.
- 2) Organisation of the SPS Training Initiative: Applied Proteomics – Tips and Tricks. Eight laboratories from Basel (1), Bern (1), Geneva (3), Lausanne (2) and Zurich (1) proposed practical courses dealing with proteomics technologies and bioinformatics for proteomics. A closing event was organized in Yverdon-les-Bains in the form of a workshop. 23 people attended the courses and 44 the workshop.
- 3) The SPS offered financial support to:

- a student for participation to the In-Silico Analysis of Proteins - Celebrating the 20th anniversary of Swiss-Prot;
- a student for participation to the 14th Annual International Conference on Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology;
- a student for participation to the 7th Siena meeting - From proteome to proteome: "Back to the future";
- a student for participation to the 5th HUPO Annual World congress;
- the workshop NP2D: NATURAL PEPTIDES TO DRUGS in Zermatt, Switzerland;
- and to the EMBO practical course "Bioinformatics for Mass Spectrometry in Proteomics", in Les Diablerets, Switzerland.

4) The SPS virtual Journal (SPS'Digest) has completed its third year with 36 issues, 614 subscribers, and more than 2540 articles selected.

(4) Hans Voshol - the SPS treasurer, presented the accounts:

Revenues		Expenses	
SPS2005 partial revenues	12'223.97	Bank expenses	131.40
Interest	24.80	Grants/Sponsoring	425.00
Membership fees	788.00	MWST/TVA	57.00
SPS2006 revenues	4'800.00	Representation	2'191.90
		Organisation SPS2005	31'000.00
Total	17'836.77	Total	33'805.30
Surplus congress account	29'815.56	Net result	-15'968.53
NET CASH FLOW	13'847.03		

The total assets on 31.08.2005 was Sfr 57'368.65, in 31.08.2006 it was Sfr 71'215.68. To avoid financial disasters, the SPS has implemented a special account for the SPS congress managed jointly by SPS treasurer and congress organiser, and usually merged with SPS main account in Spring, after final accounting of the 'old' and before the new congress. The money on this congress account cannot appear on the balance, because on 31.08, in the middle of a congress cycle, it is not clear what belongs to whom. However, 2006 is a special year because there is no congress. All the money on the congress account on 31.08 (CHF 40 k) belongs to the SPS and should have been transferred to the main account before closing the books. Because of a technical problem with the e-banking access, the transfer was made only in September.

H. Voshol presented then the report of the Accounting Reviewer Board (Beat Riederer). The reviewer approved the accounts and the Assembly approved the accounts as well.

(5) The annual membership fees were accepted as they are, i.e.:

Ordinary Members

– Students: SFr: 30.-

– Others: SFr: 50.-

Honorary Members

– SFr: -

Corporate Members

– SFr: 500.-

(6) ICVolunteers is the new SPS partner for the organisation of the congress in 2007. ICV is a non-profit non-governmental organization that offers services to the scientific community, such as: Organisation of Events; Marketing and Communication. ICV has accepted to become SPS' preferred partner for its range of activities and to provide the Society with services. The SPS and ICV agreed to join their efforts for the development of the Society and of Proteomics in general.

(7) C. Hoogland and J.-C. Sanchez represent the SPS in the Conferences and Communication Committee of the European Proteomics Association. Their committee has implemented the EuPA website (www.eupa.org) and has initiated the Journal of « Proteomics Proceedings » by Wiley. They are working now on the launch of the « Journal of Proteomics » published by Elsevier and owned by EuPA. P. Palagi represents the SPS in the Education Committee of EuPA. This committee has already organised 3 courses and some others have been scheduled to 2007.

(8) The SPS'07 scientific meeting will take place in Lausanne organised by Jean-Daniel Tissot, Manfredo Quadroni and other Proteomics actors from Lausanne and the SPS. The SPS will certainly organise another Interactive Training Initiative in 2008 to benefit from the success of the first edition and to avoid the overload of Proteomics congresses (HUPO and Siena already defined). The SPS'09 scientific meeting will take place in Geneva organized by Jean-Charles Sanchez, Patricia Palagi and other Proteomics actors from Geneva and the SPS.

(9) Other

– Nothing was added to the agenda.