



Minutes of the 7th General Council Meeting, Lausanne, December 4 2007

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, R.D. Appel, B. Domon, B. Riederer and others.

(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 3, 2006
- 3) Report of the president: summary of the activities of the SPS
- 4) Resignation of Jean-Charles Sanchez and Reto Stöckli
- 5) Presentation and approval of accounts
- 6) Election of the new SPS executive committee
- 7) Approval of the annual membership fee
- 8) Renewal of ICVolunteers
- 9) European Proteomics Association (EuPA)
- 10) 2008 and 2011 congresses
- 11) Other

(2) The minutes of the General Council of December 3, 2006 were accepted as they are (<http://www.swissproteomicsociety.org/council/PV2006.pdf>)

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

- 1) The Journal of Proteomics, the official journal of the EuPA and all European national societies, has been officially launched.
- 2) The SPS has organised another successful scientific meeting in Lausanne (Ecole Hoteliere, 3-5 December 2007).
- 3) The SPS offered financial support to:
 - a student for participation to the 6th HUPO Annual World congress in Seoul, Korea;

- a student for participation to the 2nd Conference of the Hellenic Proteomics Society - "From Discovery to Applications", in May 2007 ;
 - three students for participation to the SPS'07 meeting "Pushing the limits", in December 2007 in Lausanne: 1 full grant for one Indian student, and two half-grants for two Indian students;
- 4) The SPS virtual Journal (SPS'Digest) has completed its fourth year with 50 issues, 630 subscribers, and more than 9385 articles selected.

(4) Jean-Charles Sanchez and Reto Stöckli resigned from the SPS executive committee (SPS EC). The SPS EC would like to take the occasion to express its deep gratitude to these two pillars of the SPS creation, which devoted 7 years of excellent and loyal services to the society.

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

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash or equivalent	46'755.29	Capital	10'000.00
Congress account	945.70	Provision for SPS2007	20'000.00
		Reserve	17'700.99
Total	47'700.99	Total	47'700.99

Total assets 31.08.2006 71'215.68

Net cash flow: -23'514.69

Revenues	765.50	Expenses	21'838.39
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SPS2006 training initiative	8'000 (Net cost (3'200))
Upfront costs for SPS2007	10'000
Grants	2'250

In summary there are two main reasons for the significant negative cashflow from Sfr 71'215.68 on 31.08.2005 to Sfr 57'368.65 on 31.08.2006 (see also the table in the red frame above): i) in the absence of an SPS congress the society has little income, ii) the reporting period does not align with the organisation of the SPS congress, hence upfront costs for the 2007 meeting are charged in this reporting period, while income will only appear in the next. The society remains financially very healthy and the balance is expected to recover after the SPS2007 congress.

Beat Riederer, the Accounting Reviewer Board, presented his report approving the accounts. The Assembly approved the accounts as well.

(6) Election of the new SPS EC:

Bruno Domon (Institute of Molecular Systems Biology, ETH Zurich) and Erich Brunner (Center for Model Organism Proteomes, Institute of Molecular Biology, University of Zurich) announced

their candidacy. Five members of the SPS executive committee (namely: Patricia Palagi, Christine Hoogland, Hans Voshol, Michael Affolter, Niels Lyon) renewed their will to stay in the committee. The election of the executive committee was then carried out. The executive committee was elected unanimously with the following composition:

Patricia Palagi (President)	Niels Lion
Hans Voshol (Vice-President and Treasurer)	Erich Brunner
Michael Affolter	Bruno Domon
Christine Hoogland	

The General-Secretary position as well as the sub-committee chairmen/chairwomen will be decided in the first meeting of the executive committee or as soon as possible.

(7) 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.-

(8) The GA has decided to leave the decision of renewing the collaboration with ICVolunteers for the SPS EC, task that will be accomplished after the closure of the SPS'07 congress accounts.

(9) C. Hoogland and J.-C. Sanchez represent the SPS in the Conferences and Communication Committee of the European Proteomics Association. This committee has launched 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 2008.

(10) In 2005, the SPS executive committee has decided that the SPS would organise its scientific congresses only in odd years. In 2008, it is planned then that the SPS will organise another Interactive Training Initiative to benefit from the success of the first edition. However, the SPS and the Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics were invited by BioAlps to participate on the organisation of their annual “European Bioalpine Convention” that will take place in 2008 in Geneva with the main theme “Bioinformatics and Proteomics”. The SPS and SIB will have the mission of presiding, composing and organising the Scientific Committee of this event. The local organisation will be of the BioAlps responsibility.

(11) Other

– Nothing was added to the agenda.