



Minutes of the 9th General Council Meeting, Geneva, December 3 2009

Presidency of the general council: Patricia M. Palagi

Author of the minutes: Niels Lion

List of presence: Ch. Hoogland, H. Voshol, N. Lions, M. Affolter, E. Brunner, M. Quadroni, P. Waridel, J. Garin, J.C. Sanchez, C. Hernandez, A. Scherl 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 4, 2008
- 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) Activities for 2010
- 7) HUPO+SPS+EuPA 2011 in Geneva
- 8) Other
 - USGEB
 - Future activities (new ideas are welcome)

(2) The minutes of the General Council of December 4, 2008 were accepted as they are (<http://www.swissproteomicsociety.org/council/PV2008.pdf>)

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

- 1) The SPS has organised another successful scientific meeting in the ETH, Zurich. Even though the conjecture was not ideal for sponsoring and travelling, 150 registered for this event.
- 2) The SPS has organised a short course on "Statistics analysis of proteomics data" held on December 02, 2009, in the opening day of the scientific congress. More than 30 participants registered for this course taught by Frédéric Schütz (Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics, Lausanne).
- 3) The SPS offered financial support to:

- two PhD students for the participation to the 3rd EuPA congress "Clinical Proteomics" held in June 2009 in Stockholm, Sweden;
 - one PhD student for the participation to the 3rd European Summer School in Proteomic Basics "Protein quantification and post-translational modifications" (Tyrol, Italy);
 - one student for participation to the HUPO 2009 World Congress in Toronto, Canada.
- 4) The SPS virtual Journal (SPS'Digest) has completed its 6th year with 64 issues, 646 subscribers, and 16059 articles selected.

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

PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT COMPARED 01.09.2007/08 TO 31.08.2008/09

<u>REVENUES</u>	2008/09	2007/08	<i>Differences</i>
Sponsoring received	0.00	95'000.00	<i>-95'000.00</i>
Congres registration	1'900.00	72'203.19	<i>-70'303.19</i>
Membership fees	130.00	17'400.00	<i>-17'270.00</i>
Creditors interests	127.75	121.45	<i>6.30</i>
TOTAL REVENUES	2'157.75	184'724.64	<i>-182'566.89</i>
 <u>EXPENSES</u>			
Congres & Travel expenses	0.00	119'563.67	<i>-119'563.67</i>
Comitee expenses	1'219.89	0.00	<i>1'219.89</i>
Membership EUPA, BioAlps	2'484.00	0.00	<i>2'484.00</i>
Grants	1'490.00	2'850.00	<i>-1'360.00</i>
Sponsoring	0.00	1'000.00	<i>-1'000.00</i>
Office expense, accounting, Website	1'306.10	2'990.15	<i>-1'684.05</i>
VAT provisionnal	1'909.40	814.95	<i>1'094.45</i>
Bank & credit cards expenses	382.25	308.70	<i>73.55</i>
TOTAL EXPENSES	8'791.64	127'527.47	<i>-118'735.83</i>
 Profit & (loss) before reserve	 -6'633.89	 57'197.17	 <i>-63'831.06</i>
Reserves HUPO2011	0.00	20'000.00	<i>0.00</i>
PROFIT (LOSS)	-6'633.89	37'197.17	<i>-63'831.06</i>

BALANCE SHEET COMPARED AS AT 31 AUGUST 2008/09

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>CHF</u> 2008/09	<u>CHF</u> 2007/08	<i>Differences</i>
UBS (2501 P)	49'806.87	56'967.07	<i>-7'160.20</i>
UBS CONGRESS (2502 K)	48'325.40	47'125.23	<i>1'200.17</i>
Withholding taxes	87.30	42.55	<i>44.75</i>
VAT provisionnal	44.70	763.31	<i>-718.61</i>
TOTAL ASSETS	98'264.27	104'898.16	<i>-6'633.89</i>
 <u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Capital	10'000.00	10'000.00	<i>0.00</i>
Reserve as at 01.01	54'898.16	17'700.99	<i>37'197.17</i>
Profit or (Loss)	<i>-6'633.89</i>	37'197.17	<i>-43'831.06</i>
Reserve as at 31.12	48'264.27	54'898.16	<i>-6'633.89</i>
 Reserve SPS/2009	 20'000.00	 20'000.00	 <i>0.00</i>
Reserve HUPO2011	20'000.00	20'000.00	<i>0.00</i>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	98'264.27	104'898.16	<i>-6'633.89</i>

In summary, the revenues and expenses showed a negative net result with a deficit of Sfr 6'633.89. This decrease is explained by the fact that the SPS has no revenues during the reporting period. The society remains financially very healthy with the total assets on 31.08.09 of Sfr 98'264,27.

Hans Voshol presented the report from Beat Riederer, the Accounting Reviewer Board, approving the accounts. 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) Activities for 2010: the Road Show idea will be left in stand-by in 2010. We will explore the idea of organising one of the EuPA basic courses in December 2010 on the 2-DE gels. This is a very practical/hands-on week course. The theoretical material (slides and protocols) are already available, but we would need to look for consumables, human resources and some

sponsorships.

(7) Jean-Charles Sanchez has briefly presented the updates on the HUPO+EuPA+SPS meeting to be held in Geneva in 2011. The URL is <http://www.hupo2011.com/>

(8) Other

– USGEB (Union of Swiss Societies for Experimental Biology) has invited the SPS to become either a member association or an affiliated association. In summary, member associations have to pay an annual fee of 21 Sfr per head of own members, but it is allowed to organise one of the sessions in their annual meetings and receive 3'000 Sfr to help cover the expenses. Individual members can apply for USGEB grants to congresses. The affiliated associations don't have any fee duties. They are allowed to organise one of the sessions in their annual meetings but do not receive any sponsorship from USGEB. The SPS executive committee has suggested that SPS becomes an affiliated association. There was a vote and it has been accepted by the large majority of the GA members that the SPS becomes an affiliated association of USGEB.

– A call for contributions for future activities of the SPS was made onsite to the GA members. Patricia Palagi has proposed the organisation of a Students' Workshop in December 2010. It would be organised by PhD students, which are members of the SPS, with the help of the SPS executive committee. Only PhD students would submit abstracts, some would be selected for oral presentations the others for posters, maybe one or two invited speakers. A lively discussion has followed. This idea seems to have been appreciated by the audience. It will be studied in detail by the executive committee. One PhD student from Basel has volunteered during the GA (Prasad Kolla) and Basel came up as the possible location.