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Minutes of the 25th General Assembly of the SCS

April 24, 2015, 13:30-14:00 at University of Basel, Lecture hall OC. The minutes is published in CHIMIA 5/2015

1. Welcome; Approval of the Agenda

After the lunch break of the SCS Spring Meeting Peter Kündig opened the assembly and welcomed all attendees. The agenda was approved. No changes requested.

2. Election of the vote counters

29 SCS members were present at the beginning of the assembly. At the end there were about 100 members in the assembly room. The increase in members during the assembly had no impact on the results of the votes as all decisions were made without any dissenting votes. The president proposed Yves Auberson as vote counter. He was confirmed unanimously.

3. Minutes from the 24th GA from April 24, 2014

The minutes were published in CHIMIA (2014, 68, No. 5, A335). They were approved unanimously.

4. Annual report 2014

The annual report was published in CHIMIA (2015, 69, No. 1-2, A73ff). It was approved unanimously.

5. Financial report 2014 and audit report

David Spichiger presented the financial statement. Incomes of CHF 2'050'784 and expenses of CHF 1'837'700 result in an operating surplus before taxes of CHF +100'458. Taking in account the portfolio income, the taxes and the transaction volume of the SCS Funds of CHF +112'603 a net surplus of 213'061 results for 2014.

As of 31.12.2014 the total assets are CHF 3'963'562.

Audit Report:

In his audit report from March 19, 2015, Peter Baumgartner from REVITREU Baumgartner, Gerzensee, proposes to the assembly to approve the financial statement with no restriction. The assembly approved the financial statement 2014 and the audit report with no abstention and no dissenting vote.

6. Discharge of the organs of the society

The assembly discharged the Board and the financial audit unanimously with no abstention.

7. Elections (Changes in the SCS Board of Directors, BoD)

Persons leaving

- Prof. E. Peter Kündig will step down as president of the Society by the end of 2015.
- Prof. Philippe Renaud stepped down as president of the Division of Fundamental Research. The President thanked Philippe Renaud for the services rendered to the SCS and the DFR.
- The mandate of Cédric Invernizzi ends by end of 2015 and he

will leave the board after his mandate of 3 years..

New Board members for the period 2015-2017:

- Prof. Christian Bochet, University of Fribourg, succeeds Prof. Philippe Renaud, as President of the DFR. He joins the board ex officio.

The ExB and the BoD proposes Alain de Mesmaeker, Syngenta Crop Protection AG, as new SCS president as of January 2016 and as successor of Peter Kündig. The GA elected Alain de Mesmaeker with no dissenting vote and a great applause. The GA confirmed REVITREU to do the audit also for 2015.

8. Strategy, Membership fees and News

There are no changes in the SCS Mission Statement and the related strategy.

The BoD proposes to the assembly a revision of the SCS bylaws. The modification does not focus on the society's core values but on legal formalities. The revision includes the following items:

- Align the society's objectives to the mission statement and the strategy;
- Cancel the obligation to collaborate with the SCS Foundation as it's not the competence of the society to define such collaboration.
- Include the non-profit approach of the society;
- Align the bylaws to the current business structure (board, committees);
- Correct out-of-use wording;
- Eliminate duplication and paragraphs that are regulated in additional regulations or rules of procedure;
- Include the regulation to sign in the name of the society;

The assembly follows the recommendation of the BoD and approves the new bylaws unanimously with two small changes. The ExB gets the mandate to follow-up and to implement the new bylaws.

The annual membership fees will not change in 2015 and were approved unanimously.

- Regular member	CHF 150.00
- Student member	CHF 50.00
- Retired member / unemployed members	CHF 80.00
- Institutional member (companies)	CHF 800.00
Additional Fees for Divisions	
- Ind. & Applied Chemistry - Regular/Student	CHF 20.00
- - Company	CHF 100.00
- Photochemistry Section - Regular	CHF 40.00
- - Student	CHF 20.00

Collective membership for university research groups

- Research Group with one Professor 15% discount
and at least 5 members in total on total sum

New collaborations:

- SCS acquired 5% of Chemistry a European Journal shares as of Jan 1, 2014, and is now full member of ChemPubSoc.

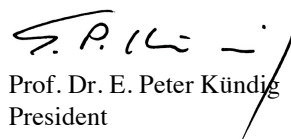
9. News and Outlook 2015

- HPLC 2015, 21.26.06.2015, Geneva;
www.hplc2015-geneva.org
- PolyColl 2015, annual Meeting of the DPCI, 03.07.2015, Fribourg; scg.ch/polycoll/2015
- SCS Fall Meeting: 04.09.2015, EPF Lausanne;
scg.ch/fallmeeting/2015
- SCS-Syngenta Symposium, 15.10.2015, Stein (AG);
«Chirality - Upsides for Chemical Innovation»
scg.ch/syngentasymposium/2015
- The Expanding Toolbox of Medicinal Chemistry, 16.10.2015, Dijon; scg.ch/etmc/2015
- Lectures and SCS Lectureships,
scg.ch/lectures; scg.ch/scs-lectureships
- Education courses in Analytical Chemistry (by DAS)
scg.ch/courses

10. Varia

No votes were requested from the audience. The President thanked for the confidence and closed the assembly.

Basel, April 24, 2015


Prof. Dr. E. Peter Kündig
President


David Spichiger
Executive Director

Appendix I: Portrait of the new SCS President



Dr. Alain De Mesmaeker

Principal Chemistry Expert, Principal Syngenta Fellow

Vice-President of the Swiss Chemical Society

Born in Brussels, Belgium (1955)

Education:

- Licence in Chemistry (1973-1978), Catholic University of Louvain, Louvain-La-Neuve, Belgium (Intramolecular reactions of Norbornene derivatives; Prof. H. G. Viehe)
- PhD in Chemistry (1978-1983), Catholic University of Louvain, Louvain-La-Neuve, Belgium (Synthesis and thermal isomerisation of capto-dative substituted cyclopropanes, Prof. H. G. Viehe)
- Post-doctoral Research (1983-1985), Weizmann Institute of Sciences, Rehovot, Israel (Total synthesis of carbacyclic analogues of Clavulanic Acid using radical reactions, Prof. M. D. Bachi)

Industrial Research:

- 1985-1996: Team leader, Project Leader, Group Leader in Central Research Laboratories, Ciba-Geigy, Basel, Switzerland
- 1997-2000: Group Leader, Head of Research Chemistry, Novartis Crop Protection Research
- 2000-2008: Global Head of Research Chemistry, Syngenta Crop Protection (Switzerland, United Kingdom, India)
- 2008-present: Principal Chemistry Expert and Principal Syngenta Fellow (since 2010, Highest Scientific Level in Syngenta R&D), Syngenta Crop Protection and Crop Enhancement Research, Stein, Switzerland

Member of several boards and organizing committees

- For ex. Bürgenstock EuCheMS Conference on Stereochemistry, Swiss Chemical Society-Syngenta Symposium on Organic Chemistry, Jury member of the "Karrer Gold Medal Award" University of Zürich, Kontakt Gruppe für Forschungsfragen KGF, Werner Foundation, Board of Directors of the Swiss Chemical Society, Belgian Organic Synthesis Symposium BOSS)

88 Publications, > 50 Patents, > 50 Invited lectures