

# Protocol of the SSOM General Assembly 2022

Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 2022 13:30-14:30

Technorama, Winterthur

## Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Protokoll GV 2019
3. Activity reports and outlook from Sections
4. Treasurer, Income, Fortune and Budget 2022
5. Discharge of Board
6. Election of president, board members, section boards
7. Proposal from the board: dissolution of Section Nano-Technologie
8. Varia

## General Assembly:

1. Marco Cantoni welcomes 45 participants. Agenda is confirmed.
2. The Protocol of GA 2019 is approved without oppositions.
3. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, there was activity in the some sections:

## Microscopy section:

Activities presented by Rolf Erni.

- Looking for additional board members and to change the president. Rolf Erni will still be in the board but the president will be ????????
- Some activities are planned for the future:
  - Herbstversammlung @ Empa
  - A twitter channel proposed by Robin Schäublin. Will it be just for the microscopy section or for entire SSOM?
- Recent activities:
  - Roadmaps 2025-2028. A chemistry roadmap where the central question is “What is needed on the instrumentation side?”. Authors are Marc Williger, Nicolas Bland, Christophe Copéret, Rolf Erni, Elisabeth Müller-

Guber. It is based on a pre-proposal asked from the Confederation and submitted to ETH(Z) board.

- EM-Frontiers 2025-2028 (2029-2032). A very large network for life sciences and material sciences. Initiated by Henning Stahlberg but with many players. The purpose is to create a de-centralised center for EM.
- Open EM Data Network.

Question from audience:

Sousan Abolhassani asks who is going to join EM-Frontiers: SSOM as a society?

Rolf Erni: no answer yet, we first need to know if it is going to happen.

Marco Cantoni: This is an ETH(Z) initiative, money comes from the Confederation and then it was extended to other universities. SSOM can participate to it through the people. SSOM can work as a network catalyst.

### **Optics section:**

Presented by Beat Neuenschwander

They are discussing. board meeting of the year is planned for June 17<sup>th</sup> and something will be organized next year.

Marco Cantoni: Is SSOM still representing people in the optics session or they are better represented by Swissphotonics?

Beat Neuenschwander: They are discussing about the future as well.

### **Nano-technology section:**

No-one was present.

### **Microscopy core facility section:**

Activities presented by Arne Seitz.

- Microscopy core facility days 2020 and 2021. This year it will be 10<sup>th</sup> edition.
- Webinar series in microscopy. This activity came up during Corona but it continued. It is organized by the youngest members on the board, a PhD and a postdoc.

- LS<sup>2</sup> Microscopy intersection was active. In linking microscopy community and life scientists.

### **Biomedical photonics:**

Activities presented by Martin Wolf.

- A meeting in person was organized last year
  - A meeting will be organized at the beginning of December 2022 at EPFL
  - Asks the audience to share his contact in case someone from their laboratory is interested in giving seminars.
4. Treasurer Gianni Morson presents the report, which is approved at the unanimity.
  5. Board discharged
  6. Elections:
    - President: Marco Cantoni is confirmed
    - Vicepresidents:
      - Microscopy section: Robin Schäublin
      - Optics session: Beat Neuenschwander is confirmed
      - Microscopy core facility section: Arne Seitz is confirmed
      - Biomedical photonics: Martin Wolf is confirmed
    - Editor: Reto Holzner is confirmed. He will stay in the board for one year and see how the role will evolve. He asks for content and he says the it will not be possible for him to take care of twitter, even though he thinks it is a good idea.
    - Revisors: Simon Wagne and Nicolas Blanc are elected as new revisor
  7. Dissolution of the Nano-Technology session: unanimity.
  8. Varia
    - A big **decrease in the number of members** was observed when collective affiliations were forbidden. Marco Cantoni will send an email

to the members who unregistered during the transition from collective to individual membership.

Sousan Abolhassani points out that it is difficult to reach young generations: from her experience, the question that young scientist ask is “Why should I become member? What for?”.

She suggests that we should go to core facilities, where many interested people are working, to make SSOM known and to tell everyone we know to register.

Marco Cantoni suggests to distribute free USB sticks, to show that SSOM is still alive. Moreover new activities will be soon organized.

- **Membership fees** for last year were not billed because no activities were organized.
- Marco Cantoni: Something is needed to **manage members** different from a regular excel file.
- Marco Cantoni: **A SSOM secretary** would be needed. Maybe someone at ScopeM? Someone who speaks German is needed.
- Marco Cantoni: the **website** is a bit weird due to the platform of SCNAT that is hosting it. Some sections have separated websites; maybe it is worth to do it for the Microscopy section as well?
- Sousan Abolhassani remembers that in the past every section was discussing about big **future events** and she hopes it will happen again
- Sousan Abolhassani points out that in the past every section was supposed to give some **contents** for the bulletin every few months. It should be re-introduced, so that it is easier to organize if there are fixed deadlines.  
Marco Cantoni: The Bulletin is not going to be printed anymore, but maybe a newsletter?
- Arne Seitz asks to organize **next GA** closer to central Switzerland, Winterthur is very far from Geneva.