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A report on the SSOM General Assembly- May 22, 2025

Swiss Museum of Transport, Luzern

The meeting was attended by roughly 30 SSOM members.

Agenda:

Talk from Prof. Dr. Inge Herrmann (ETH Zurich, EMPA, Balgrist University Hospital, The Ingenuity Lab Zurich)

Talk from Dr Jingjing Jiang (University Hospital Zurich)

Lunch

SSOM General Assembly (GA)

During the GA, the SSOM president Prof. Dr Marco Cantoni announced that the next GA will take place in 2026 and that we will resume with the original 2- years frequency meeting.

The protocol from 2022 was accepted.

M. Cantoni presented the activity report and outlook of each SSOM section.

Gianni Morson presented the budget which has been revised and confirmed by Nicolas Blanc, as representative of the revisors.

After 17 years of impeccable service, Gianni Morson will retire in 2026 and the process of educating a new SSOM treasurer has started. He was warmly thanked for his great work and commitment to the association.

The SSOM is implementing Clubdesk to manage the membership registration process and fees claim. Available functions and limitations were presented by the SSOM webmaster, Dr Dimitri Vanhecke.

The SSOM board was discharged.

Bylaws have been updated to reflect the GA decision taken in 2019 to discontinue SSOM Collective Memberships: §7 "Collective Membership" has officially been removed.

M. Cantoni announced his intention to resign as SSOM president in 2026. To smooth the organization of the upcoming Dreiländertagung/ MC 2029 in Switzerland, the assembly voted for a preterm new president election. Dr Robin Schäublin kindly accepted to take over this role in 2026 and is immediately acting as SSOM representative for the MC2029 organization.

The Microscopy section is in charge of overseeing the organization of the MC2029.

The vice-presidents for the following sections were reelected for 2025:

- Microscopy section: Robin Schäublin
- Biomedical photonics: Martin Wolf
- Optics section: Beat Neuenschwander

The dissolution of the Optics section is considered and will be further discussed during the next GA.

After the GA, all SSOM members could visit the Swiss Museum of Transport or go to the Planetarium.