

Protocol of the General Assembly 2000
of the Signal Transduction Society

Date: 3.11.2000

Place: Dorint-Hotel Berlin-Müggelsee

Beginning: 13.15 Uhr

President of the Assembly: O. Janssen

Secretary: F. Entschladen

Agenda:

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Adoption of the Protocol of the General Assembly 1999
3. President's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Exoneration of the Council
6. STS-Webpage
7. Meeting 2001
8. Membership and Congress Fees
9. Signal Transduction Journal Project
10. Matters arising
11. Address by the incoming President

TOP 1: Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda is accepted with unanimity. The presence of 48 members is fixed on the attendance list. Therefore, the general assembly is competent to pass resolutions.

TOP 2: Adoption of the Protocol of the General Assembly 1999

The protocol is accepted with unanimity.

TOP 3: President's Report

The number of members increased from 102 end 1999 to 170. A further increase is aimed at. The members are asked to remain active in acquiring new members.

O. Janssen refers to the good and cooperative quality of the relations to the 'parent societies' (DGfI, DGZ, and GBM). The members of the council are continuously serving as speakers of

study groups within these societies (O. Janssen: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Immunologie (DGfI); R. Hass: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Zellbiologie (DGZ); K. Friedrich: Gesellschaft für Biochemie und Molekularbiologie (GBM)). Thereby, a constructive cooperation is maintained and developed.

O. Janssen refers to the increasing number of sponsors and acknowledges their support.

TOP 4: Treasurer's Report

R. Hass explains the presented account balance. As in 1998 the society earned a credit in 1999. The most income was derived from companies and congress fees. The council made the decision to present the balance to the revenue office not only, as demanded, in a three year term but already every year. The declaration for 1999 was presented to the responsible revenue office in Kiel. After intensive examination the decision of tax exemption was issued for the forthcoming three years. The expected costs (fixed costs, computer purchase) for the present year were presented.

TOP 5: Exoneration of the Council

M. Martin applies for exoneration of the council. The application passes without unanimity.

TOP 6: STS-Webpage

C. Bartke presents the innovations of the webpage. He refers to the necessity of a frequent update of the personal records by the members to guarantee that all members are attainable via internet. Next year, the registration for the STS meeting will be modified and made easier. The congress program will be free for download.

TOP 7: Meeting 2001

F. Entschladen and K. Friedrich present two options for the location of follow-up meeting 2001. Two offers from hotels Gladbeck and Weimar are briefly described. The members are asked for their preferences. A minority of seven members prefers Gladbeck, most of the present members vote for Weimar.

O. Janssen asks for further offers. No further offers are presented. He refers to the necessity for offers to be acquired by the members for the forthcoming years.

TOP 8: Membership and Congress Fees

It was decided to adhere the status quo of the fees. The congress fees for follow-up meetings are intended to be kept in the same range as this year.

TOP9: Signal Transduction Journal Projekt

All members are encouraged to submit manuscripts to the journal. The cooperation with the publisher (Wiley-VCH) will be discussed at a meeting on this evening. A reduced subscription is guaranteed for STS members. O. Janssen demands the support of all present members.

TOP 10: Matters Arising / Verschiedenes

Possible coincidences and conflicts with other relevant meetings at the anticipated date for the STS Meeting 2001 (November 8th to November 10th) are asked to be reported to the council as soon as possible.

TOP 11: Address by the incoming President

According to §8 of the STS statute the president O. Janssen is succeeded by R. Hass, the present vice president. As of January 2001, O. Janssen is senior president and the second vice president (K. Friedrich) is president elect.

R. Hass acknowledges the outstanding achievements of O. Janssen in the initial phase of the society and refers once more to the excellent development of the STS. The continuity of the administrative work is guaranteed by the above mentioned procedure.

O. Janssen thanks the members for their contributions and closes the assembly at 13.55.

Berlin, Nov. 4.,2001

Secretary

President of the Assembly

Frank Entschladen

Ottmar Janssen