

## Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the BME Club held on the 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 at Murtenstrasse 50, ARTORG Center, Bern.

### 1. Welcome by the president

The president Dr. Prabitha Urwyler opened the meeting of the 5<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and welcomed the participants. 18 members of the BME Club attended the General Assembly at the ARTORG Center.

### 2. Election of the day's chairman

PD. Dr. Jens Kowal was elected unanimously as the chairman of the General Assembly.

### 3. Election of the protocol recorder

PD Dr. Dobrila Nestic was elected unanimously as the protocol recorder.

### 4. Approval of the minutes of the last assembly

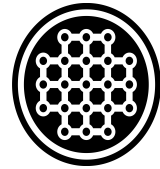
The minutes of the fourth General Assembly were unanimously approved. The chairman thanked Tobias Imfeld for providing the minutes.

### 5. Activity report of last year

The chairman presented the activities of the last year which included: annual company visit – to MPS, the annual Grand Prix Bern, Welcome Freshers Apéro, Student orientation event, Alumni BBQ, Lunch meet @ WMTF, visit to Onion Market (first round of gluhwein offered) and the regular Stammtisch with the "Happy hour" for the first round of drinks. The activity report was approved unanimously.

### 6. Approval of new club members

The current membership count is 219 with 177 regular and 42 student members. 19 new members (6 regular and 13 students) were approved with a large majority. 30 members resigned in the last one year. Resignations are mainly due to the transition from student to regular member, which now requires payment. One year is given as a decision-zone before discontinuation of the membership. Julia Spyra commented that less students joined the club this year compared to previous years and that the student representative should develop motivating strategy. Tom de Bruyne said that some students leave Switzerland upon graduation. Prabitha and Christian said that 219 is a fine number after all. New club members were approved unanimously.



## 7. Financial report

The treasurer Christian Güder presented the financial report. There was a bit of profit and the assets of the BME Club at the end of 2013 amount to 14'054.91. The internal auditors, Patrick Roth and Lutz Nolte, confirmed the financial report of the BME Club and complimented Christian for his excellent performance. The financial report was approved unanimously.

## 8. Budget 2014

Christian presented the budget for 2014. The budget is expected to be higher compared to 2013 due to the trip to MEDICA. Patrick Roth (CCMT) kindly offered to sponsor the Grand Prix races; BME club will sponsor 2 poster awards on the BME day. Prabitha asked about insurance BME club should have for the events; Christian will call an insurance company to inquire. The budget - balanced between the anticipated income and expenses - was approved by all attendees with no dissentients.

## 9. Election of the office bearers of the executive committee

Three representative members stepped down: Hanieh Mohammadi (Master student), Rudolf Sidler (Industry) and Christian Güder (Treasurer). They were thanked for their valuable contributions. Christian Güder volunteered to stay in the executive committee and his nomination was approved for the position of the Public Relations /Newsletter. The nomination of Carlos Ciller was unanimously accepted for the position of the treasurer.

The office bearers of the executive committee consists of:

President:	Prabitha Urwyler
Vice President:	Tom de Bruyne
Secretary:	Julia Spyra
Treasurer:	Carlos Ciller
Webmaster:	Tobias Imfeld
Internal Auditors:	Lutz Nolte, Patrick Roth

They were approved unanimously.

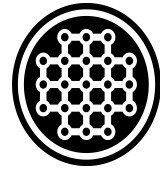
## 10. New student representative

The candidate for Master student representative was presented – Alejandro Juarez Robles, although he was not present. However, the attendees did approve his candidature for the new student representative with no dissentient.

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## 11. Election of the representatives of the executive committee

The representatives of the executive committee are:

Faculty:	Dobriła Nesić
PR/Newsletter:	Christian Güder
Master Student:	Alejandro Jsurrez Robles
PhD Student:	Matteo Fusaglia
Alumni:	Lukas Boesch

The new office bearers of the executive committee were approved unanimously.

## 12. Varia

### a. Newsletter

We will continue to publish Newsletter once per year. It will appear at the end of the year and it will be sent out together with the invitation for the next General assembly.

### b. Two poster awards on a BME day sponsored by the BME club

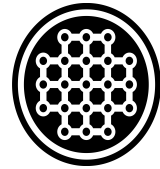
The club will sponsor 2 poster awards – one for the best Master thesis (based on the presented A4 posters) and one for the PhD student, within the presenting booths. We need a committee to judge the posters – Prabitha will contact 3 persons (senior posdocs) based on recommendations.

### c. Travel award

The club sponsored two travel awards in 2013. One was given to Diana Pena, who wrote an article on the 19<sup>th</sup> Swiss Conference on Biomaterials in Davos, and to Pietro Bottani who wrote about the World Medtech Forum. The award to Pietro was handed over by Dobriła Nesić; Diana could not attend.

### d. Corporate membership strategy

The topic of corporate membership has become the topic of how to involve a company to maybe sponsor/organize an event. The remaining question is: what can the club offer companies? Tom said that the concept of the company should coincide with the goals of the club. The idea would be to have 1-2 stories of the students who found employment in companies after finishing the BME Master program.



## 13. Events planned for 2014

- a. Stammtisch bi-monthly, on a Tuesday: registration is via Doodle, Happy Hour  
Next Stammtisch will be on 11. March at 7:00 pm in the Restaurant Beaulieu.
- b. Company visit – HEIG-VD in Yverdon-les-Bains  
The company visit will take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2014 and will be hosted by Prof. Enrico Staderini.
- c. Bowling evening, 25. Apr. 2014
- d. Grand Prix Bern will take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May
- e. BME day is on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May
- f. The Alumni Event will be on August 22<sup>nd</sup>
- g. Welcome for the new students will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September
- h. Billiard evening will take place on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October
- i. Orientation event for new students is planned for the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November
- j. MEDICA trip (12-15 November) is planned for a minimum 15 to a maximum 35 participants, and will be organized by a bus.
- k. Visit to the Bern Onion Market will be on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November.

## 14. Close

The day's chairman thanked Prabitha for doing a great job in organizing this event and wished all participants a nice year until the next General Assembly.

The Protocol Recorder

Dobriła Nesić

The Day's Chairman

Jens Kowal