

Minutes of the 6th General Assembly of the BME Club held on 26th February, 2015 at Murtenstrasse 50, ARTORG Center, Bern.

1. Welcome by the president

The president Dr. Prabitha Urwyler opened the meeting of the 6th General Assembly and welcomed the participants. 24 members of the BME Club attended the General Assembly at the ARTORG Center.

2. Election of the day's chairman

Dr. Raphael Sznitman 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

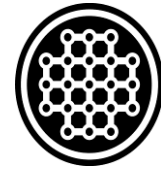
The minutes of the 5th General Assembly were unanimously approved.

5. Activity report of last year

The chairman presented last year's activities which included: annual company visit –to the Lab 34 at HEIG-VD in Yverdon-les-Bains, the annual Grand Prix Bern, Welcome Freshers Apéro, Student orientation event, Alumni BBQ, visit to MEDICA 2014, 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 membership count is 201 (date: 15 Jan. 2015) with 86 regular (57 dual members with SSBE) and 115 student members. 30 new members (3 regular and 27 students). 48 members resigned in the last year. Resignations are mainly due to the transition from student to regular member, which now requires payment. New club members were approved unanimously.



7. Financial report

The treasurer Carlos Ciller presented the financial report for 2014. The total income was CHF 9,118.00 and expenses was CHF 10,309.15. The MEDICA trip income of 5'358.00CHF covered the costs of the trip (5'271.50CHF). The assets of the BME Club at the end of 2014 amount to 12'863.76. The internal auditors, Patrick Roth (present) and Lutz Nolte (with a signed letter), confirmed the financial report of the BME Club and complimented Carlos for his excellent performance. The financial report was approved unanimously.

8. Budget 2015

Carlos presented the budget for 2015. The budget amounts to 3,500.00 CHF. Patrick Roth and Stefan Weber (CCMT) kindly offered to sponsor the Grand Prix races; BME club will continue to sponsor abstract/poster awards on the BME day. The budget - balanced between the anticipated income (membership fees) and expenses - was approved by all attendees with no dissentients.

9. Election of the executive committee

Three executive committee members stepped down: Alejandro Robles (Master student representative), and Lukas Boesch (Alumni representative) and Matteo Fusaglia (PhD student representative). They were thanked for their valuable contributions.

a) Election of new master student representative

The candidate for Master student representative presented herself – Andrea Nienhaus - and the attendees approved her candidature for the new student representative with no dissentient.

b) Election of new PhD student representative

The candidate for PhD student representative presented himself - Juan Anso - and all attendees approved his candidature.

c) Election of new alumni representative

The candidate for alumni representative presented himself – Fatih Toy - and all attendees approved his candidature.

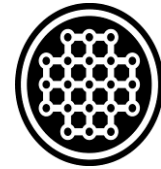
The executive committee for the year 2015 consists of:

President:	Prabitha Urwyler
Vice President:	Tom de Bruyne
Secretary:	Julia Spyra
Treasurer:	Carlos Ciller
Webmaster:	Tobias Imfeld
PR/Newsletter:	Christian Güder
Faculty representative:	Dobrila Nestic
Master Student representative:	Andrea Nienhaus

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PhD Student representative: Juan Anso
Alumni representative: Fatih Toy

They were approved unanimously.

10. Election of auditors

The auditors Lutz Nolte, Patrick Roth were re-elected for the year 2015 and approved unanimously.

11. Varia

a. Travel award

The club sponsored two travel awards in 2014. One was given to Aarati Chacko, who wrote an article on the MEDICA, and to Andreas Renngli who wrote about the visit of HEIG-VD. The award was handed over by Dobrila Nestic.

We decided to change Student Travel award (as we have only one Newsletter per year, and have now enough articles for publication) to Travel Grant for master students attending conferences within Switzerland. The applicants are to send their abstract and recommendation letter from their supervisor to Dobrila Nestic. The evaluation team consisting of (Dobrila Nestic, Stefan Weber, tbd) will evaluate the applications and decide on the winners. The criteria on how to judge the application will be defined.

b. Collaboration with Alumni Biomedical Sciences

Alumni Biomedical Sciences is an association (approx. 60 members) for former students of the BENEFR (Bern/Fribourg/Neuchatel) Biomedical Sciences program. Prabitha proposed to co-organize scientific talks with them.

c. The contract with Alumni UniBern was signed and presented. We can use their database and web platform, which will be finished in 2016. The signed contract, however, allows BME club members to obtain a lifelong email address, which will help us as well to remain in touch with BME program Alumni.

d. Trip to MEDICA.

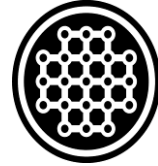
MEDICA now takes place in the middle of the week, representing a problem for the students to attend. Several possibilities were suggested:

- similar events in Munich and Besançon – to be emailed to Prabitha
- as first year students do not have classes on Wednesday ask Ulla Jakob to accommodate the schedule for an additional day making it free to the trip

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12. Events planned for 2015

- a. Stammtisch bi-monthly, on a Tuesday: registration is via Doodle, Happy Hour
Next Stammtisch will be on 10. March at 7:00 pm in the Restaurant Beaulieu.
- b. Company visit – Fatih Toy proposed to organize the visit to his company in Basel -
Medartis.
- c. Bowling evening, 24.Apr.2014
- d. Grand Prix Bern will take place on the 9th May
- e. BME day is on the 29th of May
- f. The Alumni BBQ Event will be on August 21nd
- g. Welcome for the new students will be on the 11th September
- h. Instead of billiard, we will go hiking on the 17th October
- i. Orientation event for new students is planned for the 2nd November
- j. Visit to the Bern Onion Market will be on the 23rd November.

13. Close

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

The Protocol Recorder

Dobriła Nesić

The Day's Chairman

Raphael Sznitman