LS² General Assembly 2021

28th of January, 2021
Online meeting
13:00 - 14:00
44 person maximum were present (including Didier Picard, hosting the session)
Vote: 100% approved
-> VOTED
Vote:
90% approved
10% abstention (4 votes)

-> VOTED
Daniel Legler: where are those reserves coming from?
Didier Picard: they come from past years benefits, from one year to another we can transfer some reserves if it would help to reach a balance
It was done in the past, when the benefits allowed that.
Vote:
95% approved
5% abstention (2 votes)
-> VOTED
Laura: What is the designer doing?  
Graphic design of flyers, posters, nametags... for the meetings and the website.
Didier Picard: SCNAT, who is funding most of our activities, is decreasing this specific funding for Travel Grants every year.
6. Elections of LS² board members

Changes in boards in 2020:

Jörm Dengel
UNIFR
President and part of the EC

Julien Puyal
UNIL
Vice-President

Mario Tschan
UNIBE
Past President

Andrea Banfi
UNIBA
President and part of the EC

Elena Oato
USZ
Vice-President

Marie-Noëlle Giraud
UNIFR
Past President

Thank you Mario and Marie-Noëlle for your support!!
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Upcoming changes in boards, effective from August 2021:

Christine Peinelt  
UNIBE  
Future President and part of the EC

Thomas Lutz  
UZH  
Future Vice-President

Zhihong Yang  
UNIFR  
President until July 2021
Vote:
95% approved
5% abstention
-> VOTED
6. Elections of LS² board members

New board members

Céline Michard
UNIGE
Board member

Manon Mottet
UNIGE
Board member
(Communication Manager)

Jan Kucera
UNIBE
Board member

Anna Jazwinska
UNIFR
Board member

Monica Gotta
UNIGE
Board member
6. Elections of LS² board members

New board members

Eavan Dorsey  
NCCR Microbiomes  
Board member

Uwe Sauer  
ETHZ  
Board member

Olivier Pertz  
UNIBE  
Board member

Alexander Leitner  
ETH Zurich  
Board member
6. Elections of LS² board members

Please vote on the new board members of (inter)sections:

- Autophagy,  
- Cardiovascular Biology,  
- Molecular and Cell Biosciences,  
- Systems Biology  
- Proteomics

Vote:
98% approved
5% abstention
-> VOTED
6. Elections of LS² board members

Board members finishing their terms:

- **Paola Picotti**
  ETH Zurich
- **Sophie Martin**
  University of Lausanne
- **Ernst Niggli**
  University of Bern
- **Thierry Soldati**
  University of Geneva

Thank you for your work and support !!!
Didier: The last minute change at the end is for nomenclature.
Didier: The change of point 11.3 comes to have a bit more open and transparent election/selection of vice-president.

Didier: The main changes of the text for the awards are on the Regulations, but we also have to approve them here.

Vote on the new LS2 Bylaws text:
- Daniel Legler: we need to be aware of the risk of conflict of interest, for collective membership for private companies, and their access to voting rights and decision making in the budget and direction of the society.
- Didier Picard: agree, we will keep this in mind. The risk is minimum now with only one company having a collective membership.
- Urs Greber: we should wait to know if all those changes in Bylaws are approved with the Lawyer

98% approved
3% abstention (1 vote)
-> VOTED
**Extra point on agenda to determine a new membership fee**

**Lifetime membership fee** *(recently approved by the Delegate Assembly on 26.01.2021)*

**LS² General Regulations**

1. Organisation
   
   **d. Regulations of lifetime membership**
   
   4. The membership fee amounts to 10x the fee of a retired scientist, payable at the beginning of the membership.

4. Membership fees

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<th>Categories</th>
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<td>Collective members</td>
<td>Groups of at least 8 members, e.g. from academic institutions, research institutes, or companies interested in the life sciences</td>
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<td>Partner members</td>
<td>Associations, scholarly societies</td>
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Please vote on the new fee for the category of Lifetime members

Vote Lifetime membership fees:
90% approved
10% abstention (4 votes)

-> VOTED
Jessica Plucain: we did not lose too many members this year despite the cancellation of a lot of our activities.
Martine Collert: did the members receive any mail to remind the payment?
Jessica Plucain: Yes, we send different mails, 1 by post, 3 by email
Corrections:
- Cell migration retreat was online
- Microscopy was hybrid online on-site
- Autophagy was on-site but we live streaming

Daniel Legler careful that the term «reschedule/postponned» is different than canceled!!!!!
8. Varia. LS² in Numbers. Upcoming projects

- 10 Scientific Symposia
- Young Scientists' Symposium
- Science Communication plenary talk
- 3 Keynote Lectures
- 3 Award Lectures
- "Dialogue on Human Genome Editing" workshop
- Industry Exhibition & 3 prizes (industry quiz)
- Poster Gallery & 7 poster prizes

- PIOT competition
- 4 Networking breakout rooms
  - Career corner
  - Science Communication
  - Start-ups
  - Academic funding

Deadline for registration
29.01.2021
https://annual-meeting.ls2.ch/
8. Varia. LS² in Numbers. Upcoming projects

Different series of webinars in 2021

- Innovation on Teaching Webinars:
  - First one on 17 March 2021
- Proteomics Webinars
8. Varia. LS$^2$ in Numbers. Upcoming projects

**LS$^2$ Prestige Webinars**: series of webinars with keynote speakers invited by our sections and intersections.

The webinars will be **public and free of charge**

- **19 March, 2021, 17h**
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  - April, 2021 (two shorter talks)
  - Pr. Lennart Martens (vIB-UGent Center for Medical Biotechnology, Gent, Belgium)
  - Pr. Jyoti Choudari (The Institute of Cancer Research, London, UK)

- **May, 2021**

https://meetings.ls2.ch/ls2-prestige-webinar-prof-thomas-lischler
Didier Picard: Possible new partnership with NCCR Transluc.
Marcus Thelen: no GCB
Roland Wohlmuth: ETH conference center. Will send details later...
Thank you!!