ESB General Assembly Minutes

Date: Sept 6, 2017
Time: 17.35 – 18.45
Venue: Plenary room, Congress center, Athens
Invited: All ESB 2017 attendees

Agenda (as sent in July 2017 to the members)

- Approval of the agenda
- Approval of the 2015 general assembly minutes
- President Report
- Treasurer Report
- Auditors’ Report
- Future ESB meetings 2017 – 2021 (AP)
- New membership scheme
- New statutes and byelaws
- ESB Journal
- YSF
- ESB Awards
- Council elections and functions (Prof E. Tanner)
- A.O.B

Modified agenda (as proposed and approved by the members at the general assembly)

- Approval of the agenda
  - Approved unanimously
• Approval of the 2015 general assembly minutes  
  o Approved unanimously
• President Report  
  o The president gave the word to Yannis Missirlis (honorary member of the ESB) to say a few words about Adam Curtis (honorary member of the ESB) who recently passed away.  
  o Matteo Santin reviewed his goals for his president term, namely communication, innovation, and education.  
  o He thanked council members for their help during his term.
• Treasurer Report  
  o Peter Dubruel presented the treasurer report for 2016 and 2017, detailing expenses and revenues.
• Auditors Report  
  o Rachel Williams (one of the two auditors beside Pentti Tengvall) proposed to approve the treasurer report for 2016. This was approved unanimously.  
  o Peter Dubruel spoke again to give some details about the ESB members (275 to this date).
• New statutes and byelaws / membership scheme  
  o Marc Bohner presented the purpose and rationale for a change of the membership scheme.  
  o He also indicated the new fees proposed for the different membership categories.  
  o It was proposed to exclude the implementation modus for this new membership scheme from the discussion.  
  o The new membership scheme should start with ESB 2018 in Maastricht.  
  o No questions were raised regarding these two matters, so a vote was proposed. The GA accepted unanimously (1) to accept the new membership scheme, and (2) to accept the new membership fees.  
  o In a second step, Marc Bohner addressed the new statutes and byelaws. A draft highlighting in yellow the changes to make to these two documents had been sent in July to all ESB members. Since a few comments came in, additional changes (in green) had to be made. These changes were presented by the ESB secretary. No questions were raised and both the new statutes and then the new byelaws were approved unanimously.
• ESB Journal  
  o Aldo R. Boccaccini mentioned that electronic access to JMSMM had been provided to all ESB members using a new login system. He also announced that, as it is tradition, JMSMM will publish a special issue with papers presented at ESB 2017 with Prof. Maria Chatzinikolaidou (ESB 2017 chair) and himself as guest editors.  
  o Abhay Pandit presented the reasons for the choice of a new journal and the new journal (Biomaterials Science). Two comments came from the assembly: Prof V. Hasirci pointed out that only one member of the editorial board is from Europe. Abhay Pandit replied that the journal is looking for another European editor. Prof E. Tanner stated that traditionally ESB council members are in the board of the journal. Matteo Santin said
that there was nothing on this matter in the contract between Springer and the ESB council.

- Future ESB meetings 2017 – 2021
  - Abhay Pandit briefly mentioned the location of the next ESB congresses, namely Maastricht (2018), Dresden (2019), and Porto (2021). The world biomaterials congress in Glasgow (2020) was also presented.

- YSF
  - Ana Pêgo listed the current members of the YSF board, presented the highlights of YSF activities in 2016 and 2017, such as the YSF survey, and the upcoming YSF board election. She also mentioned the YSF microsite on the ESB website.

- ESB Awards
  - 11 Julia Polak European Doctoral Awards, 2 Racquel LeGeros Awards, and 2 Rudolf Cimdins Scholarships were given in 2016-2017.
  - A summer school organized co-jointly between ESB and the (US) Society for Biomaterials (SFB) will take place in June 2018 in Bordeaux.

- Affiliated societies
  - Regular communications occur between affiliated societies and ESB.
  - 7 affiliated societies carried the “ESB 40th anniversary torch” and invited, on behalf of the ESB, speakers to the national conferences.
  - Affiliated societies and ESB published “A report on the biomaterials research translation in Europe”.

- ESB communication
  - The ESB president has a twitter account. The ESB has a website, and is present in Facebook and LinkedIn.
  - A calendar commemorating the 40th anniversary of the ESB was given away to WBC 2016 participants. Additionally, a specially designed ESB booth was setup at WBC 2016 to celebrate the 40th ESB anniversary.

- Council elections (Prof E. Tanner)
  - Eight ESB members were candidate at the recent council elections, four of which currently in the council.
  - Prof E. Tanner reported the names of the 5 new council members: Abhay Pandit (re-elected), Pamela Habibovic (re-elected), Peter Dubruel (re-elected), Silvia Farè (new), and Marc Bohner (re-elected)

- New president and functions
  - Matteo Santin presented the president: Pamela Habibovic.
  - Pamela Habibovic listed then the positions within the new council:
    - President: Pamela Habibovic
    - Vice-President / education / awards: Joëlle Amédée
    - Secretary: Ana Pêgo
    - Treasurer: Marc Bohner
    - ESB journal / YSF: Aldo R. Boccaccini
    - Industrial liaison officer: Peter Dubruel
List of attendees

The list of attendees was obtained by asking all attendees to fill out the presence list. One name was unreadable, so it is neither listed under “ESB members” nor under “non ESB members” (see below).

There were 109 attendees among which 67 are ESB members (24% of the 275 ESB members).

Note: More than 10% of the ESB members must be present at the general assembly to make decisions.

ESB members:
Ambrosio; Amédée; Bakopoulou; Barbosa; Barrias; Bertoldi; Boccaccini; Bohner; Bonifacio; Campiglio; Carmagnola; Chatzinikolaidou; Contessi; Demitri; Doser; Dubruei; Eglin; Farè; Favia; Focarette; Gautrot; Gelinsky; I. Gonçalves; R. Gonçalves; Habibovic; Hammond; N. Hasirci; V. Hasirci; Hoffmann; Impergre; Johansson; Kampleitner; Kirkpatrick; Kitsara; Maniura; Maqbool; Melchels; Merolli; Mielan; Missirilis; Monteiro; Müeller; Oliveira; Palmquist; Pamula; Pandit; Papadogiannis; Pauthe; Pêgo; Pietryga; Raucci; Reis; Richards; Rodriguez-Cabello; Rottmar; San Roman; Santin; Santos; Scherrieble; Schnabelrauch; Tanner; Tanzi; Tonda-Turo; Unold; Veschini; Williams; Willumeit-Römer

Non ESB members:
Barberis; Boissiere; Cavarrubias; Cavich-Rodriguez; Deb; Douni; Dye; El Fray; Epple; Ghanaati; Ginebra; Guicheux; Guipponi; Igbayashi; Jen-Hung; Jubeli; Kaklamani; Koivistio; Letourneur; Lippens; Liverani; Locs; Lopez; Magalhaes; Martins; Massera; Mignonney; Missirilis; Naziris; Ngandu Mpoji; Pou; Rhodes; Salditt; Sanchez; Sendemir Urknez; Shikosaki; Thomsen; Tzeranis; Uludag; White

The slides of the general assembly are appended at the bottom of this document and reflect the content of the general assembly.
1967, Glasgow, the first Professor of Cell Biology in the UK.
A pioneer in applying stringent morphometric analysis to cell biology.
Founded the Centre for Cell Engineering in 1997 in Glasgow.
one of the founding fathers of the Tissue and Cell Engineering Society UK.

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- President's report
- Treasurer's report
- Auditors' report
- New statutes and bylaws / membership scheme
- ESB newsletter
- Future ESB meetings 2017 – 2021
- YFS
- ESB Awards
- Affiliated societies
- ESB communications
- Council elections (Prof. E. Tannen)
- New president and functions
- ...
ESB financial status 2016 (1)

- Current account:
  01/01/2016: 28864,42 €
  31/12/2016: 19950,33 €

- Saving account:
  01/01/2016: 10,01 €
  31/12/2016: 10,04 €

- Payroll account:
  01/01/2016: 715,57 €
  31/12/2016: 2670,33 €

  TOTAL: 01/01/2016: 28572,3 €
  31/12/2016: 22039,7 €

ESB 2016, Athens, Greece

ESB financial status 2016 (2)

- Total revenues: 23384 €
  membership: 14630 €
  donation Prof. De Groot: 8754 €

- Total expenses: 38916 € (main cost items listed)
  Loan to ESB 2017 organizers: 10000 €
  Promo material for ESB 40th anniversary: 8800,88 €
  Racquet LeGeros Awards 2016: 3000 €
  Social + Athens: 2887,2 € + 936 €
  ESB 2016 Torch: 2531 € (national society meetings)
  ESB website: 902 €
  YSF expenses: 112,25 €

ESB 2016, Athens, Greece

Content

- ESB financial status 2016: final
- ESB financial status 2017: preliminary
- Auditor report
- ESB membership: numbers, distribution, ...

ESB 2017, Athens, Greece

ESB financial status 2017 (1)

- Current account:
  01/01/2017: 19350,53 €
  23/06/2017: 16281,53 €

- Saving account:
  01/01/2017: 10,04 €
  23/06/2017: 20010,04 €

- Payroll account:
  01/01/2017: 2679,33 €
  23/06/2017: 1119,36 €

  TOTAL: 01/01/2017: 22039,7 €
  23/06/2017: 37410,93 €

ESB 2017, Athens, Greece

ESB financial status 2017 (2)

- Preliminary revenue: 29565,56 €
  membership: 19000 €
  Springer contract: 7505,55 €

- Preliminary expenses:
  11194 €
  (main cost items listed)
  ESB Technopreneurship paper: 4370,24 €
  Social + Athens: 2181,6 € + 702 €
  ESB website: 1392 €
  Remaining 2016 awards: 600 €
  YSF expenses: 2053,31 €

ESB 2017, Athens, Greece

ESB financial status 2017 (3)

- Anticipated expenses:
  ESB Awards 2016 and 2017 (due to WBC 2016)
  ESB Technopreneurship paper (4000 €)

- Anticipated revenue:
  Springer contract (7500 €)

ESB 2017, Athens, Greece
Content

- ESB financial status 2018: final
- ESB financial status 2017: preliminary
- Auditor report (Rachel Williams): ESB 2010 financials
- ESB membership numbers, distribution, ...

Auditors Report:
Rachel Williams

ESB membership 2017

- Approved members: 275 (compared to 207 in 2016)
  - full member: 242
    (sub)group members: 176
    group: 47
    subgroup: 129
  - ordinary: 66
  - junior member: 33

New membership scheme:
Marc Bohner

Purpose

- Increase the ESB membership reflecting more closely the ESB community base
- Increase the net 4 years cyclical ESB budget while reducing the membership costs
- More ESB fellowships (10% of the active ESB members)
- Extend the outreach and the opportunities to scientists and groups in the fields
Rationale

- All participants to the annual ESB conference become ESB members.
- Membership fee for years of WBC lasts 2 years.
- Individuals not attending the annual ESB conference can still become members.

Membership through ESB article (no attendance to ESB congress)

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Membership through ESB congress registration

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Old Scheme | New Scheme
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Junior member | 25 € | Junior member | 30 €
Ordinary member | 120 € | Ordinary member | 90 €
Retired member | 30 € | Retired member | 0 €
Honorary member | 0 € | Honorary member | 0 €
Life member | 150 € | Life member | -
Corporate member | 300 € | Corporate member | 300 €

*Only upon online registration

Start of the new scheme

- In 2018 / for ESB 2018 (Maastricht)

Implementation

- To be decided after the GA

Vote 1

- Do you accept the new membership scheme?

Vote 2

- Do you accept the new membership fees?
Purpose

- Align the bylaws to the new electronic voting system
- Align the bylaws to the new (?) membership scheme
- Remove errors / inconsistencies

Changes to the Statutes

Changes to the Statutes can only be made by a properly convened General Assembly by simple voting (a quorum). In both cases, a two-thirds majority of the members shall vote.

Vote 3

- Do you accept the new statutes?
Section 3. Organization

The hosting institution is fully responsible for setting the conference budget, and in particular for ensuring that the registration fees of each delegate, the ESB membership fee, the delegates' visas (if however, must be procured and accepted by the delegate one year prior to the conference), and the event fee (if applicable) are paid. If the ESB member requested, the Council can give a few loans to the local organizing committee to cover the risk of pre-funding of the conference.

Section 4. Membership fees

All ESB congress attendees receive automatically an ESB membership. The ESB congress organizers should contact the membership officer to register for the ESB account online, and then follow their instructions to pay the membership fee.

Members shall be required to pay annual membership fees according to the different categories of membership. The fees will be established by the Board, approved by the General Assembly and published on the ESB website. The financial year shall run from January 1st to December 31st. Honorary and voting members are exempt from payments of membership fees. A member of any category shall be given to any person who has registered for the ESB annual meeting, and the membership fee shall be paid to cover the calendar year in which the ESB annual meeting is held, with the exception of the year when the World Congress is held. If such a case, the membership of the previous year into 2 calendar years with an additional fee to be made by the member.

Vote 4

- Do you accept the new byelaws?

ESB Journal (1)
Aldo Boccaccini

Report of JMSM liaison officer
(AR Boccaccini)

- Implementation of free access to papers published in the journal for ESB members by means of a personal code
- Confirmation of publication of special issue with selected papers presented at ESB 2017 as traditionally arranged
Report of JMSMM liaison officer (AR Boccaccini)

Many thanks to the editors and publisher of *J. Mater. Sci. Mater. Med.* for so many years of fruitful collaboration!

ESB 2017, Athens, Greece

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Introspective Exercise

Options

- Continue with JMSM: Springer-Nature
- New Journal
- Co-opting an Existing Journal

Advantages of New Journal

- New rank: 0
- New format: 0
- Retaining impact: 7
- Other: 1

Impact:
- Journal will combine a relatively high impact factor and increasing impact factor trajectory with wider broader impact initiatives in both our communities and the whole scientific community in biomaterials

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Co-opting: ESB Needs

- Promotion in ESB meetings: Sponsor
- Active engagement of community
- Special issue (ESB Conference)
- EDA
- George Winter/Jean Leray/International awards
- Student Podium/Posters: Papers profiled
- Biomaterials inherent in the title

Biomaterials Science

Exploring the underlying science behind the function, interactions and design of biomaterials

Editor-in-Chief: Jennifer Eldred (Johns Hopkins University, USA)

- Associated Editors:
  - Jianguo Zhang (University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, USA)
  - Matthias Lutolf (Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne, Switzerland)
  - Bynum Varghese (University of California, San Diego, USA)
  - Jian Wang (South China University of Technology, China)

- Increased in MEDLINE
- Published in Print: 2016
- 2017 Impact Factor: 4.210
- 2016 Published Impact Factor: 8.6

@BioMaterSci

www.rsc.org/BiomaterialScience
Biomaterials Science Journal

Not-for-profit publisher - 175 years
Investment in education, development of policy
Similar ethos as ESB

Agreement with RSC

- Co-branding
- RSC owner of Journal
  - responsible for all business, financial and editorial decisions
  - A session in the conference timetable
- Publishing updates and training
- Workshops: How to review papers and write papers, Open Access, publication ethics, publication metrics, etc., in collaboration with Young Scientists Forum (YSF)

Agreement with RSC

- A themed issue of Biomaterials Science
- ESB prize winners
- ESB and Biomaterial Science share a booth at conference
- Financial contribution
- Community board (young researchers)
- Contract signed: 16th June 2017
- Official Journal: 2018

Future ESB Meetings

2018: Maastricht
2019: Dresden
2020: Glasgow
2021: Porto

Future ESB/WBC Meetings

2018: Maastricht
2019: Dresden
2020: Glasgow
2021: Porto
Hosting Conference

- Updated guidelines on website
- Jan 31st Deadline
- Next bids for 2022-23

YSF

Ana Pego

YSF Representatives

- Susana Van Wijkenga - Spokesperson
- Isabella Veneris - YSF Secretary
- Anna Teresa Wietand - National Chapters Liaison Officer
- Vasilis Peiris - Communication Officer
- Giuseppe Cara - Educational Officer and Industrial Representative
- Lasteia Sales (Stepped out - end of 2016)
Activities in 2016 and 2017

- YSF at WARM (May 2016): the YSF board organized the workshop at the WARM in Munich, which was chaired by Anne-France Wierland and Sandra Van Vliet-Van Warteghe.
- IX Congress on Cell Therapy and Regenerative Medicine, 9th May, University of A. Canada.
- Biomaterials Career: XXVII Congress of the Society, 7th May, Casa Science Museo Science Outreach Event with more than 10,000 participants.
- Workshop in Frankfurt (October 23-30, 2015), organized by Dr. Shalvov Shalvov.
- YSF-ESB YSF in Biomaterials Session, 19th CEBE-BOY Annual Meeting, 29th November, Sevilla.

Activities in 2016 and 2017

- YSF Workshop (September 4, 2017): Career coaching
- 4 invited speakers
- BIONET 2017 – June 12th-14th, Arambourg, France (Vitali Rastogi-Mercy)
- Online Survey (2017) – Results announced at the YSF Assembly

Financial Support

- Annual financial support: 2.000€
- Used in 2016
  - YSF COST EVENT: 3,20
  - YSF SURVEY REFUND: 100,00
  - TOTAL: 132,20
- List in 2017 (by September 1, 2017)
  - YSF SPONSORS (BAND/FREE AWARDS): 55,00
  - EXTEND YSF SURV: 30,00
  - TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION SPEAKER YSF: 100,00
  - TOTAL: 385,00

2017 Elections

- YSF announced elections for 4 new representatives (Sandra Van Vliet-Van Warteghe and Giuseppe Carini will continue their mandates)
- Applications for the 4 open positions are now expected (to be sent to Isabelle...
- All ESB members below 40 years of age are invited to apply and vote.

Information about how to apply and how to vote will be available soon at the YSF website at www.esbiomaterials.eu

ESB Awards

- Julia Polak European Doctoral Award 2016 /2017 (11 Awarded)
  - Certificates will be given during the YSF GA (September 7th, 18:30)
- Raquel Le-Geno Award 2016 /2017 (2 Awarded)
  - An exchange program of 3 months for PhD students (To pursue the research in International European academic laboratories or in companies dedicated to biomaterials and regenerative medicine)
  - Certificates will be given during the YSF GA (September 7th, 18:30)

Deadline for both applications: January 31st of each year
ESB Awards

Rudolf Cimdins Scholarships (2 Awardees)
(Cover the registration of students who would not otherwise be able to attend the ESB conference as they come a long way/come from a poorly funded country/group)

Recipients will be announced at the Closing Ceremony of the ESB conference (September, 8th, 13:30 – 14:30)

Deadline of the application: 31st May of each year

Announcement of the 1st Summer School co-organized by the European Society For Biomaterials (ESB) and the Society For Biomaterials (SFB)

« Biomaterials for Medical Devices and Regenerative Medicine »

Affiliated Societies

Pamela Habibovic

ESB 2017, Athens, Greece

Engagement with the national societies

- BIOAM (French Society for Biomaterials)
- Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering Society (Italy)
- Finnish Society for Biomaterials
- German Society for Biomaterials
- Hungarian Society for Biomaterials
- Italian Society for Biomaterials
- Japanese Society for Biomaterials
- Korean Society for Biomaterials
- Portuguese Society for Biomaterials
- Dutch Biomaterials Society
- US Society for Biomaterials

ESB 2017, Alberta, Canada
Engagement with the national societies

ESB Communication
Carlos Rodríguez Cabello

Social Media

ESB 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Council Elections
Marc Bohner, Liz Tanner
Council before the election

- Matteo Santin
- Pamela Habibovic
- Peter Dubreuil
- Marc Bohner
- Abhay Pandit
- Luigi Ambrosio (past president)

Vote
- 4 Candidates for re-election
- 4 New candidates
- Online vote
- Vote opened from March 9 to April 30
- Participation of 52% (90/180)

New council

- Silvia Fare
- Pamela Habihovic
- Peter Dubreuil
- Marc Bohner
- Abhay Pandit

- Matteo Santin (past president)

New president & functions

Matteo Santin
Any Other Business

Pamela Habibovic

THANK YOU