



Minutes of the 2015 ESB General Assembly

Date:	Sept 1, 2015
Time:	14.30 – 15.30
Venue:	Plenary room, Congress center, Krakow
Invited:	All ESB 2015 attendees
Council members:	Abhay Pandit (AP), Joëlle Amédée (JA), Lucy Di Silvio (LDS), Marc Bohner (MB), Matteo Santin (MS), Michael Doser (MD), Pamela Habibovic (PH), Pedro Granja (PG), Peter Dubrueel (PD)
Present:	136 attendees

Agenda

- Approval of the agenda
- Approval of last year minutes
- President Report (MS)
- Treasurer Report (PD)
- Auditors' Report
- WBC 2016 and future ESB meetings 2017 – 2019 (AP)
- Council elections and functions (MS; K. Tanner)
- Legal address and Secal service (MD)
- New ESB Website (PG)
- Digitalization of old ESB documents (MB)
- Membership (PD)
- Celebration of the 40th ESB anniversary (MS)
- Technopreneurship (MS)
- Affiliated societies (MS / PH)
- Corporate identity (PG)

- YSF (PH)
- New bursary/sponsorship for lab exchange (JA)
- Journal of Materials Science: Materials in Medicine (JA)
- A.O.B

Minutes

The ESB secretary (MB) opens the general assembly (GA). Presence lists are distributed in the assembly.

Approval of the agenda (MB)

The GA agenda that was sent to all ESB members early August (Slide 1 of the ppt presentation) was reshuffled to improve the flow (slide 2) and accepted as such. The new agenda is:

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- Treasurer Report & Membership (1) (PD)
- Auditors' Report (R. Williams, S. Farè)
- Treasurer Report & Membership (2) (PD)
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Approval of last year minutes (MB)

The minutes of last year GA were sent to all ESB members in early August. The minutes were approved by the GA (slide 3).

President report (MS)

Last year, the president (MS) presented a SWOT analysis of the ESB (Slide 5). This year, MS briefly summarized the objectives and actions (Slide 6)

Treasurer's report & Membership (PD)

The treasurer (PD) presented the assets of the ESB (slide 8), how the money is spent (slide 9), the membership distribution (slide 10), the balance for 2014 (slide 11), and a short summary (slide 12). Prof Rachel Williams, one of the three auditors (beside Silvia Farè and Pentti Tengvall), came then on stage to confirm that “the accounts are accurate and a correct record of the financial business of the society” (slide 13). She advised the council to have the financial report in a “simpler” for, so that it is easier for auditors to check it.

In the second part, PD presented the provisional results for 2015 with a current asset close to 52 k€ (slide 15). Details will be provided soon on the ESB website (intranet).

The ESB has had two accounts for the past few years, one in Porto and one in Strasbourg. In August, the Porto account was closed (Slide 17). It is possible to pay the ESB membership online (Slide 18). Instructions are posted on the web (Slide 19).

The treasurer reminded the assembly that ESB payments for “Rudolf Cimmins Scholarships”, “Best Oral Presentations”, and “Best Poster Presentations” will required the delivery of a few pieces of information: full name, IBAN, BIC, and bank address (Slide 20).

WBC2016 and future ESB congresses (AP)

AP briefly mentioned the abstract deadline and early bird registration of WBC 2016 (slide 22). The following slide was devoted to ESB 2017 in Athens (slide 23; Sept 4-7, 2017).

During ESB 2015, the council attributed the organization of ESB 2019 to Dresden (Germany; Slide 24). So, the next meetings are: Montreal in 2016 (WBC), Athens in 2017, Maastricht in 2018, Dresden in 2019, and Glasgow in 2020 (WBC).

Technopreneurship: position paper (MD)

The ESB and the Presidents of the National Biomaterials Societies affiliated to ESB have decided to work on a “position paper” or “technopreneurship paper” aiming at mapping biomaterials research and industrial organizations country-by-country. This work should be conducted by “Ingenio” (Universitat Politècnica de València), and should be financed by ESB (Slide26). A questionnaire will be prepared by ESB and the national societies, and will contain 4 sections (Slide 27)

Legal address and Secal service (MD)

MD reminds the assembly that the ESB has now a legal address and a secretariat in Strasbourg (slide 29).

New ESB website and corporate identity (PG)

The ESB council has asked a company to refresh the ESB logo. PG briefly shows the result (Slide 31).

A few website was launched early 2015. It has a number of new features, such as an archive with historical documents (Slide 33), a description of all ESB awards (Slide 34), or the possibility to define a profile (Slide 35).

A new brochure was designed and printed (Slide 36).

PG presented the logo celebrating 40 years of ESB existence (Slide 37).

40th Anniversary and affiliated societies (LDS)

LDS talked about the “ESB torch”, a way to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the ESB. The ESB will support a dedicated speaker at national societies meetings (Slide 39).

YSF (PH)

PH summarized some of the activities of the Young Scientist Forum (YSF) in 2014-2015. YSF is supported financially by the ESB (3k€/year) and has 5 representatives (Slide 41). YSF organizes workshops. One took place in Bucharest this Spring. There will be one at WBC 2016 in Montreal, as well as one in Germany in 2016 (Frankfurt) (Slide 42). More information can be found in the YSF “microsite” (Slide 43). One of the main activities at the moment is the election of 4 new representatives (slide 44).

Sponsorship for lab exchange: Racquel Z. LeGeros Award (JA)

JA briefly presented this new award (Slide 46) and the name of the first awardees, Claudia Loebel (Davos, Switzerland; Slide 47). JA also mentioned the “European Doctorate Award”, now dedicated to Prof Julia Polak (Slide 48).

Journal of Materials Science: Materials in Medicine (JMSMM; JA)

Some of the most important facts of JMSMM were pointed out by JA (Slides 50-53). For the first time, the ESB received money from Springer (Slide 51). Editorials are now published once per month, featuring selected articles. The winners of the “best paper” and “best micrograph” were named (Slide 53).

Digitalization (MB)

Efforts have been made to digitalize old ESB documents. Some can be found on the ESB website (Slide 55). There is in particular a copy of the founding document of the ESB (Slide 56).

Council elections (MB)

An election for the ESB council took place this Spring. One member (JA) wanted to be re-elected. Three positions were left vacant by PG, LDS, and MD, who had all spent 8 years in the council (Slide 58). Beside JA, 7 candidates applied for the 4 positions. For the first time, voting was online. The participation was 55% (Slide 59). The 4 new council members are Ana Pêgo, Joëlle Amédée, Aldo Boccaccini, and José Carlos Rodriguez-Cabello.

MS thanked PG, LDS and MD for their efforts over the past 8 years and gave them a plaque.

AOB

There was no other business, so the GA was closed.



Marc Böhner

ESB Secretary



Matteo Santin

ESB President