

Scandinavian Society for Cell Toxicology

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of SSCT 2014

The annual meeting of the Scandinavian Society for Cell Toxicology was held in Hotel Hilton, Prague, Pobřežní 311/1, 186 00 Prague 8, Czech Republic on Sunday 24th of August, 2014, from 4-6 pm in the meeting room Karlin II in connection with the 9th World Congress on Alternatives and Animal Use in Life Sciences.

Present: Ada Kolman; from the old board: Tuula Heinonen, Line Mathiesen, Kathrin Zeller

§1. Opening of the meeting

- i. The chairman opened the meeting at 4.00 pm.

§2. Approval of the agenda

- i. Agenda was approved.
- ii. Suggestion: Discussion concerning Björn Ekvall Memorial Foundation (points 14/15) should be moved earlier.
- iii. Proposal for other items: Boris Isomaa should be elected as a honorary member of the SSCT.

§3. Election of a chairman and secretary for the meeting

- i. Tuula H. was elected as the chairman, Kathrin Z. as the secretary

§4. Election of two persons checking the minutes of the meeting

- i. Line M. and Ada K. will check the minutes.

§5. The yearly report of the SSCT chairman

Tuula H. presented the report. The final version was approved, please refer to attached file.

§6. Björn Ekvall Memorial Foundation (BEMF) – report from A. Kolman, the president

Annual Report was prepared in January 2014 (see attached file), including the constitution of the board and the nomination of the Björn Ekvall Memorial Award recipient for 2014. One new board member was accepted, Karin Gabrielson Morton, who will act as deputy (substitute).

The new board was approved.

Recipient of the Award 2014: Tuula Heinonen.

New funding includes donations from animal friends and L'Oreal. The auditor Anna

Forsby approved the account. A. Kolman and H. Tähti will write the report on the 9th World Congress on Alternatives and Animal Use in Life Sciences for the BEMF home page.

§7. Election of BEMF board members and of an auditor

Suggestion: Anna Forsby continues as the auditor. The BEMF board was approved.

§8. The account report from the Treasurer, including a new members report

- i. No new members.
- ii. Only few payments were received. The secretary/chairman will write an e-mail with greetings and encourage payment (also mentioning the new account, report from Prague, and also the announcement of SweTox/SSCTworkshop Oct 2015).
- iii. Line M. will check for an e-mail list of SSCT members.
- iv. The account report was approved.

§9. Report from the auditors

Report received and checked. However, the report should only cover the fiscal year, i.e. 2013 January to December, the next one 2014 January to December and so on, but in spite of that there was no problem seen to approve the report.

§10. Adopting the report and accounts

Approved.

§11. Election of new SSCT board members

Proposed board members and responsibilities as discussed by e-mail previously. Henrik Appelgren will not continue as a secretary but as a board member. Tuula H. will continue one more year as a chairman, Anna Forsby as a treasurer and Johanna D. and Kathrin Z. will continue to be webpage responsible. Kathrin was suggested as the secretary. Line M. and Riina S. continue as board members.

§12. Election of auditors

Cecilia Clemenson and Hanna Tähti accepted to continue as auditors.

§13. Election of election committee members

Hanna Tähti and Erik Walum have accepted to continue as the election committee members. The election committee members are encouraged to be more active in recruiting new members for the board.

§14. Election of SSCT honour members

Boris Isomaa was proposed as the SSCT honour member.

§15. Annual membership fee for 2015

The membership fee stays at 32 Euro for full members and 16 Euro for students.

§16. Planning of the next Annual *In Vitro* Toxicology Workshop SSCT-Swetox 2015

We congratulate the organizers for being well on schedule and the program looks very interesting. We encourage the organizers to look/identify for sponsors/exhibitors.

Line M. could contribute with a list of sponsors, including information about companies possibly willing to have an exhibition or give other type of support.

§17. General discussion: Future strategy of SSCT

How to find donators/sponsors for SSCT?

More discussion hopefully during the next meeting!

§18. Other items

A. Kolman proposed that the new SSCT's board must discuss how to find sponsors for the next workshop 2015.

The previous workshop organized in Vilvorde by Line M. and Lisbeth Knudsen has finished with a preliminary surplus of around 7000 Euro but it is not yet clear if the money needs to be paid back or if it will be transferred to the SSCT account.

BCPT special issue: will be referred to on SSCT homepage (Line M. will check if as link to BCPT website or if a pdf can be provided for download (?)).

§19. The meeting was closed at 5.00 pm.



Kathrin Zeller, secretary



Tuula Heinonen, chairman

Checked the minutes:

24/9/14 

Line Mathiesen



Ada Kolman