



Minutes of the European Proteomics Association

Meeting	4th General Council
Date and time:	December 03, 2007 (10:00 to 16:00)
Place:	Lausanne
Participants:	<p>A) <u>Country representatives</u></p> <p>Kari ESPOLIN FLADMARK, Michael FOUNTOULAKIS, Concha GIL, Tamas JANAKY, Friedrich LOTTSPREICH, Gyorgy MARKO-VARGA, Ingrid MILLER, Werner MOST, Patricia PALAGI, Steven PENNINGTON, Deborah PENQUE, Thierry RABILLOUD, Pier Giorgio RIGHETTI, Peter ROEPSTORFF, Marek SEBELA</p> <p>B) <u>Members of Executive and Operation Committees, Guests</u></p> <p>Mike DUNN; Jean Charles SANCHEZ; Christian KLEINHAMMER</p>
Distribution:	Participants, Luca BINI, Ole JENSEN, Mathias UHLEN, Tuula NYMAN
Agenda:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minutes of the 3rd GC, February 10, 2007, in Valencia 2. General Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adaptation of the General Rules - Charity status, comment from FEBS 3. Election of the next Eupa President (Candidates: Mike Dunn and Jean-Charles Sanchez) 4. Operating Committees Reports on Status & Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4.1. Educational Committee • 4.2. HUPO-Interactions Committee (incl. interactions at the 6th HUPO World Conference in Seoul) • 4.3. Funding Committee (incl. Election of an Accounting Reviewing Board) • 4.4. CCC activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - report on JoP status (Juan Calvete) - Next EuPA conferences - 2008: Amsterdam (HUPO/Eupa) - 2009: Stockholm (Eupa) - 2010: Estoril (Eupa) - 2011: Decision Geneva/Glasgow (HUPO/Eupa) 5. General Approval of activities of the Executive Committee 6. Other issues, next GC meeting(s)

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1. Minutes of the 3rd GC, February 10, 2007, in Valencia

The minutes are approved.

2. General Issues

2.1. Adaptation of the General Rules and the Statutes

General Rules: The adaptations concern a) the corresponding resolution of the 3rd GC on Eupa Membership and b) the separate election of the President and the Vice President/Coordinators as a consequence of the different staging (12 months for the President and 6 months for the other posts).

The adaptations as outlined are approved.

Statutes: Following to the adaptations of Eupa's General Rules, two amendments will be announced at the Registry Court in Munich, i.e. a) the modified Eupa membership requirements and b) the clarifying statement that officers cannot be directly re-elected for the same post (→ CK).

2.2. Charity Status

Iain Mowbray, FEBS Treasurer, sent a comment on how FEBS has resolved the charity issue. Accordingly, at the time of the FEBS Foundation, the relevant UK regulations seem to have been more advantageous than the German ones at present. Nevertheless, a new application for the Charity Status will be submitted for Eupa using some of the arguments which are put forward by the FEBS organisation.

3. Election of the 2nd Eupa President

14 members with voting rights were present and had to decide between 2 candidates: Mike Dunn and Jean-Charles Sanchez.

Mike Dunn obtained the majority in the first ballot and will thus be the successor of Friedrich Lottspeich. Mike Dunn's term in office starts January 2009.

4. Next Eupa Officer Elections

The Executive Committee has agreed to elect new Eupa Officers at the occasion of the 5th GC which will be scheduled for June 2008 (see below, page 5). Prior to the official announcement and call for nomination of candidates the Executive Committee will meet (in a phone conference or, preferably, in a personal meeting around end of January 2008) in order to review the suitability of the present structure and to modify it, if that should seem to be appropriate (→ CK). Nevertheless, all Member Societies should start early to consider proposals for the upcoming elections (one candidate from their own Society and two more candidates from other Member Societies; direct re-election for the same post is excluded) (→ All).

5. Operation Committee reports on status and plans

Details can be taken out of the individual presentations which will be collected and distributed separately (→CK). Therefore only major points or issues requiring follow-up actions are mentioned below in these minutes.

5.1. Education (C. Gil)

EPEN: The European Proteomics Education Network Initiative from May 2007 has not yet raised any reaction from EU officials. Consequently, an approach based on personal relations will be followed in order to arrange a meeting with an EU Officer for explaining the purpose and requirements of EPEN. The Country Representatives are asked to inform C. Gil about possible routes (→ All).

HUPO/Eupa Educational Committees: Recent discussions aim at a coordination of overlapping activities in both committees (e.g. around Tutorials). Additional clarification, however, is still needed. The 4th GC proposes to set the frame at the earliest convenience in a meeting of C. Gil, A. Goerg, P. James (or his substitute), F. Lottspeich and R. Apweiler (→ FL). Subsequently, a kick-off meeting in order to define responsibilities shall be scheduled.

Certificates: Participants of Eupa Courses shall receive a certificate signed by the Eupa President (→ CG).

Eupa Proteomics Basics Summerschool: The 1st European Proteomics Summer School (August 2007) has been a big success. PDF's of the lectures hold at that occasion shall be posted on the Eupa-website (→CG). The number of participants shall be kept to 50 at maximum. Conditions of attendance seem to need some clarification, however, especially in view of required grants from Member Societies. It should be made clear if participation for just one year is feasible/possible or if it is expected from the organizers that participants should attend in three subsequent years, whenever possible (→ CG).

Workshops: C. Gil addresses a general appeal to all Member Countries for offering opportunities for Proteomics Workshops. All National Societies should trigger such activities in their assemblies. A first offer was presented from Hungary with Szeged as a highly attractive location for that region of Europe

Budget: Educational activities are a major focus of Eupa. C. Gil is therefore asked to prepare and apply for a budget for these purposes (→ CG).

5.2. HUPO/Eupa Interactions (M. Dunn)

HUPO Membership: Personal members of Eupa Societies obtain their HUPO Membership only after individual payment of the HUPO Membership fee of 50 \$.

The HUPO by-laws are under revision for discussion at the occasion of the 7th HUPO World Conference in Amsterdam. It is planned to allow that Eupa can send delegates with voting rights to HUPO Committees.

Eupa Senior Scientist Award: The award is sponsored by Elsevier with 5000 Euro for five years. After that period an evaluation will take place. Stellan Hjaerten will receive the award for the first time at the Eupa/HUPO Conference in Amsterdam (August 16 to 20, 2008) but will not hold a lecture. It is up to the Educational Committee to decide on the awardees from 2009 onwards. Therefore Nomination Guidelines shall be designed within the Educational Committee and presented to the 5th GC for approval (→ CG).

Eupa Young Investigator Award: The award is sponsored in 2008 by Elsevier too (with 1000 Euro), beginning with 2009 other sponsors have to be identified. Albert Heck kindly takes the responsibility to advertise the Eupa Young Investigator Awards and to structure the timing of the whole awarding procedure. The first announcement will appear in January 2008.

Eupa nominations for HUPO Awards: There are 2 HUPO Senior Awards for which Eupa would like to propose nominees in 2008:

- a) Award for life long science results
- b) Special Achievement Award

In order to be able to make a selection all Member Societies are asked to submit appropriate proposals to the Eupa EC as soon as possible. Eventually, Eupa will submit 2 names for each category (→ All).

5.3. Funding (S. Pennington)

Account review: Member fee payments made up the major entries in the recent year. As one exception, the lawyer invoice covering the consultancy around the foundation formalities was paid from the Eupa account. In addition, one first sponsor payment (ca. 400 Euro) could be acquired.

The 50% share of the costs of the dedicated new SIB server for Eupa has not been called so far. Christine Hoogland is asked to send the corresponding invoice so that the payment can be effected in December (→ CK). The total balance of the Eupa account as of mid of November amounts to almost 4000 Euro. The total headcount of all Eupa Member Societies adds up to ca. 2 200 persons (November 2007).

Accounting Reviewing Board: I. Miller and J. Tanaky kindly placed their services at the disposal of Eupa.

Eupa Sponsors: Suitable companies which attend the Eupa/HUPO Congress in Amsterdam shall be asked for a sponsoring contribution in favour of Eupa. S. Pennington will extract a list as a working basis and will send it to the Executive Committee for development of further steps (→ SP).

Financial support for Eupa courses: The Funding Committee will develop appropriate guidelines (→ SP).

Profit and risk sharing at Eupa Conferences: A need is seen for an agreement between the Eupa Member Societies dealing with profit and risk sharing upon conducting Eupa Conferences. The present understanding is that Eupa neither gets a certain fraction of a profit nor can be hold responsible partly or in total in case of a loss resulting from a Eupa

Conference. As a policy change for future Eupa Conferences, the model was discussed that Eupa receives a defined share from a profit out of a Eupa Conference without being obliged to share the risk in case of a negative financial balance.

All Member Societies are asked to discuss the issue of profit and risk sharing at Eupa Conferences and to communicate the outcome back to the Executive Committee. If the aspect of profit sharing is seen positively, it should be defined at the same time which fraction is seen as adequate for a transfer to Eupa (→ All).

5.4. Congress & Communication Committee (J.-C. Sanchez)

Site election for the 2011 Eupa/HUPO Conference: Following to the presentation of both bids from Geneva and Glasgow, respectively, the majority of the 15 present members with voting rights voted for Geneva as Eupa's recommendation to HUPO in the first ballot.

Journal of Proteomics: The first issue will appear in March 2008. Subsequent appearance is scheduled as bimonthly with about 10-15 articles in each issue.

Eupa Website: All Member Societies are asked to continuously announce national activities of general interest on the EuPA website (→ All). The new dedicated Eupa server at the SIB can be used for the purposes of the National Societies too.

3rd Eupa Conference (2009): All preparation activities by the inviting Nordic Proteomics Societies for the meeting in Stockholm are well underway and in time.

4th Eupa Conference (2010): The GC approved unanimously Estoril/Portugal as the 2010 Conference Site. The 4th Eupa Conference will be organized by the Portuguese Proteomics Society on its own.

6. Next GC

The 5th GC will be located at the Frankfurt Airport and shall be organized for the middle of June 2008¹ (→ CK).

7. Task list

- Announcement of the approved amendments to the Statutes at the Registry Court in Munich (→ CK)
- Coordination of a review of the present Eupa structure (→ CK)
- Consideration of candidates for the election of new Eupa Officers at the 5th GC (→ All)
- Distribution of the presentations held during the 3rd GC (→ CK)
- Proposals for a Follow-up of EPEN in a personal approach with EU Officers, support to C. Gil (→ All)

¹ The "doodle" tool recommended for such purposes (www.doodle.de) will be tried for the identification of the best date.

- Coordination meeting for Eupa/HUPO Educational Committees (→ FL)
- Design of a Certificate for Eupa Course participants (→ CG)
- Transfer of PDF's of lectures presented at the 1st European Proteomics Summerschool to the Eupa Website (→ CG)
- Clarification of conditions for attending the European Proteomics Summer School (→ CG)
- Budget for Educational Activities (→ CG)
- Nomination Guidelines for the Eupa Senior Scientist Award (→ CG)
- Proposal for nominees for the HUPO Award for Life Long Science Results and the HUPO Special Achievement Award (→ All)
- Call for the invoice on the 50% cost share concerning the new SIB server for Eupa (→ CK).
- Preparation of a list of potential sponsors out of companies participating at the Eupa/HUPO Congress in Amsterdam (→ SP)
- Guidelines for financial support of Eupa courses (→ SP)
- Decision by Member Societies on profit & risk sharing at Eupa Conferences (→ All)
- announcement of national activities on the EuPA website (→ All)

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