

## Minutes of decisions SSS-BI General Assembly 2005

<b>Place, date</b>	Zurich, 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2005
<b>Chairman</b>	Diego Kuonen ( <b>Ku</b> )
<b>Secretary</b>	René Locher ( <b>Lo</b> )
<b>Other members of Committee</b>	Ahmed Bousbaine ( <b>Bo</b> )
<b>Absences of Committee</b>	Bernhard Brabec ( <b>Br</b> ), Yves L. Grize ( <b>Gr</b> ), François-Xavier de Rossi ( <b>Ro</b> )
<b>Members</b>	15

Nr.	Subject	Who	When
a)	The minutes of the first assembly of 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2004 are unanimously accepted.	everybody	
b)	For the annual report 2004-2005 see SSS Bulletin Nr. 52. For the time being, our section has 86 members.	Ku	
c)	The activities for 2005-2006 are a continuation of the activities of our first two and a half years of existence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taking part in elaborating the scientific programme and the organisation of the “Swiss Statistics Meeting 2006” (Marcel Baumgartner, Nestlé &amp; Ku).</li> <li>• Actively promoting the contact with other organizations with similar objectives, especially <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ International Society for Business and Industrial Statistics (ISBIS, <a href="http://www.stats.wits.ac.za/isbis/">http://www.stats.wits.ac.za/isbis/</a>), a new section of the International Statistical Institute (ISI, <a href="http://www.isi.cbs.nl">isi.cbs.nl</a>)</li> <li>○ Basel Biometric Society (BBS, <a href="http://www.psych.unibas.ch/BBS">www.psych.unibas.ch/BBS</a>)</li> <li>○ Taking part in elaborating the scientific program committee for the conference organized by the International Society of for Clinical Biostatistics (<a href="http://www.iscb.info">http://www.iscb.info</a>) in Geneva 27.-31.8. 2006.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Recruitment of new members for the SSS-BI.</li> <li>• Continuing the engagement in setting up the work group “Public awareness”. Ro has given up his leading part. Gr will collect contacts until a new person is found to continue the work in the group.</li> <li>• Italian translation of the SSS-BI flyer for the “Swiss Statistics Meeting</li> </ul>	Ku	

2006" in Lugano. Franco Bassi has agreed to do the translation.

The program is accepted unanimously.

d) Budget 2005-2006:

Expenses SSS-BI committee	CHF	300
Expenses Swiss Statistics Meetings 2005 and 2006	CHF	500
Expenses ISCB meeting 2006	CHF	300
Expenses for advertisements and working group	CHF	500
Expenses unforeseen event	CHF	400
Total	CHF	2000

The individual entries of the budget are accepted unanimously. The budget total must be accepted by the general assembly (which has been done meanwhile)

e) René Locher (Institute of Data Analyses and Process Design, secretary) has resigned the membership in the committee.

The following people were elected unanimously:

Name	Company	Function
Dr. Diego Kuonen	Statoo Consulting, Lausanne	President, SSS-BI delegate for SSS committee
Dr. Ahmed Bousbaine	Nestlé Research Center, Lausanne	Secretary
Dr. Yves L. Grize	The Baloise Insurance, Basel	Treasurer
Dr. Bernhard Brabec	Insightful AG, Reinach	Member
Dr. François-Xavier de Rossi	Office fédéral des assurances privées (OFAP), Berne	Member
Dr. Thomas Gsponer	Novartis Pharma AG, Basel	Member

f) Varia: There was a short discussion about the acceptance of statistical results in the management of companies and in public. People agreed that there was already some progress during the last years: There are now much more positions for statisticians in, e.g., insurances, banks and pharmaceutical industry than ten years ago. Nevertheless a huge amount of work has still to be done in education and public awareness especially.

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