



LS² General Assembly 2021

28th of January, 2021
Online meeting
13:00 - 14:00



1. Welcome and agenda approval



Didier Picard (Department of Cell Biology, University of Geneva)
President of LS²

A scientific officer will write the minutes



44 person maximum were present (including Didier Picard, hosting the session)

1. Welcome and agenda approval

LS² General Assembly 2021 - 28.01.2021 / 13:00 - 14:00 / Online

Agenda

1. Welcome and agenda approval - **to vote**
2. Approval of the minutes of the 2020 General Assembly - **to vote**
3. Financial statement 2020 - **to vote**
4. Predictions budget 2021
5. Travel Grants 2020 and 2021
6. Elections of LS² board members - **to vote**
 - Changes in boards in 2020:
 - Jörn Dengjel (University of Fribourg - Section Autophagy President)
 - Andrea Banfi (University of Basel - Intersection Cardiovascular Biology President)
 - Julien Pierre Puyal (University of Lausanne - Section Autophagy Vice-President)
 - Elena Osto (University Hospital Zurich – Section Cardiovascular Biology Vice-President)
 - Changes in boards in 2021:
 - Christine Peinelt (University of Bern – from August 2021 Section Physiology President)
 - Thomas Lutz (University of Zurich – from August 2021 Section Physiology Vice-president)
 - New (inter)section board members:
 - Monica Gotta (University of Geneva - Section MCB Secretary)
 - Céline Michard (University of Geneva - Section Autophagy)
 - Manon Mottet (University of Geneva - Section Autophagy)
 - Eavan Dorcey (NCCR Microbiomes - Section Systems Biology)
 - Uwe Sauer (ETHZ - Section Systems Biology)
 - Olivier Pertz (University of Bern - Section Systems Biology)
 - Jan Kucera (University of Bern - Intersection Cardiovascular Biology)
 - Anna Jazwinska (University of Fribourg - Intersection Cardiovascular Biology)
 - Alexander Leitner (ETHZ - Section Proteomics)
7. New text of LS² Bylaws - **to vote**
8. Varia, LS² in numbers, Projects to come

**please
vote**



Vote:
100% approved
-> **VOTED**

2. Approval of the minutes of General Assembly 2020



The poster features a central graphic with a blue silhouette of a person holding a globe of green circles, and a green silhouette of a person holding a globe of blue circles. The text 'LS² Life Sciences Switzerland' is positioned above the central graphic. Below the central graphic, the text 'LS² General Assembly' is displayed, followed by the date '14.02.2020' and the location 'FEBS3+ LS² Annual Meeting 2020, UZH, room G95' and time '15:50-16:20'. The 'scnat' logo is visible at the bottom left and right of the poster. The text 'please vote' is written in orange on the right side of the poster.

please
vote

LS² Life Sciences Switzerland

LS² General Assembly

14.02.2020
FEBS3+ LS² Annual Meeting 2020, UZH, room G95
15:50-16:20

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Vote:

90% approved

10% abstention (4 votes)

-> **VOTED**

3. Financial statement 2020

Abschluss LS2 2020		31/12/2020	
Income			
Mitgliederbeiträge	Fr.	103.457,86	
Erlöse Section Meetings			
Proteomics	Fr.	-786,33	
Cardiovascular	Fr.	-	
Physiology	Fr.	1.650,00	
Workshop Autophagy	Fr.	-	
Erlös AM 2020	Fr.	209.559,82	
Erträge aus Bankguthaben	Fr.	1.303,80	
Total netto	Fr.	315.185,15	
Gebildete Reserven: 23'000			
Gewinn Ende 2020	Fr.	3.654,03	
Expenses			
Aufwand Section Meetings			
Proteomics	Fr.	8.000,00	(8'000 reserve gebildet)
Cardiovascular	Fr.	1.799,00	
Physiology			
Workshop Autophagy			
Expenses AM 2020	Fr.	113.267,85	(12'000 reserve gebildet)
Personalaufwand			
Adelt, Jess, Jacqueline, Dominique	Fr.	137.023,50	
Dagmar	Fr.	6.000,00	
AHV	Fr.	18.828,90	
Website			
Michael Vögeli	Fr.	7.009,94	(3'000 reserve gebildet)
Anwaltskosten	Fr.	3.321,73	
Steuern (without tax exemption)			
Treuhand	Fr.	1.775,02	
Jahresbeiträge SCNAT FEBS, FEPS, EBSA	Fr.	8.271,68	
Diverse Sponsoring	Fr.	1.000,00	
Verwaltungsaufwand	Fr.	2.484,28	
Reisepesen von LS2	Fr.	934,15	
Bankaufwand	Fr.	1.071,41	
Stripe charges (online payment)	Fr.	1.003,65	
Total netto	Fr.	311.631,12	

Daniel Legler: where are those reserves coming from?

Didier Picard: they come from past years benefits, from one year to another we can transfer some reserves if it would help to reach a balance

It was done in the past, when the benefits allowed that.

3. Financial statement 2020

Please vote on the financial statement of 2020



Vote:

95% approved

5% abstention (2 votes)

-> **VOTED**

4. Predictions Budget 2021

Prognosis LS2 2021

Income		Expenses	
Membership fees	Fr.	102.000,00	
Income Section Meetings			
Proteomics	Fr.	12.500,00	
Cardiovascular	Fr.	6.700,00	
Physiology	Fr.	18.000,00	
Autophagy Apoptosis Meeting	Fr.	22.000,00	
Systems Biology	Fr.		
Income other Meetings			
Patenting workshop	Fr.	6.000,00	
Income AM 2021	Fr.	52.970,00	
Income from Fonds/Bank	Fr.	1.000,00	
Total netto	Fr.	221.170,00	
Expenses Section Meetings			
Proteomics	Fr.	-	
Cardiovascular	Fr.	5.000,00	
Physiology	Fr.	5.700,00	
Autophagy Apoptosis Meeting	Fr.	17.000,00	
Systems Biology	Fr.	19.500,00	
Expenses other Meetings			
Patenting workshop	Fr.	5.000,00	
Expenses AM 2021	Fr.	24.328,00	
Salaries			
Jacqueline, Dominique, Jessica, Adela	Fr.	125.000,00	
ANV	Fr.	19.000,00	
Designer	Fr.	6.000,00	
Website			
IT Michael Vögeli	Fr.	6.000,00	
Taxes			
	Fr.	1.000,00	
Lawyer costs			
	Fr.	1.000,00	
Fiduciary			
annual fees SCNAT FEBS, FEPS, EBSA	Fr.	8.000,00	
Diverse Sponsoring	Fr.	-	
administrative costs	Fr.	2.000,00	
travel costs LS2 delegates and officers	Fr.	1.000,00	
bank charges	Fr.	1.000,00	
Stripe charges (online payment)	Fr.	1.000,00	
Total netto	Fr.	249.028,00	



TOTAL	Fr.	-27.858,00
Reserve from 2020	Fr.	23.000,00
FINAL	Fr.	-4.858,00



Laura: What is the designer doing?

Graphic design of flyers, posters, nametags... for the meetings and the website.

5. Travel Grants 2020 & 2021

Budget allocated by SCNAT for **2020**: 16.000CHF

- Deadline of March cancelled, merged with September
- **5 Travel Grants** distributed for:
 - 2 conferences on-site (pre-pandemie)
 - 3 conferences online

Final budget used in **2020**: 3475 CHF



Budget allocated by SCNAT for **2021**: **14.400 CHF**

+ report of what was not used in 2020 (12.525CHF) = **26.925 CHF**



Didier Picard: SCNAT, who is funding most of our activities, is decreasing this specific funding for Travel Grants every year

6. Elections of LS² board members

Changes in boards in 2020:



Jörn Dengjel
UNIFR
President and part of the EC



Julien Puyal
UNIL
Vice-President



Mario Tschan
UNIBE
Past President



Andrea Banfi
UNIBA
President and part of the EC



Elena Osto
USZ
Vice-President



Marie-Noëlle Giraud
UNIFR
Past President

**Thank you
Mario and
Marie-Noëlle
for your
support!!**



6. Elections of LS² board members

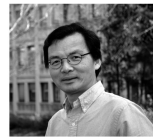
Upcoming changes in boards, effective from August 2021:



Christine Peinelt
UNIBE
Future President and
part of the EC



Thomas Lutz
UZH
Future Vice-President






Zhihong Yang
UNIFR
President until July 2021



6. Elections of LS² board members

Please vote on the new presidents of (inter)sections:

- Autophagy 
- Cardiovascular Biology 
- Physiology 



Vote:
95% approved
5% abstention
-> **VOTED**

6. Elections of LS² board members

New board members



Céline Michard
UNIGE
Board member



Manon Mottet
UNIGE
Board member
(Communication Manager)



Jan Kucera
UNIBE
Board member



Anna Jazwinska
UNIFR
Board member



Monica Gotta
UNIGE
Board member



6. Elections of LS² board members

New board members



Eavan Dorcey
NCCR Microbiomes
Board member



Uwe Sauer
ETHZ
Board member



Olivier Pertz
UNIBE
Board member








Alexander Leitner
ETH Zurich
Board member



6. Elections of LS² board members

Please vote on the new board members of (inter)sections:

- Autophagy,  LS² Life Sciences Switzerland Autophagy
- Cardiovascular Biology,  LS² Life Sciences Switzerland Cardiovascular Biology
- Molecular and Cell Biosciences,  LS² Life Sciences Switzerland Mol. & Cell Biosciences
- Systems Biology  LS² Life Sciences Switzerland Systems Biology
- Proteomics  LS² Life Sciences Switzerland Proteomics



Vote:
98% approved
5% abstention
-> **VOTED**

6. Elections of LS² board members

Board members finishing their terms:



Paola Picotti
ETH Zurich



Sophie Martin
University of Lausanne



Ernst Niggli
University of Bern



Thierry Soldati
University of Geneva



Thank you for your work and support !!!



7. New text of LS² Bylaws

The text of LS² Bylaws with the proposed change was sent with the agenda. There is an extra proposed change
Find here extracts with the proposed changes in yellow.

I.	Name	
Article 2	Objectives	PAGE 1 of LS ² Bylaws.
2.9	In trying to achieve its objectives, LS ² adheres to a gender equality policy.	
Article 5	Rights and Obligations of Members	PAGE 2 of LS ² Bylaws.
5.2	The membership can be acquired by any person who supports the life sciences. Every individual member is represented at the section level. LS ² membership categories comprise:	
	• Undergraduate members (Bachelor's and Master's students)	
	• Postgraduate members (PhD students)	
	• Regular members (postdoctoral fellows, lecturers, researchers, technical staff, medical doctors, professors, anyone interested in the life sciences)	
	• Emeritus members (retired scientists)	
	• Lifetime members (retired scientists, upon request to the Management Office)	
	• Honorary members (upon nomination by LS ² sections and validation by the General Assembly)	
	• Collective members (groups of at least 8 members, e.g. from academic institutions, research institutes, or companies interested in the life sciences, upon request to the Management Office)	
Article 6	Resignation and exclusion of members	PAGE 2 of LS ² Bylaws.
6.2	The LS ² Management Office may decide to exclude a member from LS ² e.g., if the membership fee has not been paid within three months of the initial bill. Anyone who does not pay the membership fee despite repetitive written reminders will be removed from the membership database by the LS ² Management Office without the right of recourse to the next ordinary General Assembly. The Executive Committee can also exclude a member if it violates the LS ² Bylaws in a serious way. In this case, the excluded member is entitled to a right of recourse to the next ordinary General Assembly. The appeal must be sent within 30 days after delivery of the exclusion decision by registered mail to the President for the attention of the General Assembly.	
Article 8	The General Assembly	PAGE 3 of LS ² Bylaws.
8.5	The General Assembly has competence in the following:	
	• Election of tellers (to count votes if necessary)	
	• Approval of the GA agenda	
	• Approval of the GA minutes, LS ² annual report and annual accounts and the report from the Auditing body, and approval of the actions of the EC	
	• Modifications of the Bylaws	
	• (...)	
	← Extra modification of the sent version (previously "Approval of the Statutes and of any amendments to these decisions on the creation and dissolution of sections and the acceptance of specialist and professional organisations as sections or partners of LS ² ")	
	• Approval of creation and dissolution of sections and the acceptance of specialist and professional organisations as sections or partners of LS ²	

Didier: The last minute change at the end is for nomenclature.

7. New text of LS² Bylaws

- 8.6 **Taking of decisions:** [PAGE 4 of LS2 Bylaws.](#)
A GA may be held online if an exceptional situation requires it; in that case, adequate voting procedures are put in place.
- Article 9 The Delegate Assembly** [PAGE 4 of LS2 Bylaws.](#)
9.7 A DA may be held online if an exceptional situation requires it; in that case, adequate voting procedures are put in place.
- Article 10 The Executive Committee** [PAGE 5 of LS2 Bylaws.](#)
10.5 An EC meeting may be held online if an exceptional situation requires it; in that case, adequate voting procedures are put in place.
10.7 The EC is responsible for the content of the LS² Regulations and can adapt them autonomously, i.e. changes in the LS² Regulations do NOT require approval by the General Assembly. [The contents of the LS² Regulations requires an approval by the Delegates Assembly](#)
- Article 11 The Executive Committee** [PAGE 5 of LS2 Bylaws.](#)
11.3 The Vice-President is the treasurer of LS² and the LS² president-elect. He/she can replace the President if needed. [In order to find a new Vice-President every 2 years, a call for candidates can be done among LS² section board members, or even among LS² members if needed.](#)
- Article 15 Awards** [PAGE 6 of LS2 Bylaws.](#)
15.1 The Lelio Orci Award recognizes outstanding scientific achievements in the area of cell biology in the broad sense, under the patronage of the Fonds Lelio Orci and the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Geneva.
15.2 The Friedrich Miescher Award is honouring young biochemists under the patronate of the MCB section of LS² and is donated by the Friedrich Miescher Institute for Biomedical Research in Basel.
15.3 The procedures are outlined in the Regulations of LS².
- Article 19 Approval of the Bylaws** [PAGE 6 of LS2 Bylaws.](#)
19.1 The LS² Bylaws were established by the Delegates Assembly (DA) on June 11, 2015. A second version was approved at the GA of February 13, 2018. [The current version will be presented for approval to the GA of January 28, 2021.](#)



Please vote on all the changes in
the Bylaws



Didier: The change of point 11.3 comes to have a bit more open and transparent election/selection of vice-president.

Didier: The main changes of the text for the awards are on the Regulations, but we also have to approve them here.

Vote on the new LS2 Bylaws text:

- Daniel Legler: we need to be aware of the risk of conflict of interest, for collective membership for private companies, and their access to voting rights and decision making in the budget and direction of the society.
- Didier Picard: agree, we will keep this in mind. The risk is minimum now with only one company having a collective membership.
- Urs Greber: we should wait to know if all those changes in Bylaws are approved with the Lawyer

98% approved

3% abstention (1 vote)

-> **VOTED**

Extra point on agenda to determinate a new membership fee

Lifetime membership fee (recently approved by the Delegates Assembly on 26.01.2021)

LS² General Regulations

1. Organisation

d. Regulations of lifetime membership

4. The membership fee amounts to 10x the fee of a retired scientist, payable at the beginning of the membership.

4. Membership fees

Categories		Annual Fees (CHF)
Undergraduate members	Bachelor's and Master's students	45
Postgraduate members	PhD students	75
Regular members	Postdoctoral fellows, lecturers, researchers, technical staff, medical doctors, professors, anyone interested in the life sciences	125
Emeritus members	Retired scientists	75
Lifetime members	Retired scientists	750
Collective members	Groups of at least 8 members, e.g. from academic institutions, research institutes, or companies interested in the life sciences	upon agreement
Partner members	Associations, scholarly societies	upon agreement



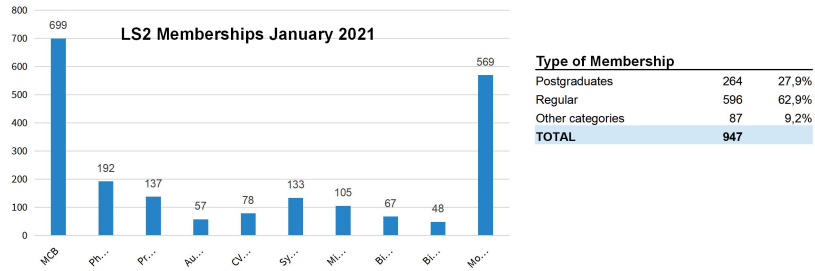
Please vote on the new fee for the category of Lifetime members



Vote Lifetime membership fees:
90% approved
10% abstention (4 votes)
-> **VOTED**

8. Varia. LS² in Numbers. Upcoming projects

Number of members (Jan.21): **947**



Jessica Plucain: we did not loose too many members this year despite the cancellation of a lot of our activities.

Martine Collert: did the members receive any mail to remind the payment?

Jessica Plucain: Yes, we send different mails, 1 by post, 3 by email

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Report on 2020 events



LS² events in 2020

Life Sciences Switzerland
Angebot der Schweizer Akademie der Naturwissenschaften

4 February 2020: 29th Cytomeet, BERN
12 February 2020: Young Scientists' Satellite Meeting & Free Public Panel on "Vaccination in Disease Prevention" before FEBSS+ LS² Annual Meeting 2020, ZÜRICH
13-14 February 2020: FEBSS+ LS² Annual Meeting 2020 "Cells, Molecules & Organisms", ZÜRICH
13-15 March 2020: Cardiovascular Research Meeting 2020, FRIBOURG
2-3 April 2020: Swiss Proteomics Meeting 2020, MONTREUX
17 April 2020: 13th Swiss Symposium on Innovation in Undergraduate Teaching of Life Sciences, FRIBOURG

11-12 June 2020: Planning in Life Sciences Workshop for PhDs & Postdocs, NESTLÉ
1 September 2020: Swiss Physiology Meeting 2020, FRIBOURG
2 September 2020: 8th Swiss Microscopy Core Facility Day, LAUSANNE
09-11 September 2020: 13th Swiss Apoptosis and Autophagy Meeting 2020, including LS² Satellite Meeting, BERN
28-29 September 2020: Leadership & Management Workshop for Postdocs, THUN
October 2020: LS² Satellite Meeting on Local Health Symposium 2020, GENEVA

Will you join us?
www.ls2.ch - www.meetings.ls2.ch - info@ls2.ch

Meeting	2020	Action
Cytomeet	Took place	
Annual Meeting 2020 & Satellite	Took place	
Cardiovascular meeting	Cancelled	Potsponed to 2021 (new format after voting)
Proteomics meeting	Cancelled	New series of webinars in 2021
Symposium Innov. in Teaching	Cancelled	New series of webinars in 2021
Patenting Workshop	Cancelled	Postponed to 2021
Physiology Meeting	Cancelled On-site	Online
Microscopy Day	Cancelled on-site	Online
Apoptosis and Autophagy	Cancelled	Event & Satellite potspone to 2021. Small workshop in 2020
Leadership and Management workshop	Cancelled	-
Satellite Meeting Jeantet Symposium	Cancelled	-
Cell migration Retreat	Took place	Hybrid

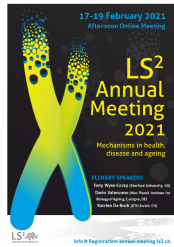


Corrections:

- Cell migration retreat was online
- Microscopy was hybrid online on-site
- Autophagy was on-site but we live streaming

Daniel Legler careful that the term «reschedule/postponned» is different than canceled!!!!

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- 10 Scientific Symposia
- Young Scientists' Symposium
- Science Communication plenary talk
- 3 Keynote Lectures
- 3 Award Lectures
- "Dialogue on Human Genome Editing" workshop
- Industry Exhibition & 3 prizes (industry quiz)
- Poster Gallery & 7 poster prizes

- PIOT competition
- 4 Networking breakout rooms
 - ✓ Career corner
 - ✓ Science Communication
 - ✓ Start-ups
 - ✓ Academic funding



Deadline for registration
29.01.2021
<https://annual-meeting.ls2.ch/>



8. Varia. LS² in Numbers. Upcoming projects



LS² events in 2021
Life Sciences Switzerland

- Cytomeet**
19. January - Bern
- LS² Annual Meeting 2021**
17 - 19. February - ONLINE
- High Parameter Single Cell Imaging**
June - Location tbd
- Cardiovascular Biology Meeting**
End of June - ONLINE
- Microscopy Facility Day**
August - Location tbd
- 9th Cell Migration Retreat**
End of summer - Location tbd
- Swiss Physiology Meeting**
6. September - Fribourg
- 11th Apoptosis & Autophagy Meeting & Satellite**
9 - 10. September - Bern
- Satellite to the Louis Jeantet Symposium**
13 October - Geneva
- Patenting in Life Sciences & Chemistry (together with SCS & ICG)**
11 - 14. October - Gerzensee
- Emergent, self-organising properties of scales**
11 - 12. November - Wiggli (tbc)

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Different series of webinars in 2021



LS² Prestige Webinars
<https://www.ls2.ch/events/ls2-prestige-webinars>
Life Sciences Switzerland

❖ Innovation on Teaching Webinars:

- **First one on 17 March 2021**

❖ Proteomics Webinars

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LS² Prestige Webinars: series of webinars with keynote speakers invited by our sections and intersections.

The webinars will be **public and free of charge**



<https://meetings.ls2.ch/ls2-prestige-webinar-prof-thomas-f-luscher>



19 March, 2021, 17h



April, 2021 (two shorter talks)

- **Pr. Lennart Martens** (VIB-Ugent Center for Medical Biotechnology, Gent, Belgium)
- **Pr. Jyoti Choudari** (The Institute of Cancer Research, London, UK)



May, 2021





Comments? Suggestions?

Write us at info@ls2.ch

Didier Picard: Possible new partnership with NCCR Transcure.

Marcus Thelen: no GCB

Roland Wohlmuth: ETH conference center. Will send details later...



Thank you!!

