



**Minutes of the 9th General Assembly of EBSA
August 29, 2005, 18:20-19:30
Montpellier, France**

Present:

The Executive Committee

Bernat Soria (President) Erick Dufourc (Vice President), Heinz Rüterjans (Past President), László Mátyus (Secretary), Anthony Wilkinson (Treasurer), Giuliano Colombetti, Anthony Watts, Michel Kochoyan (President of the Organizing Committee)

Delegates of the Member Societies (see attached list)

Agenda:

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
2. The Minutes from the 8th General Assembly in Alicante
3. Report of the President
4. Report of the Treasurer
5. Modification of the Statutes
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6. Election of the members of the Executive Committee
 7. New member societies
Finland, Slovakia
 8. Presentations of the organizers of future congresses
Genoa – 2009
Lisbon – 2009
 9. Next Congress
London – 2007
 10. Report on the European Biophysics Journal
 11. Any other business
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1. The General Assembly was opened by Prof. Bernat Soria and the agenda was adopted.

2. The Minutes from the 8th General Assembly, July 7, 2003, Alicante, Spain

The minutes were approved.

3. Report of the President

Prof. Bernat Soria reported on the activities since 2003. There have been five meetings of the Executive Committee since the 8th General Assembly. Most of the work has been concerned about European Biophysics Congresses, with the European Biophysics Journal, and with the EBSA Prize. The report of the President was approved unanimously.

4. Report of the Treasurer (Attached).

Current assets (as of March 31) are £109,009 (€159,993). The main source of income is from the European Biophysics Journal. The accounts were approved unanimously.

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The General Assembly accepted the changes with 23 votes.

6. Election of the members of the Executive Committee for the period 2005-2007

According to the Statutes of EBSA the current Vice-President, Prof. Erick Dufourc, France, automatically becomes the new President, whereas Prof. Bernat Soria, Spain, the current President becomes Past-President.

The elections were by secret ballot. According to section 2.1 of the Rules the members of the Executive Committee and the voting delegates from the Member Organizations may vote. The votes were counted by Gy. Panyi, observer.

Prof. Michael Ferenczi, France, was elected Vice-President with 23 votes.
Dr. László Mátyus, Hungary, was re-elected Secretary with 23 votes.
Prof. Anthony Wilkinson, Great Britain, was re-elected Treasurer with 23 votes.

In the election of the officers of the Executive Committee
Prof. Alberto Diaspro, Italy, received 23 votes
Prof. Manuel Prieto, Portugal, received 23 votes

7. New Member Societies

Finland (Societas Biochemica, Biophysica et Microbiologica Fenniae r.y) and Slovak Republic (Slovak Biophysical Society) have applied for membership in EBSA and submitted their statutes. The executive committee recommended acceptance of the application. The General Assembly accepted both applications with 23 votes, and Societas Biochemica, Biophysica et Microbiologica Fenniae r.y and Slovak Biophysical Society were accepted as new EBSA members.

8. Presentations of the organizers of future congresses

The Italian Biophysical Society and the Portuguese Biophysical Society gave presentation for the 2009 Congress to be held in Genoa and Lisbon, respectively. According to the Statutes the decision should be made by the Executive Committee.

9. Next Congress

Prof. M. Ferenczi gave a short presentation on current state of the organization of the 2007 Congress. The General Assembly invites the member societies for hosting the Congress in 2011.

10. Report on European Biophysics Journal

The editor Prof. Anthony Watts, Oxford, provided a brief report on the current status of the Journal, as well as about plans for the future. The impact factor of journal increases. The appointment of a review editor will be considered in the future.

11. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

The Meeting was closed at 19:30, and Prof. Giuliano Colombetti, and Prof. Heinz Rüterjans, were thanked for their services on the Executive Committee.

Prof. Bernat Soria
EBSA President

László Mátyus
EBSA Secretary

Attachments:

List of the delegates
Treasurer's Report

List of Delegates of Member Societies of EBSA on the General Assembly

	Representative
Albania	
Belarus	
Belgium	Yves Engelborghs
Croatia	Vesna Svetlicic
Czech Republic	
Denmark	
Egypt	
France	Daniel Lavalette
Germany	Hans Joachim Galla
Hungary	Pal Ormos
Israel	Elisha Haas
Italy	Silvia Morante
Netherlands	
Norway	Kristoffer Andersson
Poland	Maria Koter Michalak
Portugal	Claudio Soares
Romania	Kovacs Eugenia
Slovenia	
Spain	Jose L. Carrascosa
Sweden	Lennart Nilsson
Switzerland	Horst Vogel
Ukraine	
United Kingdom	John Seddon