Minutes of the 2019 General Assembly – Fiscal Year 2018
Thursday March 21, 2019 – 12:15
Conference Room MA B1 504 - EPFL in Ecublens

President: Professor Marco Picasso
Committee: Professors Aude Billard, Olivier Martin, Claude Petitpierre.
Excused: Prof. François Avellan.

1. Attendance
Marco Picasso start the meeting and welcome the attendees.

2. Agenda
Marco Picasso presents the agenda which is accepted.

3. Minutes of the 2018 General Assembly
The minutes of the 2018 General Assembly for 2017 fiscal year, which took place on March 15, 2018 in the conference room SV 1511 in Ecublens, is approved without comment.

4. Chairman’s report on 2018 stance taken and activities
Marco Picasso informs the APEL try to organize Professors ‘meeting, APEL gives their opinion to the Direction upon important topics. The Committee met several times in 2018 for various subjects. Marco Picasso thanks the committee for the work done during this year. The Committee of the APEL represents Professors (full, associate, assistant, adjunct) and MER in various authorities of the EPF. According to the directive concerning the procedures of consultation within the EPFL, the Direction has to consult the APEL for any revision or change of rule or regulation in the EPFL.
APEL role:
A bit of history: EPFL 1969, EPFL governance: School Assembly and Teaching Staff Conference. No council of Professors, APEL was created since the beginning.
Goal of APEL: to facilitate Professors’ meetings, to give Professors’ opinion to the Direction on important topics. According to the “Directive concernant les procédures de consultation au sein de l’EPFL”, the Direction must consult APEL whenever there is a revision of the rules and regulations at EPFL.
From Jan 1, 2018, there are no more fees at APEL, thus no membership issues.
Focus on the “prises de positions”, the APEL committee organizes a meeting with all Professors, gathers the opinions.

2018 APEL stance taken (prises de positions):
- Revision OPers-EPF.
- Doctoral studies at EPFL.
- Strategic Planning 2021-2024 of the ETH Board.
- Professional travel and the reimbursement of expenses.
- Règles de gestion pour les projets européens.
2018 APEL activities:
- Two committee members in the commission disciplinaire.
- March – Suzanna Swann, Human resources manager.
- October – special meeting for the PATT.
- Faculty boards nominations.
- Two activities of honorary professors took place in 2018. The first walk took place in June to visit "The gallo-Roman villa of Orbe-Boscéaz and its mosaics" and, in October, the walk was to visit the spring water capitation of the Rippaz at Plans-sur-Bex.

5. 2018 Financial Report
Marco Picasso presents the 2018 accounts and 2019 budget and thanks warmly the generous donors.

The income is amounting to CHF 1'327.60, the expenses to CHF 4'305.40, resulting in a negative balance of CHF 2'977.80.00 in the accounts. However, the fortune of the Association remains positive.

For the 2019 fiscal year, a deficit budget amounting to CHF 630.00 is estimated.

Marco Picasso recalls that we receive each year a contribution from the School of CHF 2'000.00.

6. Report of the Auditors:
François Golay reads the report of the Auditors and congratulates with thanks François Avellan and Isabelle Stoudmann for their good bookkeeping.

The Auditors let you take note of their comments in their enclosed report.

The Assembly approves the 2018 accounts and 2019 budget and give unanimously discharge to accounting Auditors of their responsibilities.

Marco Picasso thanks François Golay and Bertrand Merminod for their report. The Assembly applauds warmly their dedication.

Daniel Favrat agreed to assist François Golay for the audit of the accounts and the Assembly thank him by acclamation.

7. Statutory Elections
Renewal of the current Committee members
Hannes Bleuler and Olivier Martin resigned from Committee. The president thanks them for their dedicated work. The Assembly applauds for their commitment.

Daniel Kressner is candidate as of June 2018 and is elected by acclamation for 2 years.

2019 Committee members
- François Avellan, (STI) Treasurer
- Aude Billard (STI),
- Vassily Hatzimanikatis (SB),
- Daniel Kressner (SB),
- Claude Petitpierre, (Emeritus Professors Representative),
- Marco Picasso, (SB) President.

8. Miscellaneous
- Accusations of mobbing and scientific probity, what can we do?
- Lab closing: should be prepared 6 years in advance...Not really the case.
- Campus Lecture: should we organize common events with ACC and WPF?
- Dinner with Honorary Professors?
- Keep APEL event for PATTs" once a year.

Marco Picasso thanks the participants for this debate.

The next General Assembly is scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2020.

2018 Financial report

Association des Professeurs de l'EPFL (APEL)

Rapport des vérificateurs des comptes pour l'exercice 2018

Le 12 mars 2019, les soussignées François Golay et Bertrand Merminod ont examiné les comptes 2018 de l’APEL, qui leur ont été présentés par Madame Isabelle Stoudmann.

Nous la remercions très cordialement de sa disponibilité et de la qualité des documents qui nous ont été soumis.

Nous avons pu procéder rapidement et systématiquement à une révision complète des comptes, assortie d’une vérification par pointage des pièces comptables.

Nous avons pu constater la tenue exacte de nos comptes et la parfaite correspondance entre les pièces comptables et les écritures.

Le résultat de l’année 2018 est ainsi le suivant, sans compter les quelque 2'000.- de subsides reçus de l’EPFL :

- Recettes en 2018 : CHF 1'327.60
- Dépenses en 2018 : CHF 4'305.40
- Déficit 2018 : CHF 2'977.80


Selon les décisions entérinées par l’Assemblée générale, l’exercice 2018 est le premier pour lequel plus aucune cotisation n’a été encaissée. La société préleve donc ses charges sur sa fortune. Nous constatons néanmoins avec plaisir qu’elle a bénéficié de dons pour la somme de 1'327.60.

L’APEL peut ainsi faire face quelques années encore à ses dépenses courantes, durant lesquelles ses objectifs, activités et budgets devront être adaptés.

En conclusion, nous remercions le comité, le Prof. Avellan et Madame Stoudmann pour la parfaite tenue des comptes. Nous recommandons à l’assemblée d’approuver les comptes tels que présentés et d’en donner décharge au comité et aux vérificateurs.

Lausanne, le 15 mars 2019

Les vérificateurs des comptes

François Golay

Bertrand Merminod