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### SWISS CHEMICAL SOCIETY NEWS

#### Minutes of the 34<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Swiss Chemical Society



June 7, 2024. 13.00–13.30h, Biozentrum, University of Basel.

##### 1. Welcome: Approval of the Agenda

During the lunch break of the SCS Spring Meeting, Christian Bochet, President, and David Spichiger, Executive Director, opened the assembly and welcomed all members/attendees. The

agenda was approved.

##### 2. Election of the Vote Counters

At the beginning of the meeting, 34 SCS members were present and by the end of the meeting, 48 participants had attended the meeting. The meeting unanimously confirmed Marie-Désirée Schlemper-Scheidt and Richard Smith as vote counters.

##### 3. Minutes from the 33<sup>rd</sup> GA from April 14, 2023

The minutes were published in CHIMIA (2023, 77, No. 5, A357f). The minutes were approved unanimously and without abstention.

##### 4. Annual Report 2023

The annual report was published in CHIMIA (2024, 78, No. 1-2, A90ff). It was approved unanimously.

##### 5. Financial Report 2023 and Audit Report

David Spichiger presented the financial statement. Operating incomes of CHF 1'854'196 and operating expenses of CHF -1'958'332 result in an operating loss before taxes of CHF -104'136. The portfolio at Bank von Graffenried followed the trend of the financial markets and contributed a surplus of +172'739. Considering taxes, non-periodic income, cost allocation to the funds and the building of 100'000 asset fluctuation buffer an operating loss of CHF -58'133 resulted.

The assets of all SCS funds increased by CHF +72'971, including the new fund from the dissolved SASP.

As of 31.12.2023 the assets summed up to CHF 4'879'768.

##### Audit Report:

In the audit report from May 10, 2024, provided by BDO AG, Bern, no inconsistencies are mentioned, and the financial statement fulfills the legal requirements according to the SCS bylaws and the Swiss Civil law.

The assembly approved the financial statement 2023 and the audit report unanimously with no abstention.

##### 6. Discharge the Organs of the Society

The assembly discharged the board members and the financial audit unanimously with five abstentions (board members).

##### 7a. Elections: SCS Executive Board, ExB (and BoD)

The assembly confirmed unanimously the re-election of the following ExB members for the period 2025-2026:

- Christian Bochet, University of Fribourg, as president and member with signing rights in twos
- Yves Auberson, Novartis, as vice-president and member with signing rights in twos.

##### 7b. Elections: SCS Board of Directors, BoD, and Financial Audit

The assembly confirmed the proposal of the respective divisions and elected the following persons into the board as members without signing rights:

- Davide Bleiner, University of Zurich, DAS President
- Fides Benfatti, Syngenta, DMCCB President
- Niklaus Künzle, Lonza, DIAC President
- Maksym Kovalenko, ETH Zurich, DMC President.

All elected persons accepted their election.

The following BoD members stepped down and the entries in the commercial register will be deleted with immediate effect.

- Eric Bakker, University of Geneva.
- Jean-Louis Reymond, University of Bern
- Roger Marti, HEIA Fribourg
- Esther Amstad, EPFL Lausanne

By the end of 2024 the following person will step down:

- Christophe Copéret, ETH Zurich
- Christophe Copéret's seat will not be appointed for the time being and will remain vacant from January 1, 2025.

The assembly confirmed BDO AG, Bern unanimously as audit instance for the financials 2024.

##### 8. Membership Fees

The annual membership fees 2025 were approved unanimously:

Regular member:		CHF	150.00
Student member:		CHF	50.00
Retired member / unemployed members:		CHF	80.00
Institutional member (institutions):		CHF	800.00
SCS Partnership (institutions):		CHF	3'000.00
Additional Fees for Divisions			
Industrial & Applied Chemistry:	Regular	CHF	20.00
	Company	CHF	100.00

Photochemistry Section:	Regular	CHF	40.00
	Student	CHF	20.00

15% discount on collective memberships for academic research groups.

## 9. News and Strategic Projects

The Board of Directors decided on the following, strategic initiatives that will be pushed in the coming months:

- Review event portfolio to ensure relevance and quality
- Digitalize CHIMIA journals 1947-1989
- Establish SCS mentoring program
- Collaborate with Apprentas for non-formal education curricula
- Push IRISS and SSbD in Switzerland
- Further develop Ilmac Basel/Lausanne as an international platform for chemistry and life sciences
- Replace SCS membership database

## 10. Event Outlook 2024

- In 2024 twenty-five conferences and symposia took place or will take place under the direct organization of SCS. In addition, five SCS Lectureship are planned and a dozen of smaller, local, events will be organized.
- The list of SCS events is available on <https://scg.ch/events>.

## 11. Varia

No requests to speak were requested from the audience. The President thanked for the confidence and closed the meeting.

Basel, June 7, 2024

Prof. Christian Bochet  
President

David Spichiger  
Executive Director

## Call for nominations: Prix Schläfli 2025



The Swiss Academy of Sciences (SCNAT) awards the Prix Schläfli for scientific articles resulting from PhDs that make major contributions to key questions in their respective fields. In 2025, four prizes will be awarded in the following disciplines: Biology, Chemistry, Geosciences and Physics.

Candidates must have defended their doctoral thesis between 1 December 2021 and 30 November 2024. Nominations may only be submitted by the candidate's doctoral supervisor or by the president of an SCNAT member society.

Nominations must be submitted by 30 November 2024

Source: [scnat.ch](http://scnat.ch)

## Call for nominations: 2024 IUPAC-Zhejiang NHU International Award for Advancements in Green Chemistry



The IUPAC-Zhejiang NHU International Award has been established to emphasize the importance of advancements in Green Chemistry and the value of sciences to human progress, and to encourage young and experienced chemists. The award covers all the topics of Green Chemistry, such as Green and Renewable Feedstocks, Green Synthetic Routes,

Green Solvents, Green Catalysis, Green products, Green Energy, and as broadly defined by OECD as Sustainable Chemistry.

The Award is presented every two years and the work of the winners in progressing Green Chemistry in their applications will be disseminated to the attention of a wider global audience. Complete applications must be received via the submission form no later than 31 October 2024.

More information: [iupac.org](http://iupac.org)

## Call for nominations: Distinguished Women in Chemistry/Chemical Engineering Award 2025



The International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the IUPAC 2025 Distinguished Women in Chemistry or Chemical Engineering Awards. The purpose of the awards program, initiated as part of the 2011 International Year of Chemistry celebrations, is to acknowledge and promote the work

of women in chemistry/chemical engineering worldwide. Awardees will be selected based on excellence in basic or applied research, distinguished accomplishments in teaching or education, or demonstrated leadership or managerial excellence in the chemical sciences. The Awards Committee is particularly interested in nominees with a history of leadership and/or community service during their careers.

Nominations should be received by 1 November 2024.

More information: [iupac.org](http://iupac.org)

## A Warm Welcome to Our New Members!



Period: 29.05.2024–08.07.2024

Georg Aichinger, Hedingen – Zohreh Akbari, Sion – Andre Al Haddad, Villigen – Sofia Ambrogetti, Zurich – Kenneth Atz, Basel – Mykola Avramenko, Zurich – Jacopo Buchioni, Castiglione Fiorentino (IT) – Lars Kenneth Burri, Bern – Linus Busse, Soest – Wilaiwan Chaikhan, Geneva – Cheshta Chopra,

Villigen – John Coats, Basel – Dan Dempe, Zurich – Jingze Duan, Geneva – Felix Eder, Geneva – Beyzanur Erdivan, Dübendorf – Sophie Evers, Zurich – Georges Formon, Fribourg – Kim Greis, Zurich – Claire Griggstone, Zurich – Manon Guivier, Fribourg – Kathrin Halter, Gräfelfing (D) – Breanne Holmes, Dübendorf – Minghan Hu, Zurich – Basil Hunger, Bern – Clémence Iacconi, Lausanne – Timon Käser, Zurich – Joseph Köbel, Geneva – Anastassia Kraimps, Zurich – Rainer Kramer, Termen – Denys Kvasha, Zurich – Zhi Li, Lausanne – Weifan Luo, Fribourg – Kashish Mallick, Zurich – Denise Mitrano, Zurich – Olha Mykhailenko, Grandson – Alexandre Nozadze, Zürich – Yanlin Pan, Zurich – Thi Pham, Sion – Anna Poryvai, Lausanne – Antonia Profyllidou, Zurich – John Reed, Allschwil – Thanuga Sarvanathan, Langendorf – Matthias Schild, Basel – Davide Staedler, Lausanne – Trung Tran Ngoc, Zurich – Luis Itza Vazquez-Salazar, Geneva – Ian Warm, Zurich – Jana Wolf, Brugg AG – Thanapat Worakul, Lausanne – Xiang Zhang, Basel – Andrei Zhauniarovich, Lausanne – Léa Zupan, Vevey.

## HONORS, AWARDS, APPOINTMENTS

### GDCh awards Prof. Yimon Aye, EPFL with the Klaus-Grohe-Preis



**Prof. Yimon Aye**, École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), Switzerland, has been awarded the Klaus Grohe Prize 2024. The 50,000 euro award is one of the most highly endowed prizes for medicinal chemistry in Europe. It is awarded by the Klaus Grohe Foundation, which is part of the German Chemical Society (GDCh). Aye receives the prize

for her pioneering research into cell communication and enzyme manipulation, with which she has advanced both basic research and practical applications in medicine. The award will be presented on September 1 by GDCh President Professor Dr. Stefanie Dehnen at the International Symposium on Medicinal Chemistry (EFMC-ISMC 2024) in Rome, Italy.

Source: [gdch.de](http://gdch.de)

### Polymer International-IUPAC Award Goes to Athina Anastasaki, ETH Zurich



The SCI® (Society of Chemical Industry), the Editorial Board of Polymer International and the IUPAC Polymer Division are delighted to announce that **Athina Anastasaki**, Assistant Professor of Polymeric Materials at ETH Zurich, Switzerland, is the winner of the 9<sup>th</sup> Polymer International-IUPAC award for Creativity in Applied Polymer Science. The award

celebrates the outstanding contributions that Professor Anastasaki has made to polymer chemistry where she has developed an outstanding, independent, innovative, and highly visible research profile spanning across the broad areas of polymer synthesis, polymer self-assembly and depolymerization leading the next generation of polymer chemists.

Athina will give a lecture and receive this award at the 50<sup>th</sup> World Polymer Congress (MACRO 2024), which will be held in Warwick, UK from July 1 to 4, 2024

[iupac.org](http://iupac.org)

## JOURNAL NEWS

### Helvetica, Volume 107, Issue 6, June 2024



#### Synthetic Procedures

Synthesis of *N*-Substituted Pyrrole-2,5-dicarboxylic Acids from Pyrroles

*Jan-Simon Jeshua Friedrichs, Dr. Luca Schmermund, Dr. Corinna Urmann, Prof. Dr. Volker Sieber*

#### Research Articles

A Targeted Approach for the Metabolome Analysis of *E. coli* Biofilms

*Jan Rockstroh, Sandy Gerschler, Nadin Schultze, Christian Schulze, Martina Wurster, Karen Methling, Sebastian Guenther, Michael Lalk*

New Phases in the Sc–Mn–Si and Sc–Mn–Al–Si Systems Through Molten Indium Flux Synthesis

*Robin Lefèvre, Felix Eder, Fabian O. von Rohr*

Controlled Release of Volatile Enones from Monomeric and Dimeric Thioether, Sulfoxide and Sulfone Profragrances

*Alain Trachsel, Sabine Leocata, Jean-Yves de Saint Laumer, Andreas Herrmann*

A Highly Efficient Click Linker for Enrichment of Alkyne-Tagged Proteins in Living Cells

*Guoting Qin, Shara Duong, Yunxin Fu, Chengzhi Cai*

Website: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/15222675>

## INDUSTRIAL NEWS

Source: [www.chemanager-online.com](http://www.chemanager-online.com)

### De Dietrich Takes Over Heinkel Group

June 4, 2024: De Dietrich Process Systems strengthens its industrial base in Europe and expands its presence in international markets through the acquisition of the Heinkel Group. Through the strategic merger with Heinkel Drying & Separation, De Dietrich aims to expand the product portfolio in its premium range and become the global market leader in the fields of solid-liquid separation and drying of active ingredients. Based in Schiltigheim in Alsace, the family-run supplier of process equipment, engineered systems and process plants for the fine chemicals, chemical and pharmaceutical industries is positioning itself as the European market leader with four additional production sites in Europe and a strategic commitment to local production in France, Germany, the Netherlands, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Hungary and the Czech Republic. The acquisition also enables the De Dietrich Group to further expand its presence in international markets and consolidate its market leadership in Asia and the United States. With the Heinkel, Comber, Bolz-Summix and Jongia brands, the Besigheim-based group has established itself as a premium provider of solutions for solid-liquid separation, drying and mixing systems, primarily for the pharmaceutical, chemical and food industries. The strategic acquisition and the resulting expanded offering for growing markets such as recycling and the environment will enable De Dietrich Process Systems to continue its business development with sales prospects of over 300 million euros and a solid result. This is the first major external step towards expansion, following the 100% takeover of the company by the family holding (Financière Jaergerthal) in January 2023. Jacques Moulin, President of De Dietrich Process Systems, said: “De Dietrich Process Systems and Heinkel share common values, including family values and the ambition to preserve a strong manufacturing industry in Europe. The technologies provided by the newly formed group are essential to the manufacture of active ingredients and chemicals in Europe. We are contributing to the continent’s economic growth and strengthening our commitment to a local and sustainable industry. In addition, we are improving our ability to anticipate our customers’ needs and provide them with innovative, efficient and sustainable solutions.”

### Siegfried to Acquire Early-Phase CDMO in US

June 13, 2024: Siegfried, a global Contract Development and Manufacturing Organization (CDMO) for the pharmaceutical industry headquartered in Zofingen, Switzerland, has signed binding agreements with Curia Global for the acquisition of an early-phase CDMO site in Grafton, Wisconsin, US. The new site, which specializes in early-phase development and manufacturing services, is set to strengthen Siegfried's customer offering for Drug Substances by its capabilities and geographical coverage. Siegfried intends to develop the site into a best-in-class hub for early-phase CDMO services for its global customer base, including services for projects with highly potent APIs. Subject to customary closing conditions, the transaction is expected to close by July 1, 2024. Reto Suter, CEO ad interim and CFO of Siegfried, commented, "With this acquisition, we enhance our offering with early-stage development services for Drug Substances and become even more relevant and attractive to our customers. Siegfried now offers an integrated range of services from early-stage development to commercial production of APIs through to the manufacturing of fully formulated Drug Products. This transaction will generate attractive opportunities and will further accelerate our growth story." The purchase enhances Siegfried's presence in the U.S., the largest pharmaceutical market. It allows Siegfried to support clients in pre-clinical and clinical development and Drug Substances manufacturing. This broadens Siegfried's services, benefiting pharmaceutical firms, especially smaller ones. Focusing on early-phase CDMO services boosts Siegfried's Drug Substance pipeline, capturing early-stage opportunities and promising future growth. The acquisition is financed from existing funds. The outlook for 2024 and the mid-term financial targets remain unchanged.

### Siegfried to Buy Early-Phase CDMO Site from Curia

June 18, 2024: Zofingen, Switzerland-based contract development and manufacturing organization (CDMO) Siegfried has signed a binding agreement to acquire an early-phase CDMO site in Grafton, Wisconsin, US, from Curia. The transaction is expected to close by July 1, subject to customary closing conditions. The new site, which specializes in early-phase development and manufacturing services with a team of more than 80 employees, is set to strengthen Siegfried's customer offering for drug substances in terms of capabilities and geographical coverage, the company said. Siegfried intends to develop the site into a best-in-class hub for early-phase CDMO services for its global customer base, including services for projects with highly potent APIs. Reto Suter, interim CEO and CFO of Siegfried, said: "Siegfried now offers an integrated range of services from early-stage development to commercial production of APIs through to the manufacturing of fully formulated drug products." The acquisition, the Swiss CDMO said, will strengthen its position in the US, enable the company to provide comprehensive support to customers in the pre-clinical and clinical development and manufacturing of drug substances, and further strengthen its drug substance pipeline. The acquisition is financed from existing funds. The outlook for 2024 and the mid-term financial targets remain unchanged, Siegfried commented.



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