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Minutes of the General Assembly

Date: 4th December 2001

Place: Residence of the General Consul of Japan, Geneva

The meeting started at 19:15. 17 members and guests participated to the Assembly and 15 members were excused. Mr Yasuaki Nagawa, the new General Consul of the Japanese Consulate at Geneva, had kindly invited the Association in his official Residence.

1. Welcome words

Nadia Nibbio (NN), the AJ President, welcomed the members, thanked the new General Consul to welcome us in his Residence, Mr Maekawa, Vice-Consul and Mr Imai, Vice-Director of JETRO (Japan External Trade Organisation).

2. 2001's Activity report

NN presented the activity report of 2001.

- The first EPFL course called "Technological policy: the Japanese case" took place during the academic year 2001-2002. Around 40 students of EPFL followed the course and 60 took the examination.
- The Pic-Nic was held on 18th September 2001. About 12 people came and Mr Jean-Michel Henchoz invited us for a coffee at his place. Thanks again.
- The AJ Web pages are still under the responsibility of Mr Sanne Stijve. A new Internet provider has to be selected because the EPFL can no longer host our Web pages.
- The mailing list project has been proposed by Mr Cedric Oelhafen. The aim of the project is to improve the contact between the AJ members, to create a forum to exchange information or post questions regarding Japan and Switzerland: movies, lectures, exhibitions, and also create a bridge between the members in both countries. Rules and responsibility have to be defined.
- The bulletin is still under study: the main difficulty is to receive the contributions from the authors. We hope that it will be easier next year.
- The CV book 1999-2000 has been appreciated by the members. An update of the book is foreseen for next year.
- The update of the database members requires correct information about their address: there is a risk that a few don't receive our mailing.

3. Accounts

Emile Tasev (ET) presented the accounts, which were approved by the auditors and accepted by the assembly, with no additional remarks.

In 2001, ET noticed that some members forgot to pay their membership contribution (see table below). This situation will require soon a decision on the exclusion of some members that do not respond to our solicitations anymore. A recall has been sent to the concerned members in 2001.

Accounts from 1997 to 2000

Year	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Number of members (contribution paid)	46	37	37	22	34
Total in CHF	2310	1900	1240	910	1640

In 2002, it will be necessary to take a decision for the members who do not show any interests to the Association. A specific mailing will be done to them.

4. Presentation of the new 2002 budget

Amédée Zryd (AZ) presented the budget for the year 2002. He focused on the following projects: web site (for the search of a new provider), lectures and grants to candidates for a Japanese stay. AZ asks for help from members who will be in charge of those projects, especially for the grants. Mr Martial Geiser (MG) has volunteered for this project. The budget is accepted by the assembly.

5. Election of new account auditors

Mr Martial Geiser and Mr Raphaël Holzer are nominated as auditors for 2002.

6. Subscriptions

The subscription are maintained at CHF 30.- for the year 2002. The proposition is accepted by the members.

7. 2002 Activities

The 2002 activities are the following ones:

1. The EPFL course for the academic year 2001-2002
2. The picnic in September 2002
3. New address and web site
4. Mailing list
5. Database
6. CV book of the AJ members
7. AJ Bulletin

8. Miscellaneous

MG had previously asked by e-mail to introduce a project: he is involved in a SATW (Schweizerische Academie der Technischen Wissenschaften) commission whose main aims are to encourage engineering studies: see www.ask-ing.ch. He is looking for a group of engineers to come to classes to answer the questions of students, it would take about half a day. A few members accepted to be part of the project.

Finally, the General Consul said a few words at the end of the meeting. He offered to help the Association in supplying manpower and then proposed to start the sushi party.

The Assembly ended up at 20.10

AJ Committee, Lausanne, September 2002