



Minutes of the General Assembly

Date: 22nd November 2007

Place: Résidence du Consul Général du Japon, Geneva

The meeting started at 19:30 with a welcome word of the General Consul, H.E. Makio Miyagawa. 31 members and invited persons participated to the General Assembly, and 9 members were excused.

1. Welcome words

Sanne Stijve (SS), the SJA President, welcomed the members, thanked the General Consul for welcoming us in his Residence and presented the current committee. The general assembly program was accepted by the members. The minutes of the last General Assembly were also approved.

2. 2007's Activity report

1. SJA database & Members' Directory

With the profiles of the members entered in the SJA database we can produce our SJA Members' Directory. 51 members already built their online CV. This SJA Members' Directory is used for sponsoring purposes and is available to the members in paper form on request.

2. Sponsoring

In 2007 the company ANA offered again a free ticket as a contribution to the grants. Our other sponsors, Nosaki and Roche, renewed also their sponsorship for 2007. The responsible persons from Nosaki, Mr. Daniel Perruchoud, and from Roche, Mr. Udo Bäckert, were present. Mr. Bäckert explained his interest in the association.

3. Scholarship 2007

Two scholarships of an amount of CHF 1000 each and one plane ticket were attributed to 3 EPFL students, Céline Ramoni (Nissan), Vincent de Perrot (Toshiba) and Piyawat Kaewkerd (Hitachi). Mr. Manfred Quack, recipient of the 2006 scholarship, presented briefly his experience in Japan, where he worked at University Tokyo (Prof. Kaneko) for his master thesis (subject of work: Numerical Simulations on the flow field in a rocket fuel turbopump). He thanked the SJA association for his grant.

For the year 2008, we will offer a scholarship to at least 2 EPFL students.

4. SJA website

Sanne Stijve (SS) is in charge of the SJA Website (www.swiss-japan.org). A bibliography section was created by Mr. Stephan Gächter and Mr. Robert Fuchs. We got positive comments about this section. Members are invited to give their comments on books or to give some new references.

5. SJA Party

This year SJA organised a Party at the Ko-an Restaurant in Lutry.

6. New members

4 new active members were present. 7 new active members joined the association in 2006 and 11 new active members during 2007.

7. External relationship

We had during the last year contacts with:

- Consulate of Japan in Geneva
- JETRO
- Association Suisse-Japon
- Cercle Suisse-Japon in Lausanne

Association des Ingénieurs et Scientifiques Suisse-Japon

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3. Accounts

Nathalie Piguet (NP) presented the accounts which were approved by the auditors and accepted by the entire assembly. Some members have not paid their membership contribution for more than two years.

Dépenses		Recettes	
Impôts anticipés	2.85	Etat compte postal exercice précédent	6'565.50
Frais gestion compte postal	51.60	Etat caisse exercice précédent	89.90
Frais assemblée générale 2005	90.80	Intérêt compte postal	8.10
Envois postaux	205.05		
Soirée	205.50	Cotisations 2005 (1)	30.00
Frais de représentation	68.30	Cotisations 2006 (19)	570.00
Internet: domaine+hébergement*	504.00	Cotisations 2007 (33)	990.00
Bourses	2'000.00		
Sous-total dépenses	3'128.10	Contributions volontaires pour les bourses	566.20
		Sponsoring	1'500.00
Reste sur compte postal	7'101.70		
Reste en caisse	89.90		
Total	10'319.70	Total	10'319.70

* This amount is for 2006 and 2007 as it wasn't paid in 2006.

The account auditors for 2008 are Mr. Daniel Zahnd and Mr. Gérard Egger. Mr. Stephan Stücklin will act as suppliant account auditor.

4. Presentation of the 2008 budget

Cédric Morel presented the budget for 2008. The budget was accepted by the assembly.

Active		Passive	
Fortune (November 2007)	7'191.60	General expenses	1'000.00
Membership fees (40 members)	1200.00	Events	250.00
Voluntary contributions to the grants	500.00	Grants	3'000.00
Sponsor	1'500.00	Web site (2006-2007)	260.00
		Fortune (November 2007)	5'881.60
Total	10'391.60	Total	10'391.60

* A total of two grants of 1500 CHF each will be offered on the top of the free flight offered by ANA in 2008.



5. Committee election 2008-2009

Cedric Oelafen decided to resign from the committee. Marc-Etienne Jan accepted to join the committee. The rest of the committee accepted to continue for the next election period. The new committee was elected by the entire Assembly.
From 2008 on, the president of the SJA will be Cédric Morel.

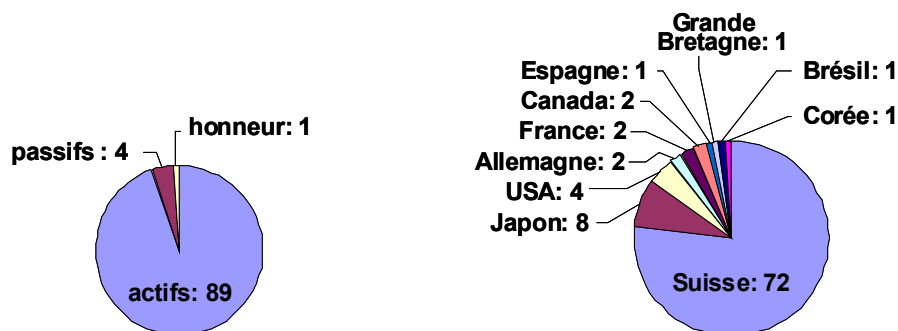
6. Activities 2008

The activities foreseen for 2008 are the following:

1. Continue finding sponsors
2. Continue distributing grants
3. Start the project "job adds". The goals of this project are:
 - to get to be known by companies seeking for engineers and scientists with a Japan related experience
 - to build a bridge between those companies and interested candidates, and make the contact easier
4. Place our course on Technology Policy (Focus on Asia: Japan, Korea, China, India)
5. Information via mailing list
6. Come together activities:
 - Evening in a bar
 - Anecdotes evening
7. Contacts with other associations
8. Renew active members and committee

7. Miscellaneous

1. The General Assembly nominated Mr. Amédée Zryd as "member of honour" for his work for the association.
2. Nadia Nibbio, in the name of the committee, thanked Sanne Stijve for his work as president of the SJA.
3. Overview of the evolution of the memberships and the distribution of the members per country (see here below). It is to be noted that we keep a record of all the applications in our archive. We also keep a record of the members who resigned and of those whose address isn't valid anymore.



4. General Consul closed the assembly with some words.

The Assembly ended up at 20.30.