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## **Report on SASEG's 88<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, 3 September 2022, Hotel Astoria, Olten**

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### **Participants (30)**

Abednego Martinus, Bichsel Matthias, Cagienard Pius, Cartier Edi, Fraenkl Res, Franks Sibylle, Frei Walter, Garrard Rodney, Glaus Martin, Graf René, Gunzenhauser Bernhard, Häring Markus, Heinz Roger, Iten Gillian, Keller Franz, Krayenbühl Thomas, Meier Beat, Meylan Benjamin, Minnig Christian, Moscariello Andrea, Müller-Merz Edith, Pfiffner Adrian, Rothermund Heinz, Rybach Ladislaus, Scheidt Nicole, Schwendener Brigitte, Schwendener Dario, Stäuble Martin, Stumm Fred, Wyss Roland

Apologies were received from 23 members.

### **1 Welcome and Opening**

Draft of the minutes to be adopted at the 89<sup>th</sup> general assembly in 2023.

The president Bernhard Gunzenhauser welcomed the 30 participants of the 88th general assembly at the hotel Astoria in Olten. For the first time in the history of VSP and SASEG the general assembly was held separately from the annual convention with its scientific presentations and geological field trips. This event has taken place in June 2022 in Acqui Terme in Piedmont and some 52 members and partners have enjoyed interesting presentations and marvellous excursions to outcrops of the Tertiary Piedmont Basin led by our committee member Prof. Andrea Moscariello.

It was hoped that for this year's general assembly with its important topic on the future strategy of SASEG it would be better to have ample time and convene at a centrally located venue in Switzerland in order to get as many participants as possible. However, despite several reminders to all SASEG members only a relatively small number participated.

The annual convention included the general assembly and lunch, followed by Strategy presentation and participation of members for future of SASEG.

As president of the day for agenda points 6) and 9) Matthias Bichsel and Christian Minnig as vote counter were proposed by the president and both were elected unanimously.

<sup>1</sup> member of SASEG management committee



Fig. 1: The president addressing an attentive audience.



## 2 Adoption of the minutes of the general assembly held on 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2021 in Frutigen

The draft minutes of last year's General Assembly, as published in the Swiss Bulletin for Applied Geology (Vol. 26/2, 2021, P. 69-73) were unanimously approved without discussion.

## 3 President's report September 2021 – September 2022

Bernhard Gunzenhauser honoured four members for their long-standing membership and to whom a certificate was sent:

Distinctions:

- Peter Eckardt  
50 years membership
- J. Dietrich Frey  
55 years membership
- Volkmar Pümpin  
60 years membership
- Albert Matter  
60 years membership<sup>2</sup>
- Jean-Pierre Vernet  
65 years membership

The following deceased members are then remembered standing and in silence:

Jean-Pierre de Lorient 1930-2022 (12 May), member since 1955 and member of the committee 1990-2009. Hanspeter (Hamper) Luterbacher 1938-2021, member since 1965 (Obituary in Swiss Bull. Appl. Geology Vol. 27/1, 2022)

The president then welcomed two new members of SASEG:

- Martine Basile
- Rodney Garrard

The President then informs that the number of SASEG members is constantly decreasing. Reasons often given for resignations are: Retirements, moving away from geology and moving abroad. In detail, the membership figures of the association have developed as as shown in Table 1.

## Highlights September 2021 – September 2022

**Geological field trip Acqui Terme 18-20 June 2022:** Some 52 participants including leaders and speakers. Overall topic: Explor-

<sup>2</sup> Due to a wrong year in the data base when becoming a member of VSP, the certificate to A. Matter was sent only in October 2022.

<b>Membership changes in the past 12 months (04.09.2021 – 03.09.2022)</b>	
Membership 04.09.2021	270
Personal members joining	2
Members re-installed	0
Members resigning	-7
Membership suspended	0
Expulsions	0
Deaths	-2
Membership 030.9.2022	263

Table 1: Membership.

ing for Geo-Energy in the Tertiary Piedmont Basin (TPB). Sunday and Monday excursions led by Andrea Moscariello at the vicinity of Acqui Terme and presentations by renowned experts on the geology and its geo-energy resources of the TPB.

**A special excursion** to the geothermal drilling site at Lavey-les-Bains took place on 6 May 2022.

**Bulletin Vol. 26/1 & 26/2, 2021** contain in total 175 pages, 20 articles of which 6 on geo-energy, 9 on engineering and hydrogeology, 1 on reflection seismic, 1 minutes of SASEG GA in Frutigen, 3 obituaries. High quality contributions and excellent work by editor Roger Heinz. Swiss Bulletin of Applied Geology website was recently revamped and is now also in French & English.

**SASEG new Website:** The new website is available since December 2021 in German, English and French. An Italian version is in preparation and will be published later 2023. The steering committee thanks Werner Leu for the energy and work put on the new website, as a result it looks modern and is always worth a visit.

**Next Annual Convention** will take place 17-

19 June 2023 in Montreux. Field trip leader will be Prof. Jon Mosar (UniFR) assisted by Prof. Stefan Schmid (ETH-Zürich).

**SASEG Student Grant:** our member Dario Schwendener has completed his master thesis project at ETHZ on «Velocity quantification of two-phase drainage and imbibition processes in rough wall fractures» and was financially supported by the grant.

**Future of SASEG:** In the afternoon of the 3rd September 2022 Martin Stäuble will present the new strategy for the association based on the data received from the inquiry made among the members in late 2021. The presentation will be followed by a workshop during which the present members will voice their opinion and view. The steering committee will compile the propositions and present a programme on the next general assembly, 17-19 June 2023.

#### 4 Treasurer's report: Financial statements 2021

The treasurer Res Fraenkl presents the balance sheets of the past association year.

Overall situation: The overall financial situation of the SASEG remains healthy, an asset increase of CHF 4'240.83 was observed in 31.12.2021 (see also in Table 2).

##### **Income and expenses as per 31.12.2021:**

Total income 2021	CHF 23'859.98
Total expenses 2021	CHF 19'619.15
Total gain	CHF 4'240.83

##### **Assets 31.12.2021:**

Total assets 01.01.2021	CHF 87'130.15
Total assets 31.12.2021	CHF 91'370.98
Total	CHF 4'240.83

The balance sheet presented was adopted by the general assembly (Tab. 2).





Swiss Association of Energy Geoscientists  
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 Association suisse des géoscientifiques de l'énergie  
 Associazione svizzera geoscientisti dell'energia

Auswertung/ Evaluation per Jahr/ Year in CHF

Beschreibung / Description	1.1.2021	31.12.2021
Kasse - Cash in CHF	346.57	346.57
Bank in CHF	86'783.58	91'024.41
Anfangs - Endbestand / Opening - Closing Balance	87'130.15	91'370.98
Zunahme - Increase / (Abnahme - Decrease)		4'240.83

Einnahmen-Ausgaben-Rechnung (CHF)

Nr	Beschreibung	Einnahmen	Ausgaben
3	<b>EINNAHMEN - INCOME</b>	23'859.98	
34	Einzahlungen der Mitglieder - Payments by members	19'119.46	
35	Tagungen - Conventions	4'557.21	
36	Varia Einnahmen - Misc. Income	183.31	
6	<b>AUFWAND - EXPENSES</b>		19'619.15
61	SASEG SFIG Bulletin		10'720.00
62	Kosten bez. Tagungen - Convention costs		3'399.51
64	Vorexkursion - Pre-excursion		0.00
65	Verwaltungs- und Informatikaufwand - Admin and IT		5'039.45
68	Vorstand - Mgmt Comm		0.00
69	Finanzaufwand - Financial costs		460.19
8	Steuern - Tax		0.00
89	Direkte Steuern - Direct taxation		0.00
<b>Total Einnahmen/Ausgaben - Income/ Outflow</b>		<b>23'859.98</b>	<b>19'619.15</b>
<b>Zunahme - Increase / (Abnahme - Decrease)</b>			<b>4'240.83</b>

Table 2: Balances sheet SASEG.

## **5 Auditors' reports**

René Graf presented the report by the auditors for the year 2021 signed by D. Decrouez and R. Graf which was acknowledged by the general assembly.

## **6 Discharge of the members of the managing committee**

Matthias Bichsel asked the attendees of today's general assembly whether they would give discharge to the managing committee for the year 2021. The assembly agreed unanimously.

## **7 Editor's report**

R. Heinz reported, in addition to the President's remarks, that the next Bulletin (Vol. 27/1, 2022) is in print and contains 11 articles with 5 external contributions, 2 contributions from presentations of the SFIG conference and the conference report SFIG, 1 book review and 2 obituaries. For the next issue of the Bulletin, Vol. 27/2, 2022, there are 8 articles registered with a main focus on the landslide in Brienz/Brienzauls.

An outlook for the first edition in 2023 can already be given: Due to the conference on the Gurten in October 2022 in Bern on the subject of CO<sub>2</sub> storage the first Bulletin Vol. 28/1, 2023 will be a special edition with their contributions.

On the SASEG (and SFIG) website a specific membership area has been implemented to get access to the latest (2 years) Bulletin volumes, which are ready to download as well. A password will be communicated to all members early autumn 2022.

## **8 Farewell to two management committee members**

Michael Gysi and Stefan Heuberger (secre-

tary) were elected as committee members by the general assembly 2019 in Geneva.

Due to a heavy load in their professional and family life, both unfortunately had to resign as committee members of SASEG. We will miss their strong commitment, their factual and informed contributions as well as their camaraderie. In the name of the committee, the president sent both a letter of appreciation and a farewell gift.

## **9 By-Elections to the management committee**

Bernhard Gunzenhauser explained that Matthias Bichsel would act as President of the meeting and would therefore chair the by-elections.

The CVs of the proposed candidates Nicole Scheidt and Rodney Garrard were presented to the audience and both were elected as new members of the managing committee by acclamation for the remaining period 2022-2023. Nicole Scheidt will replace Stefan Heuberger as secretary.

## **10 Decision on Membership Fee**

The proposal of the managing committee to keep the member fee at CHF 80.- per annum for personal members was adopted by the general assembly.

## **11 Annual Convention 2023**

The 89<sup>th</sup> annual convention for the year 2023 will take place in Montreux from 17-19 June and will include the general assembly, scientific presentation and two days with field trips in the area. The detailed program is currently (autumn 2022) worked out and the

invitation with the final program will be sent out in February/March 2023.

**12 A.O.B.**

Nothing to report.