

**Protocol of the general assembly 2020 of the Swiss Sociological Association SSA
20 November from 14.00 to 16.00 as Zoom-meeting**

AGENDA

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2. Protocol of last general assembly
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 - a. President
 - b. Events
4. Accounting 2019 and budget 2021
5. Discharge of SSA board
6. Election of new SSA board members and revisors
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Members present during the meeting: Rainer Diaz-Bone (SSA board member, president), Christian Suter (SSA board member, vice president), Oliver Nachtwey (SSA board member, treasurer), Leen Vandecasteele (SSA board member), Milena Chimienti (SSA board member), Marlyne Shakian (SSA board member), Jörg Rössel (SSA board member), Felix Bühlmann (SSA board member, journal editor), Muriel Surdez (SSA board member), Peter Farago, Peter Voll, Patrik Aspers, Achim Edelmann, Christoph Maeder, Regula Julia Lee- mann, Wolfgang Schäfer, Roland Becker-Lenz, Malte Doehne, Sébastien Vincent, Nicky Le Feuvre, Florian Elliker, Brigitte Liebig, Sandra Hafner, Michèle Staehli, Irene Becci, Oliver Moeschler, Andreas Faust, Zilan Gencer, David Pichonnaz

1. Acceptance of agenda

Agenda was accepted.

2. Minutes of last GA

Minutes were accepted.

3. Report

a. President

The SSA board initiated a bulletin on the issue of health, in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic. This will be coordinated by Michael Gemperle and Raphaël Hammer and will be published in the beginning of 2021.

Marlyne Sahakian took care of updating the information on study programs in sociology in Switzerland on the homepage of the Swiss sociological association; the task has been completed and we can be reimbursed by the ASSH this year.

b. Events:

Together with the German Sociological Association and the Austrian Sociological Association, SSA initiated a workshop “Public Sociology”, which took place 1-2 October 2020 at Kulturwissenschaftliches Institut at Essen. Some other of the planned conferences of the research committees in 2020 had to be postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

4. Accounting 2019 and budget 2021

Accounting 2019

In 2019 the membership fees declined. The SSA secretary had to remind several members to pay their fees. It was discussed that the pandemic could be troubling for some members, which could be the cause for delayed payments. In the general assembly, the SSA board was reminded to approach the task to reduce costs and asked to carefully examine the financial situation of the association, to ensure its long term health and viability. The president explained that this will be discussed and approached in relation to the journal reform, which is expected to cut the expenses of the SSA substantially. But it was also agreed on to gain more members for SSA, which will be a future task of the SSA board, too. Still, the budget situation is not transparent in every aspect. One reason is that SAHS funding is to be applied for one year before and accounting is done one year after.

Budget planning 2021

The planned budget was presented and discussed. It was accepted by the general assembly.

5. Discharge of SSA board: agreed on with unanimity

6. Election of new SSA board members and revisors

Muriel Surdez (Fribourg), Felix Bühlmann (Lausanne) and Christian Suter (Neuchâtel) are leaving the board at the end of 2020. The president thanked them for their engagement in the last years and presented three sociologists to be elected as new board members: Patrick Aspers (St. Gallen), Achim Edelmann (Bern) and Regula Julia Leemann (Basel). The three persons have been elected as new board members from the beginning of 2021 on and for the term until the end of 2022. Therefore, in 2021 the SSA board will be:

Patrick Aspers (St. Gallen), Milena Chimienti (Geneva), Rainer Diaz-Bone (Lucerne, president), Achim Edelmann (Bern), Regula Julia Leemann (Basel), Oliver Nachtwey (Basel, treasurer), Jörg Rössel (Zurich), Marlyne Sahakian (Geneva) and Leen Vandecasteele (Lausanne). Also, one of the upcoming journal editors (see below 7) will join the SSA board.

Also, two new revisors proposed for the term 2021-2022: Claudine Burton-Jeangros (Geneva) and Christoph Maeder (Zurich). The general assembly elected them.

7. Report of the Swiss Journal of Sociology

The journal editor Felix Bühlmann reported that less articles are coming in, the editors have to invest to get more submissions. There are several special issues forthcoming: Migration, Non take up of social policies. More focus issues are planned. The journal editor announced to step down at the end of 2020. The journal is going to have a group of editors in the future, four people: Sophie Mützel (Luzern), Judith Nyfeler (St. Gallen), Luca Pattaroni (EPF Lausanne), and Marc Perrenoud (Lausanne). A new advisory board is planned, too. The international board will continue.

8. Varia

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