

vmITET General Assembly 2022

MINUTES

Date: 26/10/2022

Place: Hybrid

Attendance: Sean Weaver, Christian Guentner, Emily Badsvik, Katarina Vulić, Patrick Jattke, Nadia Jimenez, Ueli Koch, Samuel Balula, Virginie de Mestral

Minutes by: Katarina Vulić & Christian Guentner

1. Welcome and election of vote counter and minutes taker

Proposal for minutes taker: Katarina Vulić (needs to leave early), Christian Guentner (to take over)

Proposal for vote counter: Sean Weaver

There are 9 persons present, all vmITET members (eligible to vote on all matters on the agenda).

Sean Weaver, in his quality as president of vmITET is leading the general assembly. He presents vmITET, its missions, its relationship with AVETH.

2. Review Activities 2021/22

Sean gives a review of vmITET activities.

- Doctoral Student Welcome eEvent
- Workshop on ITET code of conduct
- Representation of the Mittelbau at the ITET Department Evaluation
- Monthly Aperos
- Joined BBQs with AV-MAVT

3. Financial Statement 2021/22

Christian Guentner, in his function as treasurer of vmITET, presents the financial statement of the past year. vmITET has stayed within the budget agreed on during the last general assembly.

Financial statement of 01-08-2021 to 31-07-2022:

21/22	description	planned	actual
expenses	Events – Monthly Apéro	-3000	-2039.55
	Events – D+ITET supp.	-1500	0
	Events - Miscellaneous	-2000	-195.50
	Projects	-2000	0
	Bank fees	-60	-60.00
revenue	Membership fees	+4200	+4056.00
profit/loss		-4360	+1760.95

Assets as of 31.07.2022: Fr. 37 457.02 (Bank Account)

Comments: Aperos have been restarted and are well received. Joined BBQs with AV-MAVT were especially well received. vmITET board hosted a lunch meeting (195.5CHF) with potentially interested people for recruitment purposes.

vmITET auditors, Ueli Koch and Johanna Stimm, have reviewed the financial statement and are OK with it.

Exoneration of the Executive Board

The executive board of vmITET for the present term was composed of

President: Sean Weaver

Treasurer: Christian Guentner

Members: Alexander Dietmüller, Erwin Riegler, Samuel Balula

Auditors: Ueli Koch, Johanna Stimm

The exoneration of the board is put to vote and passed. Vote: 0 against, 0 abstentions, 9 in favor.

Elections

The proposed new executive board is composed of

Co-Presidents: Sean Weaver, Virginie de Mestral

Treasurer: Christian Guentner

Members: Samuel Balula, Patrick Jattke, Nadia Jimenez, Emily Badsvik, Katarina Vulić

Vote: The assembly agrees to make on bulk vote. 0 against, 0 abstentions, 9 in favor.

According to our bylaws, two auditors are also required. They are responsible for auditing the board activities and report to the GA about any irregularities.

Ueli Koch is candidate for being auditor. We technically need another one but found no volunteer.

Vote: 0 against, 1 abstention, 8 in favor.

Katarina Vulić leaves the assembly. Minute taker changes to Christian Guentner.

Other Positions

The vmITET executive board decided on initiating new un-elected functions within vmITET to streamline communication and improve the distribution of workload between members. The newly created functions are:

Social Coordinator: Katarina Vulić (Function: Planning and Execution of Social Events)

Politics Liaison: Emily Badsvik (Function: Attend AVETH politics meetings and communicate back to vmITET)

Website Development: Patrick Jattke (Function: Update website (technical) with provided content)

Elections of DK Representatives

vmITET holds nine elected seats in the department conference (DK). The current list of DK representatives is outdated as e.g. Alexander Dietmüller, Hannes Dillinger, and Marco Eppenberger left ETH in the

meantime. Sean Weaver, Samuel Balula, Christian Guenther offer their seats to newcomers by either stepping down or becoming deputies. Emily Badsvik and Virignie de Mestral voice interest to become new members. Ueli Koch voices interest to become deputy.

Thomas Ulrich, Erwin Riegler, Romain Jacob are not present and have not communicated their wish to step down. They will be contacted after the general assembly.

As we have more seats to fill than volunteers available, the new representative list reads:

New Representatives: Christian Guenther (IBT), Sean Weaver (IBT), Samuel Balula (IfA), Ueli Koch (IEF), Emily Badsvik (IBT), Virignie de Mestral (IIS), Thomas Ulrich (IBT), Erwin Riegler (NARI), Romain Jacob (TIK)

New Deputies: none

Elections of UK Representatives

vmITET holds four elected seats in the teaching commission of ITET (UK). Ueli Koch, Christian Guenther agree to stay representatives. Sean Weaver steps down. Lukas Faber and Alexander Dietmüller left ETH. Marco Eppenberger is not present, will be contacted after the GA by email.

New Representatives: Christian Guenther (IBT), Ueli Koch (IEF)

New Deputies: None

Outlook 2021/22

ITET Help Desk has been revived (Patrick and Nadia)

- Presentation at the next DK (14.12.22)

Continue monthly aperos

Themed Events could include:

- Latin Dancing event
- Jam sessions
- Mulled wine for Xmas. vmITET mulled wine pot should be somewhere, needs to be found out

Let's get in contact with Stephanie Pfenningbauer on:

- DK/UK Summaries and email newsletters. Should we restart these?
- Social events & aperos: Print / display advertisement for aperos

Career events have been performed in the past but currently no volunteer to organize any.

ITET mini-conference: poster session

- Christian Guenther & Sean Weaver organize it
- Involve professorships for advertisement
- Poster prize
- Make it a personal event
- Material Science Department does it, maybe worth asking for some insights

AVETH Welcome Packs

- Paused during covid
- Previously organized by Alexander Dietmüller, however, he left ETH

- We should restart it soon
- Maybe send them by internal mail
- Print info on vmitet and put it inside

Wine tasting

My thesis in a few seconds:

- Pitch your work in a few minutes
- Contest against 9 others
- Combine with ITET poster-session – mini-conference

Ongoing Discussions / Initiatives at ITET

Sustainability at ITET: In relation with vmitet – Develop measures to reduce CO2 footprint of D-ITET

D+ITET still exists

Distribution of teaching duties as ETH expands

Budget

Christian Guenther proposed to increase the budget of the monthly aperos to reserve money for extra inter-departmental aperos (e.g. BBQs with AVMAVT). All other items remain the same to give board the possibility to initiate new social events and projects.

Description	expenses	revenue
Events – Monthly Aperos	4000	
Events – D+ITET support	1500	
Events – Miscellaneous	2000	
Projects – Miscellaneous	2000	
Others – bank fees	60	
Membership fees		4000
sum	9560	4000
profit/loss		-5560

Vote: 0 against, 0 abstention, 8 in favor.

Miscellaneous

None