

Ada-Switzerland



General Assembly 2022

Date: Thursday May 12, 2022

Location: Café Restaurant Obergass, Schulgasse 1, 8400 Winterthur

Time: 18h15

Chair: Ahlan Marriott

Keeper of the Minutes: David Mirfin

Attendance:

Reto Gaberthüel

Benoit Steinmetz

Ahlan Marriott (President)

David Mirfin (Vice-President)

Gautier de Montmollin

Simon Zilliken

Marcel Schneider (Treasurer)

Louise Volkert (guest)

Urs Maurer

Nick Kaethner

Jacek Prorok

Holger Rodriguez

Minutes

1. Approval of the Agenda (Appendix C)

It was agreed that approval of the previous GA minutes should be item 2 on the Agenda instead of the presentation of the President's Report which it was agreed would be moved to after item 5. Everyone approved the new agenda.

2. Approval of the minutes of 2021 General Assembly

Everyone approved the minutes of the 2021 General Assembly.

3. Treasurer's report

Marcel Schneider presented his report (summary in Appendix B). Marcel noted that Martin Krischik had paid twice.

4. Report of the independent auditor

Peter Vogelsanger's report was presented in his absence. Peter's report recommended that we accept the Treasurers Report.

5. Motion 1: to approve the 2021 result as presented by the Treasurer.

All approved, moved by Ahlan Marriott

6. President's report

Ahlan Marriott presented the report (Appendix A),

7. Approval of the re-election of the existing board members

Re-election of the existing board members was approved unanimously.

8. Election of the independent Auditor for 2022

All agreed that Peter Vogelsanger had been an excellent independent auditor for several years and he may well be asked to do the job again in the future however, for now, it was considered sensible to appoint someone else, if possible, to assure independence. Jacek Prorok volunteered and was gratefully approved as the independent auditor for 2022.

9. Ada Europe conference 2022 – request for industrial presentations from Ada Switzerland members

Ahlan appealed to members to contribute presentations.

10. Should there be an Ada Switzerland event in 2023? Suggestions and ideas are invited, and members appointed to organize a chosen event.

Ahlan suggested at GA 2021 last year that we might arrange a visit to the Sternwarte Schaffhausen in late 2022 - an evening at the planetarium along with presentations in the afternoon. That event never transpired. It remains the only material suggestion we have for an event, but it would now need to take place towards the end of the 2023 because we need a dark evening. Small presentations would be invited from members e.g. perhaps one by Urs of his Ada work for the Sternwarte if he is willing to do that. It would be necessary to investigate how much such an event would cost so that we could have a concrete proposal. Any alternative suggestions from the membership would be very welcome - please email the board.

11. A “Swiss Ada Event 2023” would require some funding be provided by Ada Switzerland.

Motion 2: to approve the funding of this event.

Budget of CHF2000 funding was provisionally unanimously approved for an event.

12. The President explained the involvement of Ada-Switzerland in the Ada-Europe conference fee collection for the 2022 conference.
Motion 3: to decide whether Ada-Switzerland is willing to cooperate in a similar way in 2023 was approved with 10 votes for and 1 abstention.
13. Other business:
 - The GA format was discussed – members are invited to suggest alternatives
 - Benoit pointed out that he has a new email address and he would be grateful if we would send him news of future GAs!

Appendix A

Ada Switzerland: President's report 2022 delivered at the AGM held on 12-May-22

Members who haven't paid their dues for 2022 despite reminders (name & shame)

- None

Mutations:

- Ian Ross – Resigned in 2020 but his membership was extended due to our Corona mitigation policy. However he did not reconsider and has let his membership lapse.
- Thierry Durand left Cimo SA, and did not renew his membership.

Consequently, we now have 30 members, 26 of whom are also indirect members of Ada-Europe.

Ada-Europe

- This year's General Assembly (GA) will be held virtually by Zoom at 18:00 on Tuesday 7-Jun-22. The meeting is open to all members of Ada-Europe however a password will be required. This can be obtained by emailing the Ada-Europe secretary (secretary@ada-europe.org). Or myself, in which case I will forward your request to him.
- At the GA, the proposal to make the AUJ available as PDF will be discussed.
- AE Membership figures remain stable at around 200.
- The financial position of Ada-Europe took a deliberate hit in 2021 (14'500 EUR) mainly because it was decided to waive the membership renewal fee in 2021 to partially mitigate the effects and repercussions of the Corona epidemic.
- 3'200 EUR of the 2021 loss was due to the Ada-Europe virtual conference. Again, this was deliberate because Ada-Europe offered free registration to its members.
- This year's conference will be held physically in Gent, Belgium. There will be tutorials on Tuesday 14-Jun-22 with a welcome to the conference Apéro in the evening. This will be followed by two days of presentations on Wednesday and Thursday and finally there will be workshops on the Friday. There will also be a "Birds of the feather" meeting on the Friday to discuss ASIS. For more details on the conference, visit the conference web site at <http://www.ada-europe.org/conference2022/>
- Next year's conference will most likely be held in Lisbon.
- But it might be the last. So far, the uptake of this year's conference is very poor – although this may change as we near the early-bird deadline of 20-May-22. The poor uptake might be the aftermath of the Covid pandemic but it might also be due to the trend towards virtual meetings. No matter the outcome of the Gent conference, Ada-Europe will try again in 2023 – but thereafter rather depends on the conference results. Ada-Europe cannot and should not subsidize events for which there is insufficient interest. The world moves on – but unfortunately not always where we would prefer it to go.

Threema

- Members are reminded that Ada-Switzerland has a Threema group which they are invited to join by simply emailing me their Threema id or sending a message to HKWCWF5S

Appendix B

Ada Switzerland

Income and Expenditure account
For the year ending 31st December 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
INCOME		
Membership Fees	70.00	1,920.00
Membership book offers	-	-
Other Income	1,904.65	65.22
Interest Received	-	-
	<u>1,974.65</u>	<u>1,985.22</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Ada Europe indirect membership fees	-	971.79
Postage	217.00	124.00
Charitable Donations	-	-
Swiss Ada Event	-	-
Payback + Bank Charges	1,934.65	60.86
Internet Domain Registration	12.25	12.25
Internet Domain Hosting	78.75	78.75
Secretarial Expenses	33.20	15.20
Annual General Meeting	-	263.90
	<u>2,275.85</u>	<u>1,526.75</u>
	- 301.20	458.47
Tax on Interest	-	-
	<u>- 301.20</u>	<u>458.47</u>

Note all figures are in CHF

Ada Switzerland

Balance Sheet As of 31 December 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
PF Savings Account CH62 0900 0000 1571 2438 3	8,578.12	7,819.32
PF EUR Account 15-252453-7	30.09	30.09
Debtors	-	-
Loans	-	-
	<u>8,608.21</u>	<u>7,849.41</u>
Advance (Membership fees for the following year)	1,060.00	-
Creditors	-	-
	<u>7,548.21</u>	<u>7,849.41</u>
Financed By:-		
Income & Expenditure Account for Year	- 301.20	458.47
Ada Switzerland	<u>7,849.41</u>	<u>7,390.94</u>
	<u>7,548.21</u>	<u>7,849.41</u>

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Appendix C

Agenda

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3. Treasurer's report
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Motion 2: to approve the funding of this event.
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Motion 3: to decide whether Ada-Switzerland is willing to cooperate in a similar way in the future.
12. Other business