

Protocol of the 2020 VMITET General Assembly

Date Wednesday September 9th 2020, 18:00

Place Online

Agenda

1. Short introduction: What is VMITET?
2. Review activities 2019/20
3. Financial statement 2019/20
4. Exoneration executive board
5. Elections
6. Outlook 2020/21
7. Budget
8. Miscellaneous

1. Welcome and election of vote counter and recording clerk.

Proposal for recording clerk Sean Weaver

Proposal for vote counter Alexander Dietmueller

There are 10 persons present, 9 are VMITET members (eligible to vote on all matters on the agenda). The rest can vote only for the election of DK and UK representatives.

Romain Jacob, in his quality of co-president of VMITET is leading the General Assembly. He presents VMITET, its missions, its relationship with AVETH.

2. Review activities 2019/20

Romain gives a review of VMITET's activities.

- Welcome Event for new PhD students co-organized with the Department. Not clear how this year's event would/should be organized.
- We stopped gathering and sending around the summaries of the DK and UK. We shouldn't have; it should happen again.
- The 2nd round of consultation about the revision of the Doctoral Studies is ongoing. This is an important topic with many changes proposed.
- Several professorships search committees with an important role played by the VMITET representatives (organization of the student panels, very appreciated by the candidates).
- The monthly apéros worked well (until COVID).
- The activities of the [Diversity&Inclusion subgroup](#) have also been limited by the pandemic.
 - Food bazaar
 - A keynote + panel on diversity
 - Remote coffee break every Tuesday. Email Alexander Dietmueller if interested in participating.
- VMITET financed an interview training (50 chf) offered by the University of Zürich to a handful of interested people.

3. Financial statement 2019/20

Romain presents the budget of the past year. VMITET has stayed within the budget agreed on during the last General Assembly.

Presented financial statement for the last term (06-2019 to 09-2020)

19/20	description	planned	actual
expenses	Events – Monthly Apéro	3000	2022
	Events – D+ITET supp.	1500	0
	Events - Miscellaneous	2000	179
	2019 General Assembly		179
	Projects	2000	0
	Bank fees	60	70
revenue	Membership fees	4800	4320
	D+ITET Reimbursement	1750	1750
profit/loss		-3760	+3798

Main asset PostFinance bank account

Balance 31'828 CHF as of 31-07-2020

Comments

The main source of expenses are the social events, which were drastically reduced due to COVID, hence the large profit in this year's financial statement.

The VMITET auditors, Gregor Dumphart and Marc Kuhn, have reviewed the financial statement and are OK with it.

4. Exoneration executive board

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

Co-Presidents Romain Jacob
Alexander Dietmüller

Co-Treasurers Andreas Messner
Christian Günthner

Members Jonas Walheim
Alexander Penn
Raphael Zahn
Sean Weaver
Janine Thoma

The exoneration of the board is put to vote and passed.

Vote 0 against exoneration. 3 abstentions. 6 in favour

5. Elections

1. VMITET Board

The proposed new board is composed of

Co-Presidents Sean Weaver
Romain Jacob

Treasurer Christian Günthner

Members Erwin Riegler
Lukas Faber
Samuel Balula
Gregor Dumphart
Alexander Dietmüller

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 and Raphael Zahn are candidates for auditors.

The assembly agrees to make on bulk vote.

Vote 0 against exoneration. 3 abstentions. 6 in favour.

2. Elections of DK representatives

VMITET has 9 seats for representatives in the ITET Departementskonferenz (DK). The proposed list is

New representatives

1. Gregor Dumphart (IKT)
2. Sean Weaver (IBT)
3. Thomas Ulrich (IBT)
4. Marco Eppenberger (IEF)
5. Hannes Dillinger (IBT)
6. Lukas Faber (TIK)
7. Erwin Riegler (NARI)

8. Christian Günthner (IBT)
9. Alexander Dietmüller (TIK)

New deputies

1. Romain Jacob (TIK)
2. Raphael Zahn (IfE)
3. Samuel Balula (IfA)

Vote 0 against. 0 abstentions. 9 in favour.

3. Elections of UK representatives

VMITET has 4 seats for representatives in the ITET Unterrichtskommission (UK). The proposed list is

New representatives

1. Roland Schmid (TIK)
2. Marco Eppenberger (IEF)
3. Christian Günthner (IBT)
4. Alexander Dietmüller (TIK)

New deputies

1. 1. Romain Jacob (TIK)
2. 2. Raphael Zahn (IfE)
3. 3. Sean Weaver (IBT)
4. 4. Ueli Koch (IEF)
5. 5. Lukas Faber (TIK)

Vote 0 against. 0 abstentions. 9 in favour.

6. Outlook 2020/21

Some of the activities of VMITET work well, others would be worthwhile to be revived.

Monthly Apéro The Apéro should be restarted as soon as the medical situation allows it.
Sean Weaver is currently the “apéro chief”

DK/UK Summary Marco Eppenberger is responsible to summarize the Dks.
We currently have no responsible person for the Uks.

VMITET Newsletter Romain used to send out the newsletter using Mailchimp. If one is interested,
it is easy to revive.

Welcome Bags

AVETH pays for welcome bags, it does not cost VMITET anything. VMITET just distributes the bags to newcomers. Alexander Dietmüller is currently responsible. Contact him if you are interested in helping.

Ongoing Vernehmlassungen

Revision of Doctoral studies
Employment of Doctoral Students
Career development framework for postdocs and senior assistants

Ongoing Discussions

Revision of rules for German language courses counting towards doctoral credit
CO2 footprint reduction at D-ITET (mostly flying less often)

Career / Personal Development

VMITET has a budget to support the organization of workshops, talks, or activities. As long as it benefits a large part of the Mittelbau at D-ITET, potentially possible.

other
anything is

7. VMITET 2019/20 Budget

Proposed budget for the next term.

Description	expenses	revenue
Events – Monthly Aperos	3000	
Events – D+ITET support	1500	
Events – Miscellaneous	2000	
Projects – Miscellaneous	2000	
Others – bank fees	60	
Membership fees		4800
sum	8560	4800
profit/loss		-3760

Comments 1500 Fr. are budgeted for D+ITET for the organization of events.
These events should target a large audience to be eligible for funding.

Vote 0 against, 0 abstentions, 10 in favour.

8. Miscellaneous

None.