

**Gesellschaft für Histochemie (Society for Histochemistry - SfH) e.V. - General Assembly
August 28, 2025, 17.30 (CEST, UTC+2)
Rimini, Palacongressi Rimini, Arco Room plus online participation**

Minutes

Chair of the meeting: Klara Weipoltshammer (KW)

Protocol written by: Klara Weipoltshammer (KW), Daniela Klimešová (DK)

Members present: Klara Weipoltshammer, Pavel Hozák (PH), Carlo Pellicciari, Péter Vilmos, Marco Biggiogera, Claudio Casali, Christian Schöfer, Martin Sztacho
Daniela Klimešová (non-member)

1. agenda

The following agenda was sent with the timely invitation to the meeting. The agenda was unanimously approved at the beginning of the meeting. The meeting was convened in accordance with the Articles of Association. There are 9 persons present and 8 persons entitled to vote. The quorum of the meeting was established at the beginning. The minutes of the last meeting on 31.08.2022 (Prague) were confirmed in accordance with the Articles of Association.

- 1) approval of the agenda
- 2) activities of SfH 2022-2025,
presenting of the protocol of the last Business meeting (P. Hozák)
Status of change of bylaws of SfH and dissolution of the Foundation, which was decided to initiate at the last business meeting
- 3) Information on legal changes of the Federation of Societies for Histochemistry and Imaging (P. Hozák)
- 4) Financial report (K. Weipoltshammer)
- 5) Financial audit 2018-2025 (C. Pellicciari and T. Venit, reported by K. Weipoltshammer)
Decision on approval/disapproval of the actions of the Board/treasurer
- 6) Future of the Society: in May 2025 a survey has been made amongst members of the Society in order to clarify who would like to take over responsibility in form of serving as member of the board/secretary/treasurer/president. As only one SfH member answered in the affirmative, and as the present board will no longer be available for these functions, the Society for Histochemistry can no longer be maintained. The Board suggests to liquidate the Society according to the procedure determined in the bylaws and in accordance with German association law.
Thus, the Business meeting has to decide on this step (3/4 majority of attending SfH members).
- 7) In case of liquidation: election of liquidator(s)
- 8) Election of the Board
 - a) in case of dissolution: board up to and during the liquidation process of SfH
 - b) or in case of maintenance bylaw conform election of a new Board
- 9) Suggestion of the board on how to spend the funds of SfH
- 10) AOB

2. report on the association's activities from 2022 – 2025

KW has shown protocol of the last business meeting (2022, Prague). As decided in Prague, The foundation for Promotion of the SfH has been closed. The By-Laws and persons entitled to represent the society (now secretary, treasurer, president each on his/her own) have been changed in the registry of Associations Stuttgart/Germany. A

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survey on who of the members listed in the membership list are still interested in staying SfH member resulted in a reduced membership list of about 30 persons. From 2023 onwards the Society has rented a virtual office in Tübingen in order to possess a seat in Germany.

KW summarizes the scientific activities of the Society from 2022 onwards:

2022: International Congress for Histochemistry and Cytochemistry (planned for 2020), Prague (Aug. 28th-31st 2022) with a **Symposium of the Society for Histochemistry** as satellite meeting

Feulgen Prize: Christian Mühlfeld (lecture), Hari Shroff (online lecture 2021, 2022 no attendance),

Feulgen Lecture: Ohad Medalia

Invited Lecture: Toyoshi Fujimoto

Travel awards for young Scientists: 3x 500.-€ (competitive selection as to scientific quality)

2023: 27th Wilhelm Bernhard Workshop on the Cell Nucleus Prague (June 19th –23rd 2023) with a **Symposium of the Society for Histochemistry** as satellite meeting

Travel awards for young Scientists: 3x 500.-€ (competitive selection as to scientific quality)

Support of conference organization (room rental, coffee break)

2024: no scientific activities

2025: International Congress of Histochemistry and Cytochemistry, Rimini (Aug. 27th-30st 2025) with a **Symposium of the Society for Histochemistry** as satellite meeting

Feulgen Lecture: Roland Foisner

Plenary Lecture: Ohad Medalia

SfH invited Lecture: Martin Sztacho

Travel awards for young Scientists: 4x 500.-€ (competitive selection as to scientific quality)

Young Histochemist Award: The Society for Histochemistry suggests Margherita Cavallo for a Young Histochemist Award.

Awards – young scientists for congress visits in the field: 4x €700,00.-€ (competitive selection as to scientific quality)

The talks and posters presented at all meetings were of excellent scientific quality; the meetings and especially the SfH sessions were of great interest to the researchers in the field. Thus all the expenses were made according to the purpose defined in the bylaws.

3. Information on legal changes regarding the Federation of Societies for Histochemistry and Cytochemistry (renamed International Federation of Societies of Histochemistry and Imaging)

PH reports on changes in the International Federation of Societies Histochemistry and Cytochemistry (soon to be IFSHI). This process entails amongst other requirements signing of updated bylaws by the representatives of all member-societies and should be finalized in the near future.

4. financial report



Income: membership fees

Expenses: apart from the scientific activities outlined above:

Virtual office: 1413,72.-€ per year

Membership fee Federation of Societies: 200.-€/year more than 100 members, below 100.-€

Lawyer: advice dissolution SfH (see below) + change bylaws 2499.-€

Balance sheets have been shown via a pptx

With all the expenses up to now and expected for Rimini deducted, there remain approx. 39.000.-€ in the account of the Society.

General remarks: Income of the Society are only membership fees. As the Societies finances scientific activities (according to its purpose) the assets of the Society are shrinking.

Several activities and the virtual office had to be prefinanced as it was not possible to transfer money from the Foundation to the Society during the liquidation process of the Foundation. These expenses were refunded mainly in 2025, resulting in rather high expenses of the Society in 2025.

Resolution: The report is acknowledged and approved by the General Meeting. At the request of one of the members present, the actions of the Board of Directors are approved (unanimous - 8 of 8 votes)

5. report on the 2018 - 2025 audits

The last clearing of the treasurer was for the year 2016; the last audition report for the period of 2014-2017 (Vlada Flimonenko, Christian Schöfer). Tomas Venit and Carlo Pellicciari acted as auditors for the period of 2018-15.05.2025. All auditors recommend to approve of the actions of the treasurer/board. Thus, the report of 2014-2017 and the present reports are submitted to the Business Meeting so that it can decide on the approval of the actions of treasurer/board for the period 2017-2025.

Resolution: The report is noted with approval by the General Meeting. At the request of one of the members present, the actions of the Executive Board are approved. Financial clearance has been voted upon and has been unanimously approved (8 of 8 votes)

6. dissolution of the association

The reasons for the dissolution of the association are stated in the agenda. This agenda was submitted in due form and time, the invitation to the General Meeting was sent in due time.

a) After deliberation, the General Meeting resolves:

The "Gesellschaft für Histochemie e.V." association is dissolved.

Resolution: Unanimous (8 of 8 votes)

7. Upon proposal from among the members of the meeting, the following are proposed as liquidators

1. Prof. Dr. Klara Weipoltshammer

2. Prof. Dr. Pavel Hozák

3. Prof. Dr. Marco Biggiogera

, each with individual power of representation.

The candidates agree with their nomination. Election result: Unanimous (8 of 8 votes)

Ms. Weipoltshammer, Mr. Hozák and Mr. Biggiogera declare their acceptance of the election.



9. Election of the Board

Peter Vilmos steps down from the Board. Peter will be replaced by Martin Sztacho.
The remaining members of the Board will remain for the period of dissolution of the Society.

Approval of the General Meeting: unanimous (8 of 8 votes)


The vote is accepted by all Board members

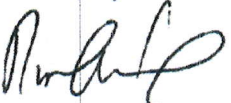
10. AOB: Report on 17th ICHC + report on the venue of the next ICHC (P. Hozák)

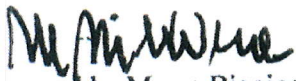
17th ICHC has good attendance about 280 persons, half of them students.


There are two bids for the next ICHC – China and the UK. This will be decided tomorrow, Aug 29th 2025.


The Business Meeting is closed at 18.15 by Klara Weipoltshammer.


Recorded by Klara Weipoltshammer/Daniela Klimešová

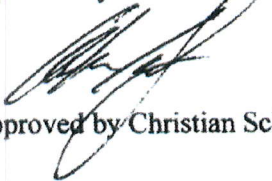

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