



Association des Doctorant·e·s et Assistant·e·s en Sciences

de la Faculté de Biologie et de Médecine
de l'Université de Lausanne

ADAS General Assembly 2023

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1. Introduction

The general assembly took place on November 23, 2023, in AmphiTheater at Biophore UNIL-Sorge.

Attendees:

Name	Last Name	Department
Marta	Vilademunt	FBM
Ali	Hallaj	DSB-UNIL
Houwayda	Belaid	DSB-UNIL
Bevika	Sewgoolam	DMF-UNIL
Roberto	Avendaño	DMF-UNIL
Evgeniya	Save-Trofimenko	DSB-UNIL
Natalia	Gaarslev	CIG-UNIL

Maya	Houmel	DMF-UNIL
Irmak	Cabas	FBM
Philipp	Walch	DIB-UNIL
Melissa	Frund	IMUL-CHUV
Ophelie	Gosselin	DMF-UNIL
Tiberiu	Nita	Unisante-CHUV
Nicholay	Diaz Ardila	DBMV-UNIL
Sarah	Hornfeck	DSB-UNIL
Francisco	Tomas Ribeiro	DSB-UNIL
Hammam	Antar	DMF-UNIL
Flavio	Tomas Ferreira	DSB-UNIL
Kevin	Dzi	FBM
Nadia	Elshareif	FBM
Margot	Renard	FBM

The session started at 18:15 and was chaired by Ophelie Gosselin, co-president of ADAS.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda is unanimously accepted without modification.

3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the the meeting of October 2023

The minutes of October 2023 are unanimously accepted without modification.

4. Presentation of ADAS

The Association of Doctoral and Scientific Assistants, founded in 1998 at the former Faculty of Sciences, automatically includes doctoral students, assistants, MD-PhDs, and Post-Docs as members, collectively known as the Lower-Intermediate Corps. The organization defends the interests of PhDs and Post-Docs in University and Faculty Councils across various academic institutions such as FBM, the Doctoral School, and the School of Biology. It is also an active member of the Research Commission, contributing to project reviews and financial support. The association maintains strong connections with the Doctoral School and the FBM to manage issues, enhance communication, and support members with work and thesis-related challenges. Additionally, it organizes networking and social events such as

D.Day, Career Roundtables, BBQs, Pub Quizzes, and Growing Up In Science to bolster community and professional development.

5. Activity report 2022-2023

FBM Fellowship Apero

In January, the ADAS hosted an aperitif for candidates of the FBM Doctoral Fellowship. This event was held at the Biophore on the Dorigny Campus and was attended by ADAS members along with former fellowship recipients. The purpose of the gathering was to acquaint the candidates with the experiences of doctoral life at FBM and to facilitate the creation of a professional network.

D.Day

In April 2023, the D.Day conference, designed for and by young researchers from the FBM, will be held. This annual event will feature five distinguished professors. The one-day conference expects to have 70 participants, showcase 30 posters, and is supported by 20 sponsors.

Growing Up in Science (bi-monthly)

The bi-monthly event "Growing Up in Science" held in May is a conversation series that offers a deep dive into the personal narratives that shape the professional lives of scientists. It highlights rarely shared experiences, detailing struggles, unexpected journeys, and the triumph over self-doubt. To date, four successful editions have taken place in the months of May, July, September, and November.

BBQ

ADAS organized a BBQ in September as a networking event for early career scientists to meet and establish connections. This annual summer gathering took place this year by the lake at Jetée de la Compagnie in September.

PubQuiz

The October PubQuiz, offered an opportunity for individuals to meet new people, network, and gain insight into the organization's activities. Held biannually at the Base Bar, the event attracted around 80 participants, reaching full capacity and necessitating the closure of registrations.

Work Environment and Mental Health in Academia

In November, a panel discussion was held, featuring HELP, the Graduate Campus, and two mental health specialists in academic research. Hosted at Geopolis, the event had 25 participants and there are plans to hold it again.

Additional events:

Meet and Greet

The event is held biannually at the Graduate Campus/Welcome Center to introduce new individuals to ADAS.

Life Science Career Day

is an initiative by BSNL/ED featuring a booth to discuss PhD opportunities at FBM.

Inter-Association Meetings

Take place four times a year, where associations present their events.

Additionally, an early career evening hosted by the Swiss Society of Microbiology addresses resilience within academic environments.

6. Accounts for 2022-2023

The costs are calculated from one year to the next, from the last General Assembly to the following one. ADAS receives 18000 CHF annually, shared among ADAS members in proportion to the hours dedicated to the ADAS activities. Various banking fees cost 90 CHF. We received a total of 9191 CHF from sponsors participating to DDay 2023.

The 2022 General Assembly dinner cost ADAS 390 CHF. It covered the meal + a drink for former members and 10 CHF for the meal of new members.

ADAS, as a member of SVSN, contributes to a number of cantonal events at a cost of 180 CHF for the year 2023.

The D.Day cost a total of 8740.86 CHF, fully covered by the doctoral school. Other events incurred costs (BBQ: 1045 CHF, PubQuiz: 991.60 CHF, Metal Health in academia 145.35 CHF, Aperero inequalities 120.40 CHF).

In total, ADAS shows a gain of 4906.30 CHF this year, retains a liquid reserve of 505.10 CHF.

The general assembly approves the presented accounts, and the committee is discharged from the 2022-2023 budget.

7. Projects for 2023-2024

The committee outlined a schedule of events for the upcoming year. The signature event DDAY2024 is set to continue. The GUIS initiative will be further developed, offering support and resources for graduate students. Mental health remains a priority, with continued efforts to provide resources and support for the well-being of the academic community. The FBM Fellowship Aperero will again offer a networking platform for new and prospective fellows. The popular PubQuiz and BBQ events are scheduled to return, fostering camaraderie and informal networking opportunities. A Career Round Table event is being designed in collaboration with Skills for Scientist to enhance career development. Finally, the Meet and Greet sessions will continue as well.

8. Discharge of the committee

There were no further comments about the committee. The assembly reviewed the committee's activities and financial management for the past year. After a thorough discussion and consideration of the committee's report, a motion was put forward for the discharge of the committee members for the 2022-2023 term. The motion was met with unanimous approval from the assembly members, signifying satisfaction with the committee's performance and financial stewardship. The committee was officially discharged, paving the way for the election of new members for the upcoming term.

9. Election of the committee and commission representatives

School of Biology Council

This commission aims to assist the director in managing the School of Biology and its

students and deals with issues such as the conduct and rules of exams. This council meets 4-6 times a year.

Doctoral School Council

This commission, also composed of various professors from the doctoral school, makes decisions concerning PhD students and deals with related issues such as the evaluation of the thesis.

Faculty Council

This commission discusses nominations for various positions and promotions, notably the election of the dean, other members of the deanery, and professorial positions. It expresses its opinion on several topics concerning the faculty, its orientation, and its general policy. It makes large-scale decisions such as the creation or suppression of units, or the adoption of development plans like those for medical licenses. Representatives of the council are elected by the intermediate body for a 2-year term. This council meets once a month at CHUV for about 2 hours.

University Council

This highest-level decision-making commission approves the decisions of the lower-level commissions. It proposes a candidate for the position of rector to the State Council, adopts resolutions on any issue relating to the University, and ratifies the budget. Representatives to the University Council are elected for a 2-year term. This council meets 5 times a year.

Appeals Commission

This commission leads the appeal process for students dissatisfied with their course results. They examine the reasons given by the students, discuss with student and faculty representatives, and vote to make the final decision. This commission meets 2 to 3 times a year.

Research Commission

This commission evaluates interdisciplinary research projects. It is responsible for distributing prizes and scholarships to university researchers. They read applications and have internal access to the selection process. There are 6 sessions of 2-3 hours per year.

EDI Commission (Equality, Diversity, Integration)

This commission (formerly pro-women), elected for two years, discusses ways to improve conditions related to equal opportunities and diversity in the representation of faculty and intermediate body within the FBM. It acts, for example, through awards reserved for women and implements solutions for researchers on family leave. It also acts in terms of communication by disseminating gender-neutral language and early identification of female successors. This commission meets every 3-4 months.

Fundamental Sciences Section Council (SSF)

This commission discusses SSF projects with an advisory role. It takes place 3 times a year.

Master's Prize Commission

This commission meets once a year to distribute prizes to master's students. It participates in the selection process (abstracts, reference letters, grades, manuscripts), with one winner per master's program.

Vaud Natural Sciences Society

The SVSN promotes science in the canton and outside the academic world through often playful and accessible activities to the public.

New elected committee 2023-2024:

Presidents

Marta Vilademunt
Ali Hallaj
Houwayd Belaid

Secretary

Roberto Avendaño

Treasurer

Evgeniya Save-Trofimenko

Councils

School of Biology

Evgeniya Save-Trofimenko
Maya Houmel

Doctoral School

Maya Houmel
Roberto Avendano
Irmak Cabas

Faculty Council

Evgeniya Save-Trofimenko
Philipp Walch

University Council

Houwayd Belaid

Research Council

Philipp Walch,
Ophelie Gosselin
Tiberiu Nita

Equality, diversity and integration

Natalia Gaarslev

Fundamental Science (Conseil SSF)

Ali Hallaj
Houwayda Belaid

Council of Master Prizes

Melissa Frund
Ali Hallaj

Comission of appeal

Melissa Frund
Ali Hallaj

Societe Vaudoise des Sciences Naturelees (SVSN)

Philipp Walch

Other positions

Webmaster

Nicholay Diaz Ardila

Moderators

Philipp Walch

Sarah Hornfeck

Graphical Designer

Francisco Tomas Ribeiro

Active members:

Hammam Antar

Flavio Ferreira

Kevin Dzi

Nadia Elshareif

Margot Renard

Bevika Sewgoolam

Shivali Dongre

10. Miscellaneous

No further comments were made regarding the newly elected committee. However, it was told to all new members that the association is constantly recruiting, always open to new ideas, and there are always other types of activities possible in addition to what has been presented.

11. End of the general assembly and departure for dinner at Gina Restaurant (M1 EPFL)

New members will be added to Slack, WhatsApp, as well as to the committee's mailing list.

The next ADAS meeting is set for December 06, 2023, at 18:00. The location is to be determined by the secretaries.

The general assembly concluded at 19:30.