

**General Members Meeting VSI/e at Popei, Eindhoven, 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2020****Present:**

Henk van 't Blik, Geert Cremers, Peter Derks, Hans van de Donk, Margreet Gooijer, Mellany van Heijningen, Jolanda van Helden, John Heynen, Diederik Houtkoop, Jord Jansen, Maurice Janssen, Robert Kint, Koen Kuijpers, Frans Lemmerling, Usha Oedai, Dannie van Osch, Frans Schiffelers, Arjan Schouten, Jaap Schreur, Ingeborg Schreur, Mathieu Snijders, Wim Thijssen, Sander Treur, Stéphanie Vergeer-Bex, Gerard van Vucht, Harrie van de Westelaken, Johan Wijers, Roy Wink, Yoran Zonneveld.

**Agenda for the activity;**

16h30	Walking tour through Strijp-S
18h00	Dinner
20h30	General Members Meeting
22h00	Drinks & Closing

## Agenda GMM

1. Opening; agenda; announcements
2. Approval minutes GMM 2019
3. Financial report 2019
  - Funds committee
4. Budget plan 2020
  - 4a. Contribution 2020
5. Year overview 2019
6. Composition of the board 2020
7. Year plan 2020
8. Questions / End meeting

**1. Opening / agenda / announcements**

Chairman Mellany welcomes everybody and opens the GMM on behalf of the VSI-board at 20h41. The agenda is accepted without changes. Reidar Timmermans, Zef Breukers, Bram Keijzers, Jelmen Meijerink and Job Vissers initially intended to join this meeting, but could unfortunately not make it. It is noticed that it is strange that Job is not attending as he is a VSI/e board member. The board will address this during point 6 of this meeting.

**2. Minutes GMM VSI/e February 1st, 2019**

The minutes are approved without any changes.

### **3. Financial overview 2018 & Funds committee**

Stéphanie Vergeer-Bex presents the financial report 2019.

The total number of members is 523. We welcomed 22 new members, off which 16 graduated less than 2 years ago. Unfortunately 6 people unsubscribed as member, one of the reasons being the switch to the English language. There are questions if also non Dutch speakers or PhD's subscribe as members. Until now PhD's have not subscribed yet, the board will take a look how to reach these people better. Based on the names, it seems that non Dutch speakers do subscribe as member, although they have not joined activities yet. Based on the Dutch speakers, about one-third to half of the recent alumni also subscribe as a VSI/e member.

The extra savings account has been closed. The final result for the year 2018 was €4406.42 negative, which was slightly less than budgeted. This is because of lower costs of the Theme Event and board meetings. The big value can be explained by the lustrum celebrations of this year. Our total activa (savings incl. debtors) declined to €9270.65 euro. Which is close to one year of budget, as intended already in previous meetings. The debtors are people who did not pay the contribution yet. The board is actively trying to reach these people: first via email, then via phone. There is one person that did not pay contribution for 2 years. The board will come up with sanctions.

The Fund committee (Yoran Zonneveld and Sander Treur) reviewed the expenditures, the financial overview and the accounts. The Fund committee approves the bookkeeping. Diederik notices that the euro sign is missing in the presentation and send pdf. Stéphanie will add the euro sign. The financial report is approved with the addition of euro signs.

### **4. Budget plan 2020**

The budget for the activities went down to €5750 as there will not be any lustrum celebrations in 2020. The costs for the theme event are lower than expected for multiple years, so the budget is changed from €1000 down to €500. The career evening is very popular, also with students, therefore the budget is raised from €1000 to €1250.

The members fee is raised to €15 from 2020 on. The board expects some people might unsubscribe as member, therefore the amount of members is expected to be 500. Some of the members that are present say that maybe even more people will unsubscribe.

Overall the budget plan is aimed to have as much income as expenses.

As the two year period of Yoran Zonneveld in the Fund committee is over, he needs to step down. Yoran is thanked for his services. John Heynen will take over Yoran's place. This is approved by the GMM.

#### *4a. Contribution 2020*

At this moment there are two methods of payment: automatic payment and non-automatic payment. The latter method not only takes way more effort for the board to handle the payment, but the board also notices that all the remaining debtors are people who chose for non-automatic payment.

From 2021 the board wants to move the moment of payment from summer to January. In this way people will pay contribution before any activities take place. For people who want to become member during the year, the board ask contribution when there are still activities planned for the remainder of the year. After a short discussion the GMM decides to raise the membership fee from 2021 to €20 with the rule that if people pay, automatically or manually, before the 1<sup>st</sup> of February a €5 discount will be applied.

## 5. Year Overview 2019

Chairman Mellany describes the activities of the year 2019.

### *Activities 2019*

1 <sup>st</sup> of February	GMM VSI/e
26 <sup>th</sup> of February	Brazilian percussion workshop with Japie
15 <sup>th</sup> of March	Theme event: Health Innovation
10 <sup>th</sup> of May	Lustrum celebrations VSI/e
13 <sup>th</sup> of June	BBQ Faculty ST
30 <sup>th</sup> of August	BBQ VSI/e (with partner)
19 <sup>th</sup> of September	Cycling Tour with Japie (Maastricht – Eindhoven)
20 <sup>th</sup> of November	Career evening

## 6. VSI/e board from February 1, 2019

Mellany van Heijningen	chairman
Stéphanie Vergeer-Bex	treasurer
Koen Kuijpers	secretary
Job Vissers	member
Ingeborg Schreur-Piet	member
Robert Kint	member – until 10 <sup>th</sup> of May 2019
Rosa Geveling	chairman of Japie – until September 2019

### ***Resigning board members***

- 2020 Job Vissers, member
- 2020 Ingeborg Schreur-Piet, member

The board thanks Ingeborg and Job for their contribution in the past years and gives Ingeborg a present. The board also thanks Rosa Geveling, the previous chairman of Japie. She will be replaced by Jord Jansen.

New candidates to join the board, Dannie and Harrie, introduce themselves (briefly) and share what they want to add to the board. Harrie wants to see if collaborations with external parties is possible and can strengthen the VSI/e. Dannie will take over tasks of keeping contact with the TU/e and will help organizing activities, with a main focus on the career evening.

The board asks approval for the reappointment of the board and to approve the appointment of Dannie van Osch and Harrie van de Westelaken as members of the board:

Mellany van Heijningen	chairman
Koen Kuijpers	secretary
Stéphanie Vergeer-Bex	treasurer
Dannie van Osch	member of the board
Harrie van de Westelaken	member of the board
Jord Jansen	chairman of Japie – until September 2020

The GMM approves the new boardmembers.

## 7. Year plan 2020

The chairman presents the activities, which are planned for 2020.

### *Activities 2020*

31 <sup>st</sup> of January	GMM VSI/e
24 <sup>th</sup> of March	Activity with Japie
28 <sup>th</sup> of April	Theme event
4 <sup>th</sup> of June	BBQ Faculty ST
28 <sup>th</sup> of August	BBQ VSI/e (with partner)
17 <sup>th</sup> of September	Cycling Tour with Japie (Maastricht – Eindhoven)
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There was a poll on the VSI/e website, where people could vote for the Japie activity. This will be a cantus.

Henk van 't Blik, as member of the PLUScie (=team, which organizes the Theme Session), mentions that the last years we had theme events related to Chemical Engineering, but this year the theme is found closer to our field. The theme event for 2020 will be about and at the department of Chemical Engineering and Chemistry where we have studied. Professors will be asked to present their research and the future perspective of their field and the department. Both topics of chemistry and chemical engineering will be involved.

There is noticed that 28<sup>th</sup> of April is during the spring break. The PLUScie will evaluate the date.

An optional summer activity is proposed by the board, which could take place outdoor and on a weekend day. Possibly this will provide an opportunity for more people to join such an activity. A poll will be placed on the website to see what kind of activity is preferred. A company visit is proposed by a few members, although this should take place on a week day.

## 8. Questions / End meeting

Maurice Janssen ordered a lustrum book, but he did not receive it. Ingeborg promises to check this and send him a copy.

There has been noticed that a big part of our activities include barbecues. A question is raised if we should organize different activities. The board replies that for the Japie barbecue and the cycling tour barbecue the costs are very low, as only a cheap barbecue is payed, and that there is no organization from the VSI/e involved. We merely are given the opportunity to join these activities hosted by Japie.

Roy, the treasurer of Japie, mentions that the tax authorities are trying to let study associations pay VAT costs (*BTW in Dutch*). They found a way in which they do not have to pay these taxes from 2021 onwards.

Previously the VSI/e gives Japie €500 for their services. In order to not be obligated to pay these taxes the VSI/e will have to donate (*schenken in Dutch*) €500 to Japie from 2021 onwards (note that the choice of words is important here). For 2020 there are two options, either give Japie €500, which means that they will get less netto, or give Japie €605 in order for Japie to actually receive €500. There is voted to give Japie €605 for 2020: 26 votes in favor, 2 votes against, 1 vote neutral.

As the costs of this GMM are already higher than planned, there is decided to only pay for one more drink per person.

Mellany thanks everyone for joining the meeting and closes the meeting at 22h32.