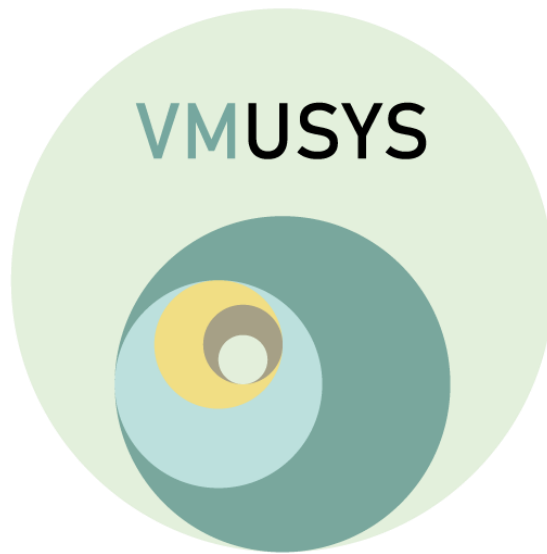


**Academic Association of Scientific Staff at D-USYS
(VMUSYS)
General Assembly
16.05.2024
Onsite (LFW C4)**



Agenda:

- Approval of the agenda
- Approval of the minutes from the last general assembly (25.05.2023)
- Presentation of finances
- Election of the delegates & deputies to departmental commissions
- Election of the VMUSYS board members
- VMUSYS communication
- VMUSYS activities and events
- VMUSYS survival guide
- VMUSYS Politics
- Updates from commissioners/delegates
- Varia

General Assembly chaired by: *Morgan Vallières*
Minutes by: *Carles Quesada Traver*

Participants onsite (25)

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Institute</i>	<i>Note</i>
1	<i>Iris Feigenwinter</i>	<i>IAS</i>	<i>Board member</i>
2	<i>Liliana Scapucci</i>	<i>IAS</i>	<i>Board member</i>
3	<i>Francesco Parrella</i>	<i>IBP</i>	<i>Board member</i>
4	<i>Ariane Wenger</i>	<i>IED</i>	
5	<i>Trang Dang</i>	<i>IBZ</i>	<i>Board member</i>
6	<i>Yi Wang</i>	<i>IAS</i>	
7	<i>Sara Di Bert</i>	<i>ITES</i>	
8	<i>Yasser Haddad</i>	<i>IAC</i>	
9	<i>Marlene Mader</i>	<i>IED</i>	
10	<i>Francesca Zuffa</i>	<i>IAS</i>	<i>Board member</i>
11	<i>Katie Platt</i>	<i>IBP</i>	<i>Board member</i>
12	<i>Lucia Piro</i>	<i>IBZ</i>	<i>Board member</i>
13	<i>Sophie Emberger</i>	<i>IAS</i>	
14	<i>Veronika Schick</i>	<i>IED</i>	
15	<i>Alexander Pettersson</i>	<i>IAS</i>	
16	<i>Carles Quesada</i>	<i>IAS</i>	<i>Board member</i>
17	<i>Lorena Kuratle</i>	<i>IED</i>	
18	<i>Morgan Vallieres</i>	<i>IBP</i>	<i>Board member</i>
19	<i>Sambit Shome</i>	<i>IAS</i>	
20	<i>Nicolin Caflisch</i>	<i>IAS</i>	
21	<i>Fabian Wankmüller</i>	<i>ITES</i>	
22	<i>Tim Tröndle</i>	<i>IED</i>	
23	<i>Jacopo Riboldi</i>	<i>IAC</i>	
24	<i>Eléonore Perret</i>	<i>IBZ</i>	
25	<i>Martin Hartmann</i>	<i>IAS</i>	
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The GA Starts at 12:16

- Morgan V. starts the GA and presents who we are and how we fit within the constellation of other associations.
- She also introduces the way our association works. Using the three pillars organizational system in detail. The executive board and the pillars: events, communication and politics.
- She introduces the members currently on the board.
- She also introduces how we take part through commissions.
- She clarifies how we receive funds. Through a percentage of the money we voluntarily give to AVETH.

1. Approval of the agenda

Vote initiated: Approval of the GA agenda

Vote outcome: Approved

<i>Vote outcome:</i>			
For	Abstain	Against	Votes
25	0	0	25

2. Approval of the minutes from the last General Assembly (23.11.2023)

Vote initiated: Approval of minutes from the last General Assembly (23.11.2023)

Vote outcome: Approved

<i>Vote outcome:</i>			
For	Abstain	Against	Votes
25	0	0	25

3. Presentation and approval of the final budget for 2023

Balance start of 2023: 14057.95 CHF				
	Details	Credit	Debit	Proposed Budget
AVETH Credit	Membership Fees	3792		3500
Honggergames	Fees for running the event and BBQ		175.31	-
Account Costs			60	60
General Assembly	Food and drinks for spring & fall		566.35	800
Social/Political Events	Speed Dating, Watercolor, Political Walk-In, Summer Apéro, Limmat Float, Uetliberg Hike, Halloween Party, Volleyball, Christmas Markets		1582.55	2000
Seminar Series	Subsidized Illustration Design for Scientists Cours	1300	3700	1000
Recruitment	Survival Guide Printing		137.55	300
Delegate Aperero	Food and drinks		129.8	250
Leaving Member Gifts				100
Board Meetings	Snacks and drinks		139.9	180
Sum		5092	-6491.46	
Balance end of 2023			-1399.46	12658.49

- Katie P. introduces the section and reminds us that this GA is the one where we present and approve the final budget.
- Katie P. explains in detail the numbers shown in the table above.
- Katie P. points out that we have some money in the account, derived from the absence of activities during the COVID period.
- There is a cost in which there were more expenses than budgeted first. A subsidized illustration course.
- In the end, we used more money than we gathered through the yearly funds, which is in line with the goal of 0 profit. The idea is to get close to 0.
- Morgan V. states that a reasonable goal would be to stay at a balance of 3.000 .- to address possible unpredicted economic needs. But not as it is now.
- Katie P. shows the approval from the yearly financial audit.

Vote initiated: Approval of budget 2024

Vote outcome: Approved

<i>Vote outcome:</i>			
For	Abstain	Against	Votes
24	1	0	25

Vote initiated: Discharge of the board

Vote outcome: Approved

<i>Vote outcome:</i>			
For	Abstain	Against	Votes
24	1	0	25

4. Election of the delegates & deputies to departmental commissions

- Iris F. introduces herself and what the political team does. Within their responsibilities are managing the delegates and deputies participating in the commissions.
- Iris F. introduces the conferences and commissions in detail. Also points out that the Department Conference (DK) is in German.
- Iris F. also introduces both teaching commissions.
- Iris F. notes that most of the positions are covered and not many changes in the deputies/delegates will have to be made in this GA.
- **Department Conference (DK):**
 - Marco G. steps down from the DK,
 - Trang D. one of the deputies, talks about the last DK. And points out that in the future these conferences might be held in English.
 - Iris F. also states that some people currently in the DK speak English and it is not a problem.
 - Tim T. proposes to fill the position of Marco and briefly introduces himself.

Updated list for Departmental Conference (DK) Representatives

1.	<i>Eva Lieberherr (IED)</i>
2.	<i>Tim Trönde (IED)</i>
3.	<i>Marlene Mader (IED)</i>
4.	<i>Ariane Wenger (IED)</i>

5.	<i>Bianca Vienni Baptista (IED)</i>
6.	<i>Liliana Scapucci (IAS)</i>
7.	<i>Yasser Haddad (IAC) [deputy]</i>
8.	<i>Joan Müller (IAC) [deputy]</i>
9.	<i>Trang Dang (IBZ) [deputy]</i>

- **Resource Commission (RK) (no changes):**
- Iris F. communicates that this commission will stay the same

List for Resource commission

1.	<i>Andreas Hund (IAS)</i>
2.	<i>Liliana Scapucci (IAS) [deputy]</i>

- **Teaching Commission – Agricultural Sciences (UK A) (no changes):**

List for Teaching commission: Agricultural Sciences Representatives

1.	<i>Andreas Hund (IAS)</i>
2.	<i>Iris Feigenwinter (IAS)</i>
3.	<i>Martin Hartmann (IAS)</i>
4.	<i>Nicolin Caflish ((IAS)[deputy]</i>
5.	<i>Lukas Roth (IAS) [deputy]</i>

- **Teaching Commission – Environmental Sciences (UK U) (no changes):**

Updated list for Teaching commission: Environmental Sciences

1.	<i>Iso Christl (IBP)</i>
2.	<i>Marlene Mader (IED)</i>
3.	<i>Lorena Kuratle (IEC)</i>
4.	<i>Bianca Vienni Baptista (IED)</i>
5.	<i>Trang Dang (IBZ)</i>
6.	<i>Nadja Omanovic (IAC)</i>
7.	<i>Meike Vogt (IBP) [deputy]</i>
8.	<i>Sambit Shome (IAS) [deputy]</i>

- **Financial auditors**

Updated list of financial auditors

1.	<i>Lorena Kuratle</i>
2.	<i>Ariane Wenger</i>

Vote initiated: Approval of the current list of the delegates & deputies to departmental commissions

Vote outcome: Approved

For	Abstain	Against	Votes
25	0	0	25

5. Election of VMUSYS board members

- Iris F. announces that some members will step down from the board: Katie P. and Francesco P.
- Also, Iris F. presents the updated list (see below).
- Sophie E., Sofia A., Yasser H., Sara DB. and Alexander P. introduce themselves to the rest of the attendees.
- Liliana S. points out that representation of institutes has increased within the board and thanks the people involved.

Updated list of VMUSYS board

1.	<i>Lucia Piro (IBZ, chair & head of communication)</i>
2.	<i>Liliana Scapucci (IAS, vice-chair, head of politics)</i>
3.	<i>Trang Dang (IBZ, treasurer & communication team)</i>
4.	<i>Sophie Emberger (IAS, politics)</i>
5.	<i>Sofia Ambrogetti (IBP, events)</i>
6.	<i>Yasser Haddad (IAC, politics?)</i>
7.	<i>Sara Di Bert (ITES, politics)</i>
8.	<i>Alexander Petterson (IAS, communication)</i>
9.	<i>Morgan Vallieres (IBP, head of events)</i>
10.	<i>Iris Feigenwinter (IAS, politics team)</i>
11.	<i>Francesca Zuffa (IAS, politics and communication team)</i>
12.	<i>Carles Quesada Traver (IAS, website)</i>

Vote initiated: Approval of the current VMUSY board

Vote outcome: Approved

For	Abstain	Against	Votes
25	0	0	25

6. VMUSYS communication overview, teaching survey

- Lucia P. introduces herself and Trang D. and presents the two main media channels (Instagram and Twitter) as well as the newsletter.
- She explains in detail what contents are handled by the communication team.
- Lucia P. explains what “Humans of VMUSYS” is and encourages the audience to contact them if they know someone they would like to nominate.
- Trang D. introduces the Teaching @D-USYS and comments that VMUSYS will join to represent doctoral student’s interests. Since they want to include as many points of view as possible, they are asking the attendees to take part in a brainstorming. The output of this is a word-cloud answering the question: “How do you feel overall about your teaching experience as a PhD student at D-USYS?”.
- Trang D. introduces another questionnaire through a QR code. Which they will be using to prepare more detailed content for the D-USYS Department Conference on June the 3rd.
- Lucia P. reaches out to the audience to help the team create content or ideas for the social media channels.

7. VMUSYS activities and events

- Morgan V. introduces the events hosted since the last GA. Fewer than months, because of the Christmas break, but quite successful.
- Morgan V. acknowledges that events promote networking and interactions within different groups. Which is beneficial overall for the department.
- Katie P. comments that the idea is to organize one event per month.
- Morgan V. encourages the audience to suggest events that they would like to participate in.
- Morgan V. encourages people to interact with Sophia and to offer themselves to join the events team.

8. VMUSYS survival guide

- Francesco P. introduces himself and how he did the survival guide. He also shows the main contents of it. And explains how to access it.
- Francesco P. is stepping down from the position.

9. VMUSYS politics update

- Iris F. gives an update on the consultations that have been happening in the last months. She explains that consultations are a way to make our voices heard and encourages everyone to take part in future ones.
- Iris F. presents the five consultations that have happened so far.
- PAKETH is an important one because it decides on the exams, timeframes for teaching, etc. Presented only one month before the internal department deadline.
- Iris F. shows the low participation rate in the diverse consultations. 2-5 participants. Which does not reflect the point of view of everyone. She asks the participants what could be done.
- A point is raised, that the NL might not be read by everyone. Yasser H. proposes that the NL or important emails be forwarded by people to other interested people, hopefully increasing participation.
- A point has been raised: many people might not participate in consultations or even other events like the GA because they do not know that they are part of VMUSYS.
- Liliana S. shows changes suggested in the D-USYS consultation and how it changed the original document.
- Liliana S. introduces Polinotes. A way of staying updated with the politics team at VMUSYS. Liliana S. encourages people to stay tuned with Polinotes.

10. Updates from commissioners/delegates

- Morgan V. opens the floor for commissioners/delegates to give updates.
- Trang D. reiterates that there are some ideas to allow English to be spoken at DK and other commissions currently held in German. More updates will follow.

- DK. Titular professors can also be part of the aptitude colloquium. From IED there is a position available for doctoral students.
- Liliana S. proposes to increase communication between the board and the commissioners/delegates. For example, meet before the commissions and exchange the points that are to be discussed, to be updated about what is going on.
- Morgan V. reminds us that delegates and commissioners are welcome to the board meetings.

11.Varia

- Liliana S. announces the June events. A feminist lunch with a round table to discuss feminism in the context of the university. As well as a pride month celebration on the 26th of June.

The GA ends at 13:30