



Minutes of the European Proteomics Association

Date and time:	15:00 to 18:30, 13 February 2005	
Place:	Cordoba	
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Agenda:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Goal of the meeting 2. History 3. Previous notes and minutes 4. Activities of EuPA 5. Mission 6. Structure of the organisation 7. Funding 8. Membership 9. Name and website 10. Communication 11. Location 12. Conferences 13. Other matters 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 14. Organisational structure 15. Duration and rotation of the activity committees 16. Invitees of the Cordoba EuPA meeting 17. Appendix: Wiley proposal

Please distribute these minutes discuss within your organisation. Remember you make up the EuPA!

These minutes were taken at the Spanish proteomics conference, organised by the “Sociedad Española de Proteómica”, SEProt, in Cordoba on Sunday 13 February. They constitute the agreements on the goals and directions of the collective proteomics organisations that currently make up the EuPA. The structure to reach our goals has been set in place following an organisational structure consisting of a President, General Council (GC) and Activity Committees, where the GC is the ultimate ruling body. The mechanisms describing how we wish to fulfil our missions will be established during the first General Council at the Munich meeting, from 28 August to 1 September 2005. Up until now the group has been rather small and so have the responsibilities. In Munich things will change and I ask you to put your effort behind this initiative so we can display our efficiency, coherency, and professionalism as the world of proteomics – colleagues and media – watches with interest our first steps. By being professional and organised, I hope, with you, that we will make an impact and generate interest. I’m sure though, that we will make a bigger impact if we are not!

The Cordoba meeting was very successful and this success was in part due to the efficiency and kind spirit of the SEProt organisation and the local organising committee. In particular I would like to acknowledge the help of Jesus Jorrin Novo who helped with the organisation of the EuPA section of the Cordoba meeting.

Important notes

- [Nominations for committees and activity coordinators are due before July 2005.](#)
- [For an example of a mission statement see page 2, and the SPS, HUPO and FEBS web sites \(\[www.swissproteomicsociety.org\]\(http://www.swissproteomicsociety.org\), \[www.hupo.org\]\(http://www.hupo.org\), \[www.febs.unibe.ch\]\(http://www.febs.unibe.ch\)\)](#)
- [On page 8 is a list of attendees and email addresses of the EuPA Cordoba meeting.](#)
- [Please advise \(\[garry.corthals@medcli.unige.ch\]\(mailto:garry.corthals@medcli.unige.ch\)\) if you, or someone else from you organisation, will attend the Munich conference.](#)

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1. Goal of the meeting

GLC talked briefly about how we had come together to make decisions on the future of the meeting and that the main goal of the meeting was to reach consensus on the issues brought forward in the agenda of the day.

2. History

GLC briefly explained to new comers the back ground of the EuPA: Concept, previous meetings and current status.

3. Previous minutes

- Minutes were accepted from the founding meeting in Siena, September 2005.
- Notes and recommendations from the EuPA Forming Committee meetings (Corthals, Kleinhammer, Lottspeich, Sanchez) which were distributed prior to the Cordoba meeting, and formed the basis of today's meeting, were also accepted.

4. Activities of EuPA

There was some discussion about the activities that the EuPA should engage in. Finally it was decided to focus on the proposal that the EuPA will start with four activity committees:

1. Conferences/Communication
2. Education
3. Eu-HUPO
4. Funding

Under these activities the following goals have been agreed on and accepted during the meeting:

- Networking of scientists through meetings, workshops and student exchange
- Education of proteomics technologies and applications
- Bestow (=give) awards, fellowships, etc.
- Establish and maintain HUPO contacts
- Lobbying in Brussels for EuPA related activities

These two points were discussed, but not accepted

- Promote international standardisation to be run within one of the activities. It was suggested to have this as a section of the Eu-HUPO, as the HUPO is already undertaking such an activity (Proteomics Standardisation Initiative - PSI, led by Rolf Apweiler at EMBL, see also <http://psidev.sourceforge.net>). Another bioinformatics related activity was to have a repository for software and manuals.
- During the meeting and before the meeting interest was expressed in biological research projects, similar to HUPO initiatives. Gyorgy Marko-Varga stated that Sweden has the advantage of having many tissue and biofluid banks and archives, collected over generations. Their annotated and structured data could be used for further proteomic related studies.

5. Mission

The following points were proposed by the committee and accepted:

1. Strengthen the national proteomics organizations in their efforts
2. Coordinate and provide educational programs
3. Advance the networking of scientists through meetings, workshops and student exchange

6. Structure of the organisation

Direction comes from member organisations

From the outset the vision was that the EuPA reflects and benefits the interests of those it represents. The organisational structure exists now where the EuPA does not direct member states, but the member states, which are represented in the 'general council', define and direct the EuPA.

This is an important concept and still needs some understanding by most; questions continue to be asked about what the EuPA will do. *The EuPA will do what you as a national organisation decides it should do, and the general council elects to do. At the heart of the mission of the EuPA is a commitment to strengthen the national organisations, through concerted programs.*

In Cordoba we have defined the initial *Activities* of the EuPA. They reflect what is currently perceived as a priority for the association. Our activities now need to be pursued by the selected committee coordinators and members. As science moves forward the scientific landscape will change, and so the activities of the organisation will evolve. The member states will flag new strategic activities and areas and the EuPA activities will change. Indeed, so might our relationship change with other organisations.

The organisation structure is displayed on page 6.

Proposal for rotation of posts is displayed on page 7.

General Council (GC)

- One member from each national proteomics organisation is permitted (see definition national proteomics organisations below in Membership on page 4).
- Where countries have more than one organisation only one organisation will be permitted to vote on the GC.
- Entry to the GC will be decided by the GC, in cases where there is more than one national proteomics organisation, preference will be given to organisations that have proteomics activities as their main focus.

Executive Committee (EC)

- The Executive committee has an elected President which is the president of the EuPA.
 - The EC members are the coordinators of the (currently) four activities of the EuPA. These are: Eu-HUPO, Education, Conferences/Communication, and Funding.
- See chart of organisation structure on page 6.

Appointment to the posts

Executive Committee - President

- Each society names 3 people for President
- A maximum of one from their own society and at least two from another organisation/country.
- Nominees can be non-active members of an organisation, but must be a member of a EuPA member organisation.
- The 3 highest ranking scores are invited by GC to accept post.
- After acceptance by nominees the GC selects the president.

The Activity Committees (AC) - Coordinators

- Each society names 3 people for each EuPA Activity coordinator
- A maximum of one from their own society and at least two from another organisation/country.

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- The 3 highest ranking scores are invited by GC to accept post.
- After acceptance by nominees the GC votes on the posts.

7. Funding

- Funding may not be large initially, but it was deemed critical to run the activities such as educational programs and workshops.
- A yearly membership was decided to be fixed at 2 € per member of the national organisation. (*e.g. national organisation with 250 members pays €500*)
- Advertisements and sponsorship deals should not be possible as this would reduce income from national organisations, and could close academic-industry relationships from national organizations.
- Donations are possible from individuals, funding agencies, non-profit and profit organizations. They will not be advertised in any way or form (*e.g. front page web site or conference brochures*) on the website, but would be acknowledged on the web site and during general meetings for reasons of transparency.

8. Membership to the GC

- There is no personal membership, but membership is gained by membership to the GC of a ***national organisation***.
- All European countries that have national organisations with their interest in proteomics are welcome to join the EuPA. Two types of EuPA membership exist: full membership with a seat on the GC, and Associate membership (no vote).
 - Membership to the GC can be obtained by National Proteomics organisations from any European country (fee):

It was decided National Proteomics organisations that wish to have voting rights on the GC must conform to the following criteria:

 1. *Need to have a mission statement stating that proteomics is the main activity of the organisation.*
 2. *Need to have statutes.*
 3. *Must be a recognised national society with a minimum number needed according to the legal regulation of the country of the organisation.*
 - Associate membership: any country (fee)
- No personal membership. However, EuPA will not exclude people from countries that have no national organisation. However, those persons are requested to join to a national organisation of their choice.
- There will be no corporate membership possible.
- Membership from all types of societies involved with proteomics research are welcome.
- Membership fee 2€ per person/year.

9. Name and web site

European Proteomics Association – EuPA was accepted as the new name due to the sound association people had with EuPA and HUPO.

For the web site “www.eupa.org” has been registered.

10. Communication

Logo

The following logo submitted by Prof. Zolla (Italy) was voted on as the EuPA logo:



Journal

After a lengthy and somewhat emotional discussion no conclusive points were made for or against a journal, or its make up and distribution. The *communication activity* will take this up when they are formed.

Proteomics (Wiley) submitted their proposal for EuPA, see attachment appendix.

11. Location

Brussels was suggested as the best city to have the organisations HQ. The GC will continue this discussion later.

12. Conferences

The EuPA will hold its first GC meeting during the Proteomic Forum/Munich HUPO 05 congress (www.hupo2005.com). Angelika Görg has kindly allocated the Monday evening time at 7.00 pm in one of the lecture halls.

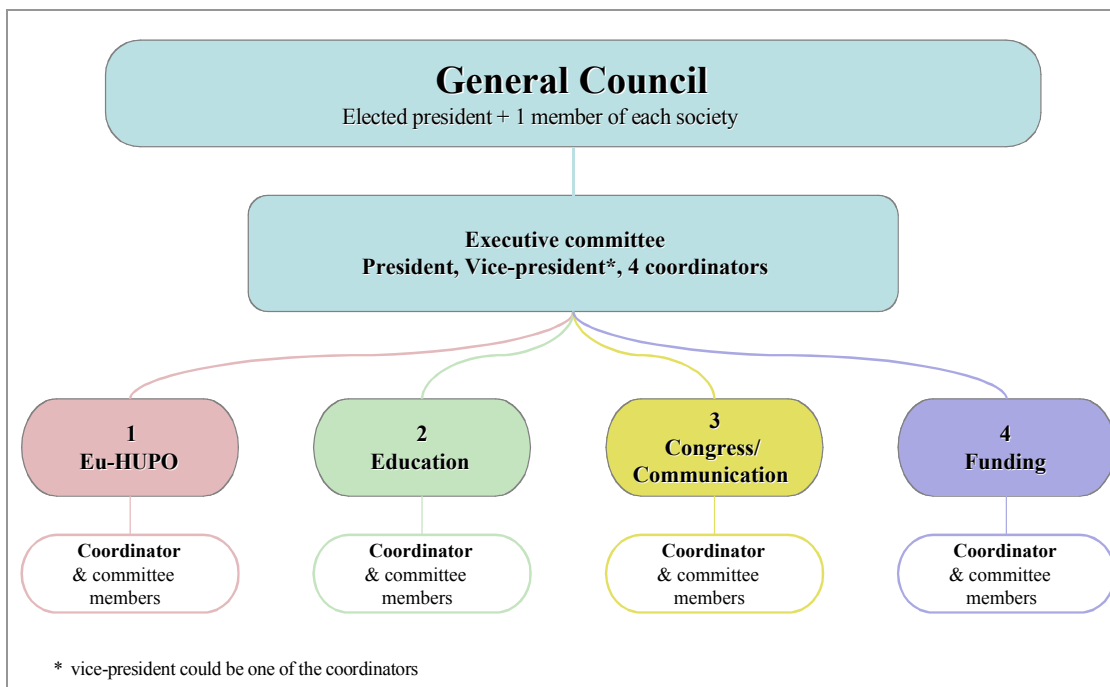
Applications to hold future annual EuPA conferences (after the upcoming Munich conference) will be decided by the GC. To host subsequent EuPA meetings, national proteomics organizations should submit their application garry.corthals@medcli.unige.ch as soon as possible. Note the date and location and that this must be submitted before the agenda is set for the Munich meeting in August.

13. Other matters

- Nominations for committees and activity coordinators to be in **before July**.
- For an example of a mission statement see page 2, and the SPS, HUPO and FEBS web sites (www.swissproteomicsociety.org, www.hupo.org, www.febs.org)

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14. Organisational structure



15. Duration and rotation of the activity committees

Typically posts will be for three years. However, we the changing of the president and the coordinator posts should be phased so to enable knowledge transfer.

Proposed rotation schedule

This table has two groups: Group 1 “EC, Education and Funding” and Group 2 “Eu-HUPO and Congress/Communication”. Group 1 will change after 3 years and Group 2 will change after 2 years. Between each change of groups there will be an overlap of outgoing and incoming posts, where for 6 months the new coordinator observes operations of the outgoing coordinator, and vice versa for the ensuing 6

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				observe	coordinate	coordinate	coordinate	coordinate	observe				
								observe	coordinate	coordinate	coordinate	coordinate	observe
coordinate	coordinate	coordinate	coordinate	observe						Congress/communication, Funding			
		observe	coordinate	coordinate	coordinate	coordinate	coordinate	observe					
							observe	coordinate	coordinate	coordinate	coordinate	observe	

16. Invitees of the Cordoba EuPA meeting

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17. Appendix: Wiley proposal page 1/2**Contractual Letter****PROTEOMICS / EuPA**

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1. Wiley-VCH shall have the right of first refusal for all Proceedings.
2. This Agreement shall take effect from the next issue following the date of signature and shall remain in force for a period of two years until the end of calendar year 2006. Unless cancelled by either partner in written form before September of a given year but not before September 2006, the agreement shall be set forth for another year.

Acknowledged and agreed on behalf of the European Proteomics Association

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