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SASEG Annual report for the period June 2019 – June 2020

Dear SASEG members, colleagues and friends,

The year 2020 is an exceptional one. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, this is the first time in the history of our association that we had to postpone the annual convention as well as the associated general assembly. The purpose of this note is to provide you with an overview of the association's activities and news in the absence of these 2 events.

Retrospection: During the long history of our association (1934-2011 VSP-ASP, 2012-2019 SASEG), every year the annual convention has taken place in Switzerland or a place in one of our neighbouring countries. The number of attendees varied from a minimum of eight in 1938 to a maximum of 145 in Sion in the year 2008.

Preparation for annual convention 2020: The SASEG committee had planned that the annual convention of the current year was to take place in Acqui Terme (Piemont) and almost everything was checked and prepared during a pre-excursion held in early November 2019.

COVID-19: To protect the health and safety of our members, the committee decided in March to postpone the annual convention to 2021 (19-21 June). For the same reason the committee refrained from holding the general assembly later in the year. Hence both the business year's 2019 and 2020 will be presented at the general assembly during the annual convention 2021.

Annual convention 22-24 June 2019 in Geneva: Some 74 members attended the annual convention in Geneva, which was dedicated to the natural geo-resources of the Western Swiss Plateau, particularly the Geneva Basin. See also in the Swiss Bull. Angew. Geol. Vol 24/2, 2019, p.85-96 and 97-134.

The scientific presentations on Saturday afternoon gave an introduction to the regional geology, highlighted the opportunities and challenges facing exploration of the geo-resources and delved deeper into the geothermal project located in the canton of Geneva elaborating planning and strategic points of view as well as technical aspects.

During the following two days Prof. Andrea Moscariello and his collaborators guided the attendees to impressive outcrops in the area, giving real analogues to what can be expected in the subsurface.

SASEG membership: The development of the membership numbers over the last year is somewhat worrying. The number of members has come down by 9 from 297 to 288. The following table shows the reasons for the changes:

Memberships as of June 22, 2019	297
Personal members joining (of which 3 students) +	5
Commercial members joining	+ 1
Resignations	- 9
Expulsions	- 1
Deaths	- 4
Suspended memberships	- 1
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<i>Memberships as of June 15, 2020</i>	<i>288</i>

The large number of resignations and the relatively low numbers of new members joining is a matter of great concern and all members, and the committee in particular, are called upon to revert this trend by using their networks to attract new members.

The reasons for resignations are manifold, however they are mainly retirement, moving out of geology or moving abroad.



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A long term membership distinction will be granted to the following members:

50 years membership:

Aymon Baud
Jürg Haller
Toni Labhart
Schweizerische Geologische Kommission, now Landesgeologie/ swisstopo

55 years membership:

Michel Gisiger
Hanspeter Luterbacher
Hanspeter Mohler

60 years membership:

Ruedi Eckert
Fred Stumm
Geologische Bundesanstalt, Bibliothek, Wien

65 years membership:

Jean-Pierre de Loriol

Over the last 12 months notifications of the passing away were received of the following members:

Hans Widmer (9.11.2019, member since 1955)
Philippe Biro (27.11.2019, member since 1955)
Christoph Kerez (18.12.2019, member since 1955)
Werner G. Müller (8.5.2020, member since 2001)

New members: Over the last 12 months 5 personal members joined the association, three of which are currently students. One new company member (Hydro-Geo Environment SARl) joined SASEG in 2020, the first since 2012. All new members are warmly welcomed.

Student grant program: For the second application round in 2019 SASEG received three applications, two of which were selected to be supported financially. Only one application was received in spring 2020 for a study in a geo-energy related project at a Swiss university.

Recruiting new student and young professional members: After quite some effort by a number of committee members an event at the ETH in Zürich was lined up for the 6th of April. Under the umbrella of the ETH Alumni organisation two speakers were invited to give a short presentation on a specific subject of their daily work as geo-scientists, including a short portrayal of the company where they work. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic the event had to be cancelled and thus is postponed to next year.

On the other hand a video presentation by Jérôme Chablais on a case study for geothermal reservoirs in Western Switzerland was lined up at short notice and we are very pleased that some 40 attendees were watching this interesting presentation across the globe.

ClubDesk software: Since July 2019 the software "ClubDesk" has been introduced to replace the FileMaker Pro database and now all administrative work including membership administration, accounting, document storage etc. is carried out by the secretary and the treasurer in this web-based tool.



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The Treasurer's Report for the year 2019

Overall situation: The overall financial situation of the SASEG remains healthy, notwithstanding an asset reduction of CHF 4'828.52 in 2019.

Income and expenditure as per 31.12.2019:

Total income 2019	CHF 51'738.98
Total expenditure 2019	CHF 56'567.50
Total reduction 2019	CHF 4'828.52

The largest contributor to the reduction was the Annual Convention held in Geneva which led to a loss of CHF 4'357.18.

The major sources of income respectively expenditure were the membership dues totalling CHF 21'133.30 and the SASEG contribution to the Bulletin at CHF -11'880.00.

Assets:

Assets as per 31.12.2019:	CHF 86'499.22
Assets as per 31.12.2018:	CHF 91'327.74
Asset reduction	CHF 4'828.52

The Auditor's Report for the year 2019

The report, signed by auditor's Danielle Decrouez and Walter Frei on April 22nd, proposes to the General Assembly to discharge treasurer R. Fränkl. The auditor's report will be presented at the next general assembly.

Binningen, Laufenburg and Winterthur, July 2020

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Bernhard Gunzenhauser
President

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Treasurer

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Secretary