Protocol of the VMUSYS 10th General Assembly 22.03.2017, 12.15-13.00 CHN P12
(Minutes: Susan Tandy)

1. Welcome, approval of the agenda
Clemens Schwingshackl Chair of VMUSYS opened the assembly and welcomes all members. Point 4 in the agenda (study on career perspectives and working conditions of scientific staff at D-USYS) was canceled. The new agenda was unanimously approved.

2. Approval of minutes of 9th general assembly on 27.10.2016
The minutes are approved with one abstention.

3. Election of VMUSYS new board members.
The new treasurer Jerylee Wiles Allemann (IED) is elected with one abstention:
Anina Gilgen agreed to join the board. Andreas Papritz leaves the board after a long time of commitment for VMUSYS. We thank him very much for his work and wish him all the best for the future.

4. Information
a. Update from commission delegates
   UK UMNW (Anina Gilgen reports): There is a plan to change the MSc evaluation in Environmental Science so that it can be homogenized among the institutes. There is a working group being formed to discuss this which is asking for volunteers, preferably who have studies at ETH.
   DK: In August there will be a new department head (Nina Buchmann) and a new deputy department head (Kristopher McNeill).
   In April there will be a new Department Coordinator (Nicole Aeschbach).
   Michael Stauffacher will continue as the representative of scientific and technical staff in the department committee.
   New PhD regulations have been implemented in IBP since January 2017. IAC also PhD regulations in effect and at IED there is an agreement that each group has their own regulations (because the institute is rather diverse). Clemens Schwingshackl points out that the professors’ conference supports the implementation of PhD regulations in each institute and encourages to take action in the institutes where there are no regulations yet.

b. Planned Events
   • 21 June 2017: Guided tour through the Masoala Rainforest (Zoo Zurich) 17:30 – 19:00. 10 CHF per person and subsidized by VMUSYS. Registration will be in May.
   • Presentations of USYS institutes. A show of interest in such an event was sort.
   • Course Leadership in Academia with Sarah Shephard is planned for September 2017

c. AVETH Welcome Pack
   We will start distributing AVETH welcome packs to new people in the department shortly and add a flyer about VMUSYS. We would like volunteers from each institute to distribute them and will get in contact with the people from the different institutes.

5. Varia
Two people from ITES mention that they did not receive the invitation to the general assembly. The VMUSYS board will try to find out what the problem was.

Susan Tandy 23.03.2017