

2020 Annual Report of the SAA

The 2019 General Assembly (GA) of the Sequence Analysis Association (SAA) was organized online in December 2019. The agenda of the GA was sent by email to all registered members and 33 members (30%) cast their ballots on the doodle poll. 33 ballots accepted the 2019 annual report (including the financial statements) and 32 out of the 33 ballots were in favor of maintaining no fee for 2020.

Today (November 20, 2020) the SAA has 137 regularly registered members.

Web site

The Web site of the association has been extended and the blog is now open to registered members to share information on SA related events, questions, or comments.

Finance

As a nonprofit association, the SAA has obtained tax exoneration from the Canton Geneva and Swiss Federal Tax Administrations.

In accordance with the decision taken at the 2019 GA, the SAA had no own financial resources and worked with a zero budget for this second year of existence.

The web site of the association as well as the domain, web hosting, and software license fees were financed through proper funds of Matthias Studer at the University of Geneva.

The site, the list of members, and the newsletter are managed on a voluntary basis by EC members. Likewise, the bibliographic data base is regularly updated by volunteers.

Scientific events

- The year 2020 was supposed to be a great year for the SAA with the first Conference of the association that was scheduled in Milan on the June 10-12, 2020 before the spread of the Covid-19 cancelled the event. In collaboration with the local organizing committee and the scientific committee, both chaired by Raffaella Piccarreta, the Executive Committee (EC) put much effort in the preparation of the Conference. Matthias Studer managed the online submission and reviewing process with EasyChair. Over 70 propositions of presentation were retained after evaluation and a tentative program was ready when the decision to cancel because of the pandemic had to be taken.
- In September 2020 the EC has decided to organize a series of Research Webinars. Thanks to Satu Helske and Matthias Studer for managing this seminar. The first session was held on November 19 and over 60 participants followed it online.



Executive Committee

The president and EC members were nominated in October 2018 for two years. The 2020 General Assembly will proceed with a new election.

Next General Assembly

We hope to be able to organize the Conference of the SAA in 2021 and have a live GA at this occasion.

November 14, 2020

Gilbert Ritschard, President of the SAA