# Minutes of the General Assembly iBAT 2020

| Date         | Friday, 13 August 2020 |  |
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| Place / Time | Online, 16:00 to 17:40 |  |

# **Present members**

| Organization | Place       | Institute    | Participants         | Voting right |
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| BFH          | Biel        | <b>ESReC</b> | Andrea Vezzini       | X            |
| CSEM         | Neuenburg   | CSEM         | Andreas Hutter       | X            |
| Ökozentrum   | Langenbruck |              | Michael Sattler      | X            |
| SIPBB        | Biel        | SBTC         | Christian Ochsenbein | X            |

# Guests

# **Excused**

| Organization Place Institute Participants | Organization | Place | Institute | Participants |  |
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| Chair of the meeting | Andrea Vezzini                  |  |
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| Minute-taker         | Michael Sattler                 |  |
| Distribution list    | Members of the iBAT Association |  |
| Date of next GA      | open (2021)                     |  |

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# 1. Welcome, correction of the agenda

Andrea Vezzini welcomes those present. No changes to the agenda are requested.

#### 2. Election of minute-taker and vote counter

Michael Sattler is appointed as minute-taker. Christian Ochsenbein is appointed as vote counter.

# 3. Official foundation of the iBAT Association, status of full and associated members, membership fees

With the holding of the first general assembly, the association is officially founded and operational according to the bylaws.

Currently the association consists of 4 full members (BFH, CSEM, Ökozentrum, SIPBB).

Further institutions and companies have agreed to join the association as full members and associate members in the event of support from Innosuisse. As support from Innosuisse could not yet be acquired successfully, these potential members must be contacted in accordance with point 4 of the minutes.

The membership fees for Associate Members are set as follows:

- Micro and Small Enterprises (companies with 0-49 employees):
   500 CHF/year
- Medium-sized companies (companies with 50-249 employees):
   1000 CHF/year
- Large companies (companies with over 250 employees):
   2000 CHF/year

For the year 2020, no membership fees will be charged.

As announced in February 2020, companies that have signed an LOI will be exempt of membership fees for two years and hence pay membership fees only from 1.1.2022 onwards.

#### 4. New members

# a) Applications for new Full Members

By signing a Letter of Intent (LoI) in February 2020, 7 organizations have expressed interest in becoming Full Members of iBAT.

These organizations are now being asked to officially become Full Members:

Andreas Heinzelmann; IEFE; ZHAW

• Emmanuelle Reuter; IMN; UNINE

Jürgen Biela; HPE; ETHZ

Kurt Schenk; IES; NTB

Marcel Held; EMPA

Marcel Gauch / Rolf Widmer; TSL; EMPA

Mario Paolone; DESL; EPFL

Maximilian Stöck; EMS; NTB

#### b) Procedure for confirmation of Associate Members

By signing a Letter of Intent (LoI) in February 2020, 45 organizations have expressed interest in becoming Associate Members of iBAT.

These organizations are now being asked to officially become Associate Members. They will be listed as Associate Members based on the LoI for 3 months from September 1.

The corresponding information will be sent to them by e-mail on September 10.

#### c) Invitation of 2 selected Associate Members to attend the 2021 General Assembly

As it is still unclear which companies will join as Associate Members, the representatives for the GA will be defined only 4 weeks before the GA. In principle, one representative should be nominated for the area of electromobility and one for the area of stationary storage.

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#### 5. Current business

#### a) iBAT as representative of Switzerland at European umbrella organizations

A representation of the Swiss interest in the following European associations was identified as potential interest to the Associate Members of iBAT:

- Battery 2030+ (https://battery2030.eu/)
- EUROBAT (<a href="https://www.eurobat.org/">https://www.eurobat.org/</a>)
- European Battery Alliance (<u>https://www.eba250.com/</u>)

In this context, the Forum <u>BatteRles Europe</u> has been launched in 2019 to bring together all relevant stakeholders in the European batteries research and innovation ecosystem in order to develop and support a competitive battery value chain in Europe. This Forum is currently preparing a new co-programmed <u>European Partnership</u> – <u>BATTERIES</u>, <u>Towards a competitive European industrial battery value chain for stationary applications and e-mobility</u> – to contribute to meet the objective of the Green Deal of Europe being the first climate-neutral continent in 2050. iBAT will express its interest (<u>link</u>) to become a member of the European Battery Partnership Association in order to represent the Swiss interest.

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Committee
in the name
of its
president
with email
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to the entire
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Furthermore, a cooperation with other national associations could also be of interest to the iBAT Members:

- Kompetenznetzwerk Lithium Ion Batterien (https://klib-org.de/home/)
- Fachverband Batterien (<a href="https://www.zvei.org/verband/fachverbaende/">https://www.zvei.org/verband/fachverbaende/</a> fachverband-batterien/)

Within the framework of the financial possibilities of the iBAT Association, contact is established with these associations.

Financing via federal offices/business development agencies will be clarified. The issue of representation in international standardization committees is also to be addressed with the federal offices.

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#### b) Cooperation with Swiss Battery Days / 17 Feb. 2021

The iBAT Association was offered the possibility to organise the afternoon session of the Industry Day during the Swiss Battery Days. The planned date is Wednesday afternoon, 17 February 2021.

CSEM to confirm organization

## c) Innosuisse TFV-Series Events

The association iBAT applies to Innosuisse for support for a series of events within the framework of the TFV - Networking Events Series. The application will be prepared by the current members.

#### d) First workshop/mini-conference on 10 November 2020

On 10 November from 16:00 - 17:20 iBAT will be holding a mini online conference for all interested parties (potential Full and Associate Members). Program points:

- Presentation of the iBAT Association (objectives, organization)
- Presentation of current research projects and topics
- Presentation of the industrial network "Kompetenznetzwerk Lithiumlonen-Batterien" (KLiB) from Germany by Dr. Michael Krausa.

Invitation to Swiss-German Industry Day in December in Berlin

An invitation will be sent out on September 10.

#### e) Other Events

None

#### f) Construction of the association website

The domain www.ibat.swiss was reserved. A simple version of the website must be up and running by 10 September. This means that potential Full and Associate Members can also obtain information via a website.

All members are looking for internal opportunities to quickly build a website. If possible, the website should be maintained by a member of the Executive Committee

## 6. Budget

The budget for 2020 and 2021 is heavily dependent on the number of new Full and Associate Members and therefore cannot yet be determined. BFH and CSEM will contribute CHF 1000 as a starting contribution and the other organizations CHF 500 each. This will enable the running costs to be covered in 2020.

The CSEM will open an account for iBAT and take care of the accounting.

For tax exemption, the association's statement of account must be submitted to the tax authorities in 2021.

The auditors have not yet been appointed. This will be defined in the Executive Committee.

#### 7. Miscellaneous

An entry in the commercial register is currently not required.

# 8. Conclusion of the general assembly

Andrea Vezzini closes the first General Assembly of the iBAT Association.

Biel, 20 August 2020

Digitally signed by Andrea Vezzini Date: 2020.08.20 09:21:34 +02'00' Digitally signed by Andreas Hutter Date: 2020.08.20 09:13:53 +02'00'

Andrea Vezzini President Andreas Hutter Vice-President

Members

Full

**CSEM** 

Christian Ochsenbein

**Executive Committee member**