



## *EMS Newsletter May 2006*

Dear EMS member,

On Monday, April 3 the EMS Board met in Basel for its mid-year meeting. Important issues on the agenda were updates on the status of EMC 2008 in Aachen and the 2006 EMS extension in Lunteren, sponsored events, scholarships for IMC16 and other meetings, the upcoming Yearbook, the 2006 budget, and the EMS membership status. The preparations for EMC 2008 are moving as planned, and EMS has appointed four of its members to join the Scientific Programme Committee. ECMA, the corporate assembly of EMS, will be closely involved in the organisation of the exhibition at the conference centre in Aachen. At the extension in Lunteren, EMS will sponsor two invited speakers and provide five student scholarships for free registration.

With respect to the EMS extensions, i.e. meetings that receive more extended support and assistance in the organization by EMS, are still considered as a first move towards annual EMS meetings. *A priori*, EMS will support one extension per year, however, given good reasons, occasionally a second extension may be granted, provided that they do not overlap geographically. In the latter case, the choice of the location for the EMS General Assembly that year will be made by the EMS Board at the same time it decides to granting two extensions. The deadline for applications for the 2007 EMS extension is June 30, 2006 (for the criteria and requirements to apply, see [www.euremicsoc.org](http://www.euremicsoc.org)).

As for sponsored events in 2006, in addition to the three meetings listed in the previous EMS Newsletter, the EF-EELS meeting in Vienna (27-29 September) will also be sponsored by EMS. In order to get away from the present “first-come-first-serve”

situation for choosing sponsored events, the Board has decided for the following new deadlines for applications: “end of March” for meetings to be held “during the second half of the same year”, and “end of September” for meetings to be held “during the first half of the following year”. These new deadlines will apply to meetings that will be held during the first half of 2007 – hence, the first new deadline will be “end of September 2006”.

After a brief review, the 2006 budget presented to the EMS members at last year’s GA in Davos was approved by the Board as proposed.

The preparations for the 2006 Yearbook are in full swing so that its publication can be expected for the month of June. With the recent update of the membership list EMS now counts a total of 4657 members. In order to facilitate this annual update, EMS is presently working on an on-line database system through which its members will have direct and protected access to their personal data.

Although the 16<sup>th</sup> International Microscopy Congress in Sapporo, Japan, is not co-organised by or in collaboration with EMS, it was decided by the Board that EMS should secure separate funding to support the attendance of this international meeting by young EMS members. To this end, with the highly appreciated help of JEOL, EMS has been able to offer 10 scholarships to young European researchers. With this extra support EMS is further increasing its visibility on the international microscopy scene.

*Correction to the EMS Newsletter 15 as printed in Imaging & Microscopy vol. 8, March 2006:* the correct name of the company which will handle the on-line registrations, abstract submissions and refereeing processes of all future EMS related events is **Eveni Conference Management**.