

Minutes of the EMS General Assembly 2006



held during the Joint meeting of the Dutch and Belgian Societies for Microscopy, EMS extension, on Monday, November 27, 2006, at 14.00 in the Europazaal of the Congress Centre De Werelt, Lunteren, The Netherlands.

The following members of the EMS Executive Board were present: Ueli Aebi (President, Basel), Leo Ginsel (Treasurer, Nijmegen), Bob Hertsens (ECMA representative, Brussels), Nick Schryvers (Secretary, Antwerp), Rik Brydson (Leeds),

Excused members of the Executive Board: José Carrascosa (former President, Madrid), Marie Cheynet (Grenoble), Peter Hawkes (Toulouse), Pavel Hozak (Prague), Joachim Mayer (Aachen), Marco Vittori Antisari (Rome).

In addition, the following EMS members attended the meeting:

Barbora Bartova, Paul Bronsveld, Inge Brouns, Mihail Croitoru, Ben Eekers, Annie Mie C. Emons, Pascal Farla, Michael Felsmann, Ton J. Gortmulder, Stephan Janbroers, Kèvin Knoops, Bart J. Kooi, Patricia Kooyman, A.J. Koster, Sylvia E. Le Dévédec, A. Mieke Mommaas, Eduardo Montoya Rossi, W.H. Müller, Bernard Nysten, Gonneke Pilgram, Isabel Pintelon, Michael Rogers, Godfried M. Roomans, Jean-Pierre Timmermans, Adriaan van Aelst, J.J.L. van der Want, Frans Van Meir, Joeri Van op den Bosch, Bob van Someren, B. Volbert, S. Zovko

In total 35 EMS members were present and the meeting thus had no quorum. According to the statutes, the meeting was continued and relevant items needing a decision by vote were forwarded to an electronic vote held between January 31 and February 2, 2007. 156 members have participated at this electronic vote.

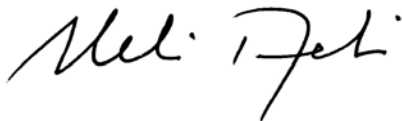
The General Assembly was chaired by the EMS President, Ueli Aebi.

Agenda

1. Confirmation of the agenda of the General Assembly
2. Approval of the minutes of the 2005 General Assembly held during the Dreiländertagung in Davos, distributed by electronic mail and available at the EMS website at <http://www.euremicsoc.org/members.html>
3. Report of the President, (<http://www.euremicsoc.org/3President'sreport.pdf>) describing the activities of the Executive Board and the EMS in the period Sep. 2005 – Nov. 2006
4. Status EMC 2008, EMS extensions & sponsored events: *report*
<http://www.euremicsoc.org/emc2008.html>
5. Report of the Treasurer for the year 2005, 2006: *documents downloadable at*
<http://www.euremicsoc.org/members.html>
6. Budget prospects for the year 2007
(<http://www.euremicsoc.org/EMSbudgetproposal2007.pdf>): *document downloadable at*
<http://www.euremicsoc.org/members.html>
7. Proposal of the annual fee for EMS members and corporate members: *no changes proposed*
8. Prospect on EMS activities (<http://www.euremicsoc.org/4Reportonmeetings.pdf>)
9. Any further matter to be discussed
10. Closing of the meeting

Minutes

1. The President welcomes everyone and presents the attending Executive Board members to the GA. The agenda as listed above is confirmed.
2. The minutes of the 2005 General Assembly held during the Dreiländertagung in Davos are approved via electronic vote: 88.5% in favor, 11.5% no opinion.
3. The President describes the activities of the EMS Executive Board and of EMS in the period Sep. 2005 – Nov. 2006. The Board has met on 2 occasions and the details on the work of the Board and the evolution of EMS can be found in the attached document "3 President's report.pdf". The report is approved via electronic vote: 93.0% in favor, 7.0% no opinion.
4. The Secretary gives a report on the status of EMC 2008, the EMS extensions & sponsored events. Details on the evolutions and preparations for these meetings can be found in the attached document "4 Report on meetings.pdf".
5. The Treasurer presents his report of the budget for 2005 and 2006. A description of the status can be found in the attached document "5 6 Budget status explanation.pdf" with the balance sheets given in "EMSbalance2005.pdf" and "EMSbalance2006.pdf". The report on 2005 is approved via electronic vote: 89.1% in favor, 10.9% no opinion. The report on 2006 is approved via electronic vote: 90.4% in favor, 9.6% no opinion.
6. The Treasurer proposes the budget for 2007 in "EMSbudgetproposal2007.pdf", with again a description in "5 6 Budget status explanation.pdf". The report on 2005 is approved via electronic vote: 90.4% in favor, 9.6% no opinion.
7. No changes in the membership fees are proposed.
8. The Secretary presents the future prospects of activities of the Society with respect to meetings, membership, scholarships, etc. These are summerized in the attached document "8 Prospect on EMS activities.pdf".
9. No further matters are arising.
10. The President closes the meeting at 14:30 pm.



The President
Ueli Aebi



The Secretary
Nick Schryvers