

# EUROPEAN MICROSCOPY SOCIETY



## **Minutes of the Special GENERAL COUNCIL of EMS**

held at the EMS Extension MC2009 in Graz, Austria (Wednesday, September 2, 2009, 12.10 till 14.00, room III (Eckzimmer, on the first floor))

Present: see list below (23 representatives with voting rights and from 17 societies are present)

Start of the meeting 12.15

1. The President of EMS, Paul Midgley, welcomes all society representatives and reminds everyone why we are having this special General Council. He also thanks the three candidates that have prepared an application to host IMC 2014 in Europe and repeats the conclusions from the ad hoc committee that has pre-screened the bids that all three are of very high quality.

The President then suggests the following voting procedure to the members of the GC:

- in case the first round of voting yields a winner with more than 50% of the votes, than that shall be the European candidate
- if not, the candidate with the least votes drops out and a second round is organized
- if the ratio of votes (highest/lowest) in the second round is below 60/40, both bids will be supported. If the ratio is above 60/40, than the winner will be the only EMS supported bid.

16 members agree to this proposal, no member disagrees, no member abstents (voting by hand-raising).

2. Presentation of the European IMC 2014 bids: the three applicants receive 15 min for a presentation followed by 15 min for questions from the representatives (the application files were available on the EMS webpage). All three presentations include an overview of scientific, technical aspects as well as a budget and touristic info.

### 2.1. Czechoslovak Microscopy Society, *Prague*, presented by Pavel Hozak and Martin Sasik from Guarant PCO Company

The recommended venue for IMC, the Prague Congress Centre, is fully appropriate for such an event. Prague can attract a high number of participants thanks to its central location in Europe. The city, lying in the heart of Europe, can be reached very easily from all over the world.

Our partner for technical organization of the Congress is GUARANT International, which is a leading professional congress organiser (PCO) in the Czech Republic.

The Czechoslovak Microscopy Society (CSMS) is the most significant scientific association focused on microscopy in the Czech Republic and Slovakia. With its almost 250 members, CSMS is an active member of the European Microscopy Society (EMS). In

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terms of its experience in organizing congresses, one can name two most important international events organized recently:

- EUREM 2000, Brno (president L. Frank)
- Multinational Congress on Microscopy, Prague, 2007 (president P. Hozák)

Proposed dates: **7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2014**

The following questions are raised:

- does the budget include possible inflation? Answer: so far no inflation has been included, but this will be done in case the bid will be presented in Rio
- will the large exhibition hall be exclusively reserved for IMC? Answer: yes
- can the posters be retained for the entire meeting? Answer: probably yes, but this will have to be arranged when the meeting gets closer (the site is certainly large enough)
- can the expenses of the PCO and rental costs be broken down into smaller topics? Answer: yes, the PCO representative has these details available
- what about entering large equipment to the exhibition room? Answer: this can only be done via an elevator, but this should be large enough (2.5x2.5x5m, wxhxl)

Portuguese Society for Microscopy & Spanish Society for Microscopy, *Lisbon*, presented by José Carrascosa and Pedro Cardoso from "The House of Events" PCO Company

The Iberian Microscopy Societies have the pleasure to propose the Lisbon Congress Centre, as the venue for the 18th International Microscopy Congress in 2014. Following a resurgence of activity in Materials Science and Life Sciences in both countries, SPMicros and SME have agreed to intensify integrated actions to the benefit of microscopy, focused in but not confined to the Iberian Peninsula. The Iberian microscopists would like to share this enthusiasm with the rest of the world by hosting in 2014 the most prestigious and scientifically authoritative event in Microscopy, the International Microscopy Congress (IMC), sponsored by the International Federation of the Societies for Microscopy (IFSM).

Logistic aspects will be delegated to an experienced company that will ensure a smooth and efficient set up of the Congress.

Proposed dates: **31<sup>st</sup> August – 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2014**

The following questions are raised:

- can the expenses of the PCO and rental costs be broken down into smaller topics? Answer: yes, they are available in the pdf (small lettering)
- the student accommodation looks very limited, can this be increased? Answer: for now 160 rooms are guaranteed, but cheap hotels are available close by and more arrangements will be made later on

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- c. the plan for the meeting is for 4 days, instead of the regular 5 days, can this be extended? Answer: yes, the congress center is available and assembly and dismantling of exhibition is done completely before and after the meeting so that the 4 days are complete conference days.

## 1.1. Turkish Society for Electron Microscopy, *Istanbul*, presented by Serap Arbak

(no abstract received)

Proposed dates: **31<sup>st</sup> August – 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2014**

The following questions are raised:

- a. the plan for the meeting is for 4 days, instead of the regular 5 days, can this be extended? Answer: yes, the congress center is available for the entire week including the weekends before and after
- b. can the posters be retained for the entire week? Answer: probably yes, but this will have to be discussed later
2. The Secretary hands out the voting papers to all representatives: the papers contain all three bids in alphabetical order of the city. After collecting the votes, counting and double-checking the following result is announced:
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| Prague   | 12 votes |
| Istanbul | 7 votes  |
| Lisbon   | 4 votes  |
- This means that Prague receives 52% of the votes and is thus immediately chosen as the European bid to host IMC 2014. The President congratulates the Czechoslovak Microscopy Society, Pavel Hozak and co-workers and thanks again the two other groups that went through the large amount of work for preparing this bid. As off now, EMS will support the Prague bid to further increase its chances to bring IMC 2014 to Europe. This result will be announced at the EMS General Assembly on Thursday, September 3, 2009.
3. No further matter to be discussed
4. The meeting is closed at 13.50

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Jan Mast	BVM/SBM
Nick Schryvers	(EMS)
Srecko Gajovic	CSEM
Pavel Hozak	CSMS
Helmut Kohl	DGE
Paul Midgley	EMAG
Wayne Kaplan	ISM
Aleksandra Czyrska-Filemonowicz	PTMi
Paul Midgley	RMS
Debbie Stokes	RMS
Raija Sormunen	SCANDEM
Lina Gefors	SCANDEM
Rok Romih	SDM
Marie Cheynet	SF $\mu$
Amelia Montone	SISM
Elisabetta Falcieri	SISM
José L. Carrascosa	SME
António Pedro Alves de Matos	SPMicros
Jasmina Grbovic Novakovic	SSM
Markus Dürrenberger	SSOM
Gianni Morson	SSOM
Melek Ozturk	TEMD
Bob Hertsens	ECMA

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