

Minutes of the EMS Board meeting / 10-11 March 2016

Place: Antwerp, Belgium

Main subject: Proposal of a new EMS Executive Board for the period September 2016 – EMC2020

PRESENTS:

Roger Wepf, President
Nick Schryvers, Secretary
Paul Midgely
Serap Arbak
Aleksandra Filemonovicz
Joachim Mayer
Stephan Kuypers
Debbie Stokes
Pavel Hozak
Randie Holmstad
Rik Brydson
Thierry Epicier
Heliena Bregand, MCO
Celine Trenquier, MCO
Merve Gunesel, MCO

START OF THE MEETING: 12:30

For the period of September 2016 – EMC2020 a new Executive Board of the European Microscopy Society will be installed. According to the constitution of the society, Rik Brydson, Pavel Hozak, Joachim Mayer, Nick Schryvers are end of term (max. 12 years, see D.4. of by-laws of constitution). Aleksandra Czyrska-Filemonowicz (Poland) and Maria Carmo-Fonseca (Portugal) want to step down, Paul Midgley is end of term as Past- President and Debbie Stokes is end of term of past-EMC chair. With a maximum of 14 members of the Board (VII.7 of constitution) and aiming for a partial continuation by retaining the remaining Board members, 7 new members are needed (including new President and Secretary).

In the fall of 2015 all national societies have been asked to propose candidates for Board member. Also a call for a new President and Secretary has been launched. As a result, the Board received 16 candidates for Board member, of which one for Secretary.

According to the statutes, “The Executive Board will make a balanced proposal from the list of candidates to become member of the next Executive Board, in such a way that the

proposed candidates represent different countries in Europe and represent different disciplines in microscopy from the physical, life sciences and instrumentation areas. The complete list of all proposed candidates will be published two months before the General Assembly. Any candidate may be elected by the General Assembly, subject to limiting rules in other paragraphs of this constitution and by-laws.”

The list of candidates is attached. No explicit candidacy for President was received, Virginie Serin is candidate for Secretary.

After taking the various considerations into account, the Board suggests to propose the following new members for the EMS Executive Board:

- o President: Jozef Zweck (Germany, MS, male) o Secretary: Virginie Serin (France, MS, female) o Klaus Qvortrup (Denmark, LS, male)
- o José María Valpuesta (Spain, LS, male)
- o Agnes Kittel (Hungary, LS, female)
- o Cristiano Albonetti (Italy, MS-SPM, male) o Pete Nellist (UK, MS, male)

together with the members who stay on

- o Treasurer: Christian Schöfer (Austria, LS, male)
- o Roger Wepf (Past-President, Switzerland, LS, male)
- o Serap Arbak (Turkey, LS, female),
- o Thierry Epicier (past-EMC chair, MS, male)
- o Randi Holmestad (Norway, MS, female)
- o Stefan Kuypers (ECMA representative, male)
- o next-EMC chair (in case the next EMC chair is already on the above list (to be decided during the EMS General Council on Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2016), an extra new member will be selected).

This package will be presented to the EMS General Assembly in Lyon. The assembly will have the choice to accept this package or to select another Board by voting on all individuals. If more than 50% of the votes are in favour of an individual selection round, this will be immediately organized (blank votes are not counted as votes). In that case, ballot lists with the names of all candidates will be provided and people will have to select up to 5 names from the general list, with only one name available for President and one name for Secretary.

The total votes will be counted and the resulting sequence will lead to a new package configured by the existing Board and taking the requested balances into account (this means that not necessarily the 7 candidates with most of the votes will automatically be selected). The new Board will be in office after the GA at EMC2016.

END OF THE MEETING: 14:00