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Dear Colleagues,

By the deadline of January 15, 16 nominations for the EMS Outstanding Paper Award, round 2015, were received. This is a status quo and as in previous years, all these papers come with very strong recommendations from appreciative colleagues so the jury will again have a hard task in selecting the winners. The winning papers will be announced in April of this year and the respective authors will receive their awards during the 16th European Microscopy Congress, EMC2016 in Lyon, France (28th August- 2nd September).

Aside from the annual Outstanding Paper Award, this year we also select the winners of the fourth round of the prestigious quadrennial European Microscopy Award, sponsored by JEOL. For the two prices, one in the Life Sciences and one in the Materials Sciences (both including respective instrumental and methodological developments), in total no less than 10 nominations have been received. This jury will thus also have a hard time in deciding who most deserves the price. The two winners will present a special lecture at the closing ceremony of EMC2016.

The next EMS board meeting will be held on March 10-11, 2016 in Antwerp, Belgium. During this meeting the Board

will discuss, amongst other matters, the pre-bid applications for the organization of EMC2020, for which 5 venues have been presented. Also the nominations for the new Executive Board, which will be in office from September 2016 till September 2020, will be discussed.

As is common practice, EMS provides a number of scholarships for early stage career EMS members to attend the European Microscopy Congress, EMC2016. This time 25 scholarships of 250 $\ensuremath{\in}$ are available and will be distributed based on the scientific quality of the applications received. The deadline for these applications is the original abstract submission deadline of the meeting, i.e., 15^{th} March 2016.

In the first half of 2016 the following three events will further be financially supported by EMS:

Quantitative Bioimaging 2016, January 13-15, Delft University of Technology – Delft – Netherlands.

15th International Congress of Histochemistry and Cytochemistry, June 19-22, Military Museum Convention and Exhibition Center – Istanbul – Turkey.

International School on Fundamental Crystallography with applications to Electron Crystallography, 27 June to 02 July, Groenenborger Campus / University of Antwerp – Antwerp – Belgium.

This financial support from the EMS ensures that also these smaller events, often organized in the form of a school or course, can invite top scientists to lecture our new generations of microscopists.

In the coming weeks, you should receive the 2015 EMS Yearbook, the sixth issue since the new layout. As before, this Yearbook contains reports from the EMS activities of the past year, with special emphasis on the experiences of our young scientists at mmc2015 in Manchester, UK, and MCM 2015 in Eger, Hungary, the two EMS Extension meetings that were significantly supported by the EMS.

Other items in the Yearbook are the special ceremony for our winners of the 2014 Outstanding Paper Awards, reports of other EMS sponsored events and other microscopy related events throughout Europe, etc.

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