

# Agenda EMS General Council 2016

Tuesday August 30, 16:45, EMC2016 Lyon (Salon Tête d'Or)

## 1. Acceptation of membership of new national society

Romanian Electron Microscopy Society (SREM), headed by Dr. Bogdan Stefan VASILE, President, University Polytechnica, Bucharest. At present, they have around 80 members. (at the EMS Board meeting in Eger, 27-07-2015, the society was preliminary accepted as an en-bloc society, waiting for the confirmation at the GC at EMC2016, Lyon).

## 2. Annual fees

In the past, the financial situation allowed EMS to pursue its activities such as support of meetings, scholarships and prizes at good levels. In order to maintain this level in the future, some corrections need to be done to the EMS budget, ideally both at the incomings and at expenditure sides (see separate .xls table). Measures have already been set to reduce administrative expenses. An increase on the major incomings position, i.e. the membership fees, would make the EMS budget fit for the future. A raise of the annual membership contribution per member from presently 5 € to 7 € would best fit the current number of scholarship and meeting support applications. An increase to 10 € would buffer against future raising costs and would enable to increase the amount of support provided. It is thus proposed to the General Council to raise the annual membership fee from 5 € to 7 € or to 10 € from 2017 onwards. It should be added that since the foundation of EMS in 1998 no increase of fees has occurred.

## 3. The venue of the next EMC (in 2020)

Five bids for the organisation of EMC2020 have been received by the deadline of May 31, 2016. The proposed sites are as follows

1. Basel, Switzerland
2. Catania, Italy
3. Copenhagen, Denmark
4. Ljubljana, Slovenia
5. Maastricht, The Netherlands

After providing preliminary bids in January, all proposers received some comments from the EMS Executive Board allowing them to improve their bid by May 31, 2016. You will receive a separate mail with a link to the final bids. Please note these should be treated **confidential**. (for reasons of IP, the bids will not be freely available on-line). Each proposer will be allowed **to present their bid in 10 min. at the GC meeting, followed by a question round of 10 min.** Each proposer will also receive the possibility to promote their bid in a booth on-site EMC2016 between Sunday and Tuesday.

The voting at the GC will be according to the *last one drops out* concept until one bid receives a majority (> 50% of the votes (blank votes not included)). Ballot forms will be provided.