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

Held on **May 27, 2020**; 10:00-12:00 (UTC+2)

Virtual meeting using: Zoom

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### **Present:**

31 representatives with voting rights, from 25 societies were present. Board members were present but with no voting rights.

### **Board members present:**

Josef Zweck (President), Virginie Serin (Secretary), Christian Schöfer (Treasurer), Thierry Epicier (EMC2016), Arbak Serap, Randi Holmestad, José Valpuesta, Peter Nellist, Klaus Qvortrup (EMC 2020), Rod Shipley (ECMA)

### **National societies' representatives:**

Society name	Abbrev.	Country	# C. R.	C.R. name
Armenian Electron Microscopy Society	AEMS	Armenia	1	Astghik Pepoyan
Austrian Society for Electron Microscopy	ASEM	Austria	1	Johannes Bernardi
Croatian Microscopy Society	CMS	Croatia	1	Andreja Gajović
Czechoslovak Microscopy Society	CSMS	Czech Republic	1	Vladislav Krzyzanek
German Society for Electron Microscopy	DGE	Germany	2	Thomas Gemming Peter van Aken
Electron Microscopy and Analysis Group Institute of Physics	EMAG	UK	1	Andy Brown
Hellenic Electron Microscopy Society	HSEM	Greece	1	Philomela Komninou
Hungarian Society for Microscopy	HSM	Hungary	1	Agnes Kittel
Israel Society for Microscopy	ISM	Israel	1	Amit Kohn
Microscopical Society of Ireland	MSI	Ireland	1	Uschi Bangert
Dutch Society for Microscopy	NVvM	Netherlands	1	Ben Giepmans
Polish Society for Microscopy	PTMi	Poland	1	Beata Dubiel

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Belgian Society for Microscopy	RBSM	Belgium	2	Bernard Nysten Philippe Leclere
Romanian Electron Microscopy Society	REMS	Romania	1	Corneliu GHICA
Royal Microscopical Society	RMS	UK	1	Grace Burke
Nordic Microscopy Society	SCANDEM	Scandinavia	1	Kesara Ananthawat -Jónsson
Slovene Society for Microscopy	SDM	Slovenia	1	Rok Kostanjšek
French Microscopy Society	SFμ	France	2	Catherine Venien-Bryan Damien Jacob
Italian Society of Microscopical Sciences	SISM	Italy	1	Balboni Roberto
Spanish Society for Microscopy	SME	Spain	2	Jordi Arbiol Juan de Dios Alche
Portuguese Society for Microscopy	SPMicros	Portugal	1	NO REPRESENTATIVE
Serbian Society for Microscopy	SSM	Serbia	1	Natasa Nestorovic
Swiss Society for Optics and Microscopy	SSOM	Switzerland	2	Marco Cantoni Rolf Erni
Turkish Society for Microscopy	TEMD	Turkey	1	Servet Turan
Russian Society of Electron Microscopy	RSEM	Russia	1	Alexander L. Vasiliev
European Corporate Member Assembly	ECMA		2	Rod Shipley Taishi Sakai

### **Start of the meeting 10:00AM Paris**

#### **1. Welcome (President)**

Welcome words from EMS President, Josef Zweck, to all participants.

#### **2. National societies: Identification of delegates**

All representatives were listed and their presence was confirmed. All present (31 votes), except for the Portuguese Society for Microscopy.

Board members were present but they were not entitled to vote. Only council members are entitled to vote.

#### **3. Main objective of the meeting: EMC2020**

The main subject of the meeting was to decide on the future of EMC2020 due to the COVID19 situation. To date, EMC2020 has been cancelled.

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The different options on the future of the meeting were analysed and after a discussion a final decision was aimed at by a vote from the council members.

#### **4. EMC2024 projection (Prof. Klaus Qvortrup, EMC2020 President)**

The meeting has been cancelled for 2020 at Bella Centre due to the current COVID19 situation by the Danish authorities.

New possible dates available for EMC2024 at Copenhagen: 26-30 August, 2024 or (optional) 2-6 September 2024. The layout should be maintained as for 2020 at Bella Centre, meaning that the costs will remain essentially the same.

The budget has been revised.

The exact registration fees cannot be determined at the moment. The scientific committee will remain the same for 2024.

If EMC2024 takes place in Copenhagen, the current bidding process for 2024 would have to be cancelled.

Following are comments from the participants to the council meeting:

Grace Bruke: the predictions are difficult to assure since most meetings have been cancelled, so it will be difficult to assure the numbers today.

Kesara Anamthawat: SCANDEM will welcome EMC2024 and support this decision.

Jordi Arbiol: the Spanish society supports the decision of Klaus, the bidding has to be postponed, a decision has to be made on the already registered bids.

Josef Zweck: in case EMC2024 will be done in Copenhagen, it will not be possible to decide now on the 2028 bids. If the bidders will re-bid for 2028, they will be taken into consideration and may be prioritized.

Catherine Venien-Bryan: Sfµ supports the EMS board decision. What happens with virtual sessions.

Josef Zweck: it will be difficult to have a virtual meeting in August, but a session at the end of the year has been considered (October/November/December 2020). A platform will be used with a professional organisation for EMS members for the virtual meeting.

Klaus Qvortrup: The format and date have to be decided by the EMS board. The abstract submitted for EMC2020 will be considered for the virtual meeting.

Vladislav Krzyzanek: Czechoslovak's society members suggested a virtual meeting due to the amount of work done already. If not possible, to maintain the competition for EMC2024 including SCANDEM.

Agnes Kittel: Hungarian society has decided to maintain the competition for EMC2024 including SCANDEM.

Josef Zweck: the vote today aims to determine if EMC2020 is postponed to 2024 or not, and depending on this decision, other options will be further considered.

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## 5. Vote

Anonymous vote: **YES/NO**

The question: ***do you agree to the postponement of EMC2020 to the year 2024, to be organized in Copenhagen?***

In total: **31 votes**

**Results from the vote: YES: 94%, NO: 6% (29/31 agreed)**

**EMC2024 will take place in Copenhagen.**

**The bidding process for 2024 is cancelled, and current bids are welcome to be re-submitted for 2028.**

All bidders will receive a formal letter from EMS.

Final words from Klaus Q., Josef Z., and other participants.

SCANDEM thanks the participants for the support, Klaus for the organisation and EMS.

## 6. Concluding words

The president, thanks the Board members for their presence. Thanks to all for their reactivity. Welcome all to the next meeting in Copenhagen.

A regular Council meeting, General Assembly, EMS awards, Outstanding Paper Awards, will all take place end of August as planned.

All information will be transmitted to EMS members, national societies, bidders in the coming days.

**Closing of the meeting: 10:50 (UTC+2)**

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