

Minutes of the EMS General Assembly 2005



held during the Dreiländertagung MC 2005, EMS extension, on Tuesday, August 30, 2005, at 12.30 noon in the Theatre Hall of the Davos Congress Centre.

The following members of the EMS Executive Board were present: Ueli Aebi (President, Basel), Marie Cheynet (Grenoble), Leo Ginsel (Treasurer, Nijmegen), Pavel Hozak (Prague), Joachim Mayer (Aachen), Nick Schryvers (Secretary, Antwerp).

Excused members of the Executive Board: José Carrascosa (former President, Madrid), Peter Hawkes (Toulouse), Bob Hertsens (ECMA representative, Brussels), Rik Brydson (Leeds), Marco Vittori Antisari (Rome).

In addition, the following EMS members attended the meeting:

Caine Michael, Colliex Christian, Daglioglu Suzan, Epicier Thierry, Fonzen Roland, Friedriechs Martin, Grunbaum Enrique, Haider Max, Hazekamp Johan, Hebert-Souche Cecile, Hutchison John, Jezierska Elzibieto, Karnthaler Peter, Katsen-Globa Alisa, Kohl Helmut, Krzjzokec Vladislov, Leifer Klaus, Lencova Bohumil, Lichte Hannes, Ludek Frank, Maco Bohumil, Ochs Matthias, Paulus Kurt, Pavelka Margit, Pulfer Kurt, Raska Ivan, Reichelt Rudolf, Reinhard Rachel, Rijsse Jaap, Rixner Helge, Sagalowicz Laurent, Schattschneider Peter, Schmid Herbert, Schroder Josef, Schwarz Heinz, Sigh Wilfried, Sloan Jeremy, Sonnleitner Roman, Sormunen Raya, Spehr Rainer, Svete Matthias, Tonejc Andjelka, Tonejc Antun, Van den Broek Wouter, Van Tendeloo Gustaaf, Walther Thomas, Wendt Ulrich, Wepf Roger, Wollgarten Markus, Ziegler Andreus.

In total 56 EMS members are present and the meeting thus has a quorum.

The General Assembly is chaired by the EMS President, Ueli Aebi.

Agenda

1. Confirmation of the agenda of the General Assembly
2. Approval of the minutes of the General Assembly held during EMC 2004 in Antwerp (2004), distributed by electronic mail and available at the EMS website
3. Final report on the organization of EMC 2004
4. Report of the President, describing the activities of the Executive Board and the EMS in the period September 2004 to August 2005
5. Reports on the status EMC 2008, EMS extensions & sponsored events
6. Report of the Treasurer for the year 2004
7. Budget proposal for the year 2005 by the Treasurer
8. Proposal of the annual fee for EMS members and corporate members: *no changes proposed*
9. Approval of the changes to the Statutes (changes need a 2/3 majority of votes)
10. Approval of the changes to the By-laws (changes need a simple majority of the votes)
11. Prospect on EMS activities
12. Any further matter to be discussed

Minutes

1. The President welcomes everyone and presents the attending Executive Board members to the GA. The agenda as listed above is confirmed.
2. The minutes of the General Assembly held during EMC 2004 in Antwerp (2004) are approved (they may still be downloaded from the EMS website).
3. The President of EMC 2004, Nick Schryvers, presents a short account of some relevant data on EMC 2004: there were close to 1000 scientific delegates from over 50 different

countries and 300 representatives from exhibiting companies. There were around 850 scientific contributions (500 posters + 350 oral presentations) including plenary, invited and special interest lectures. The commercial exhibition occupied about 800 m² floor space. Some copies of the Proceedings are still available (CDs as well as printed copies) and can be requested from the EMS secretariat. A picture gallery can be visited at the website www.emc2004.be. This report is approved by the GA.

4. The President describes the activities of the EMS Executive Board over the past year. Accordingly, the Board has met on 3 occasions and has worked hard in order to move forward along the lines and missions stipulated during the 2004 GA in Antwerp. The President follows the items listed in the [Presidential Letter](#) published in the 2005 yearbook. This report is approved by the GA.
5. Status EMC 2008: the President of EMC 2008, Joachim Mayer, gives a short round up of the present situation regarding the preparations for EMC 2008. A Declaration of Intend has been signed by the local organizers, EMS, DGE and IFSM, and a formal Agreement will be signed in the days to come. The Congress will be organized at the Eurogress Conference Center in downtown Aachen, close to all hotels which can accommodate up to 4000 people. Registration and other fees will not increase with respect to EMC 2004 and might even turn out slightly lower.

For 2006 one timely application was received for an EMS extension by the Dutch and Belgian Societies for a meeting to be held in late fall/early winter 2006 in Papendal, The Netherlands. This application has been accepted by the EMS Board at its meeting on Monday, August 29, 2005.

For 2005 4 meetings have requested sponsoring to invite a high ranked international speaker. These meetings are: (1) Proteomics in situ: Imaging proteins at work, April 27 - 30, 2005, Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands; (2) XII International Conference on Electron Microscopy of Solids (EM'2005), June 5 - 9, 2005, Kazimierz Dolny, Poland; (3) EMAG-NANO2005, August 31 - September 2, 2005, Leeds, UK; and (4) Quantitative Electron Microscopy 2005 (QEM2005): European school on advanced TEM measurement techniques for materials science, September 25 - October 7, 2005, St. Aygulf, France). Reports from these meetings are not yet available.

6. The Treasurer Leo Ginsel presents his [report for 2004](#). The most relevant items in the budget are the revenues from membership obtained via the (partial) en-bloc societies (appr. 15.000 Euro), by ECMA (appr. 1.500 Euro) and from EMC 2004 (appr. 10.000 Euro). Most prominent costs were the support for EMC 2004 (3.000 Euro) and refund of expenses for the Board meeting in Oct. 2004 (appr. 2.000 Euro). At the end of 2004 there has been 18.974,43 Euro in the cash account and 30.000 in the savings account. This report is approved by the GA.
7. The Treasurer Leo Ginsel proposes the [budget for 2005](#): due to the increased earnings from membership via the en-bloc societies (estimated total 18.000 Euro) and the ECMA members (estimated total 4.000 Euro), increased support for local meetings and individual scholarships can be expected. This proposal is approved by the GA.
8. No changes in the membership fees are proposed.
9. (this point was jointly discussed with point 10) The Secretary Nick Schryvers describes the proposed changes of the Statutes and By-laws. The changes were inspired by the comments and suggestions made during the GA of 2004 and can be read from the [respective document](#). One comment is raised concerning the shift of decision on membership fees to the General Council (GC): this implies that income and expenses are no longer the responsibility of the same body (GC and GA, resp.). The change is accepted with the comment that we will closely follow this issue to see whether it yields any practical problems in the future. After all changes have been explained and commented an explicit vote on the entire package of changes is held. The result of this vote is:

- 54 votes in favor
- 1 abstention

Hence the proposed changes to the Constitution (Statutes and By-laws) are accepted.

10. see point 9.

11. The upcoming meetings EMC 2008 and the 2006 EMS extension are explicitly mentioned. For 2007 already two unofficial applications for an EMS extension have been communicated to members of the Board, a final decision will follow when the official applications have been received (deadline June 30, 2006). It is further explicitly mentioned that people can still request EMS support for their local meetings (for eligibility rules please consult the EMS website).
12. No further matters are arising.

The President closes the meeting at 1:45 pm.

The President
Ueli Aebi

The Secretary
Nick Schryvers