

# EUROPEAN MICROSCOPY SOCIETY



## **Draft minutes of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of EMS**

at *MCM2015* in Eger, Hungary (Thursday, August 27, 2015, **16.00 till 17.00**, Lecture Room II)

According to the Constitution, a General Assembly of all individual EMS members will be held at least once a year. The EMS is a European Society with over 5.500 individual members. It is important that EMS members gather, discuss and determine the framework in which they communicate and cooperate. For details on the Constitution, see the EMS website: <http://www.euremicsoc.org> .

Summary of the rules: All paid-up EMS members, including members of the Executive Board, have one vote. A quorum of 50 members is needed. The General Assembly will be chaired by the President of EMS. Decisions of the General Assembly are taken by a simple majority of votes (except for changes of the statutes). Two representatives of ECMA (European Corporate Member Assembly) have voting rights in the General Assembly.

Members present: 58  
For extra documents, see agenda

### Agenda

1. After a short welcome of the President, the agenda of the General Assembly is *confirmed*.
2. The minutes of the 2014 General Assembly held during *IMC 2014* in Prague are *approved*.
3. The President, Roger Wepf, presents the activities of the Executive Board and the EMS in the period Sep. 2014 – Aug. 2015 (*see Report of the President 2015 etc.pdf*)
4. The Treasurer, Christian Schöfer, presents the financial report for 2013 & prospects 2014/2015. These reports are *accepted*. (*see "EMS 2015 financial report GA Eger 27\_08\_2015.pdf"*)
5. Members
  - 5.1. since the start of EMS (nearly 14 years ago), the membership fees have not been increased. The Board suggests to raise the membership fees from 5 to 7 euro. This will be put to a vote at the General Council meeting at EMC 2016 in Lyon.
  - 5.2. the new Romanian Electron Microscopy Society (SREM), headed by Dr. Bogdan Stefan VASILE, President, University Polytechnica, Bucharest, is accepted as an en-bloc society.
  - 5.3. the request of the artist Mrs. Birgit Hofmann Birkenhall ([www.birkenhall.com](http://www.birkenhall.com)) to join the society as an individual member, is accepted.
6. Report EMS Extensions 2015

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- 6.1. The report of mmc2015 in Manchester will be available later (and published in the EMS 2015 Yearbook)
- 6.2. Agnes Kittel, chair of MCM2015, gives a short report of the present meeting. Around 400 scientific delegates are attending, plus around 100 participants from exhibiting companies. She thanks EMS for the support of the invited EMS lecturers Rafal Dunin-Burkowski and Toyoshi Fujimoto.
7. Status EMC 2016 Lyon
  - 7.1. Thierry Epicier gives a short report on the preparations of EMC 2016 in Lyon. All is well on track, plenary speakers and chairs have been contacted, invited speakers will be contacted soon. It is further suggested to initiate the organization of two “EMS strategic sessions” on Sunday afternoon, one on “microscopy lab management” and one on “big data management for microscopy”.
8. Other future meetings
  - 8.1. Because of EMC 2016 there will be no EMS Extensions in 2016
  - 8.2. Dreiländer Lausanne 2017
  - 8.3. MCM2017 Rovinj, Croatia
9. Prospects on EMS activities
  - 9.1. Call for bids EMC 2020 (all members): pre-bid deadline Jan. 31, 2016, final deadline end of May, 2016. The General Council will vote on these bids after at EMC 2016.
  - 9.2. Call for new Board members (local society boards): at least 6 free positions will be available in the EMS Board starting September 2016, among which the one of President and Secretary. In the coming weeks a call will be launched for new candidates to local societies which should suggest names (with CV and motivation) by Nov/Dec 2015. These nominations are gathered and compared by the EMS Board meeting in the spring of 2016 after which the election procedure will be decided (depending on the number of candidates and their distribution over geography, scientific disciplines and gender). Also present EMS Board members can suggest new members.
  - 9.3. Professional secretarial support: in a quest for more professional secretarial support and after comparing several offers, the Board has signed a contract with MCO (the current PCO for EMC 2016) in order to redesign the website and database, including more functionalities, and to take over the daily secretarial work. In the mean time, the costs will be reduced.
  - 9.4. Demonstration new EMS website: the main pages are demonstrated and it is confirmed that this new website will go online in the coming days. People will have the opportunity to send in their comments for further improvement.
  - 9.5. In a few weeks the call for the quadrennial EMAward (now sponsored by JEOL) will be launched. Nominations are expected by January 31, 2016.
  - 9.6. In a few months the call for the annual Outstanding Paper Awards will be launched. Nominations are expected by January 15, 2016.
10. Changes to the constitution (no changes planned)

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11. Any further matter to be discussed

11.1. Please vote for Sara Bals for the New Scientist Talent of the Low Countries  
(in Dutch)

12. Closing of the meeting

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