



EUROPEAN MICROSCOPY SOCIETY

Draft minutes of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of EMS

held at EMC2016 in Lyon, France (Thursday, September 1, 2016, **12.30 till 13.30**, Room Tête d'Or 1,2)

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: 74

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 2015 General Assembly held during MCM2015 in Eger are approved
3. The President, Roger Wepf, presents the activities of the Executive Board and the EMS in the period Sep. 2015 – Aug. 2016 (see *Report of the President 2016*). This report is approved without comment.
 - 3.1. The Treasurer, Christian Schöfer, presents the financial report 2015 & prospects 2016/2017. This report is accepted.
4. Members
 - 4.1. Since the start of EMS (nearly 14 years ago), the membership fees have not been increased. The General Council, during its meeting on Tuesday, August 30, 2016 from 16:45 till 18.00, has decided to raise the annual membership contribution per member from presently 5 € to 7 € from 2017 onwards.
5. Report EMC2016 Lyon

EMC2016 in Lyon is a successful event. It gathered 2477 participants. Delegates sent 1410 abstracts which represent a very high score in the history of EMC series. More than 120 companies exhibited during the congress. A full report will be available in the EMS 2016 Yearbook.

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6. Societies

- 6.1. The new Romanian Electron Microscopy Society (SREM) is accepted as an en-bloc society.
- 6.2. The Belgian Society for Microscopy becomes the “Royal Belgian Society for Microscopy” and will celebrate 50 years of existence in 2016.

7. Other future meetings

- 7.1. EMS Extensions in 2017: the following applications have been submitted to the Board and accepted as EMS Extensions in 2017:

MC2017, Lausanne, Switzerland, August 21-25, 2017

MCM2017 Croatia, September 24-29, 2017

- 7.2. EMC2020 venue: the General Council received 5 applications from

Basel, Switzerland

Catania, Italy

Copenhagen, Denmark

Ljubljana, Slovenia

Maastricht, The Netherlands.

The General Council decided that EMC2020 should be held in Copenhagen and the SCANDEM organizing team is very excited to welcome the next EMC.

8. Prospect on EMS activities

- 8.1. Outstanding Paper Award – the new board needs to call for a new jury of 6 people and chairs.
- 8.2. Sponsored meetings: the deadline is set on June 30, 2017 for extensions and supported meetings. The decision will be made by the new EMS Board.
- 8.3. The new EMS Board will decide on new activities

9. Changes to the constitution (no changes planned)

10. New Executive Board 2016 – 2020

- 10.1. The presentation of the [Candidates](#) and their [CV's](#) are available on:
http://www.euremicsoc.org/medias/files/ems_newboard_2016.pdf

After taking the various considerations into account, the Board suggests to propose the following new members for the EMS Executive Board:

President: Josef Zweck (Germany, MS, male)

Secretary: Virginie Serin (France, MS, female)

Klaus Qvortrup (Denmark, LS, male)

José María Valpuesta (Spain, LS, male)

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Agnes Kittel (Hungary, LS, female)
Cristiano Albonetti (Italy, MS-SPM, male)
Pete Nellist (UK, MS, male)

together with the members who stay on:
Treasurer: Christian Schöfer (Austria, LS, male)
Roger Wepf (Past-President, Switzerland, LS, male)
Thierry Epicier (past-EMC chair, MS, male)
Serap Arbak (Turkey, LS, female),
Randi Holmestad (Norway, MS, female)
Stefan Kuypers (ECMA representative, male)

next-EMC chair: as the next EMC Chair is already in the Board (Klaus Qvortrup)
Igor Weber was elected to the Board.

The new Board is elected unanimously.

11. Any further matter to be discussed

Nick Schryvers received a special reward for his service for more than 12 years on the Board. Joachim Mayer and Aleksandra Czyska-Filemonowicz were also thanked for their work on the EMS Board since 2008. Roger Wepf, Debbie Stokes and Paul Midgley were also rewarded for their dedication in the EMS Board since 2012.

12. Closing of the meeting

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