



# EUROPEAN MICROSCOPY SOCIETY

## Draft minutes from the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of EMS

Held at **IMC19** in **Sydney, Australia** (Wednesday, **September 12, 2018** at lunchtime (12:45pm – 1:45pm), Room C4.6, International Convention Centre).

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 6.500 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: <https://www.euremicsoc.org/en/organisation/ems-documentation/constitution/>

### 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.

### Present:

53 EMS Members  
9 EMS Board members

For extra documents, see annexes below.  
Statements are highlighted in **blue**.

Start of the meeting: **12:45 pm**

### **1. Welcome and confirmation of the agenda of the General Assembly by the President**

Welcome to the meeting and announcement of the 20 year's birthday.  
The flyer of the society has been presented.  
Overview of the agenda: [The agenda of the General Assembly was confirmed.](#)

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## 2. Approval of the minutes of the 2017 General Assembly held at MC2017 in Lausanne, Switzerland

The minutes of the 2017 General Assembly have been approved (all hands raised, unanimous).

## 3. Report of the President

The President, Josef Zweck presented his report describing the activities of the Executive Board and the EMS in the period Sep. 2017 – Aug. 2018:

- The Board met at Bella Center for its Board meeting and took the advantage to see the next EMC venue. Overall good impression of the venue (EMC2020 chair: Klaus Qvortrup).
- Next OPA awards (Chair: Peter Nellist).
- Sponsored events (SE) 2018: 11 compared to 9 in 2017. The list of SE was presented.
- EMS currently setting up mutual agreement and budget plans for EMC2020, close cooperation with congress president Klaus Qvortrup.
- Announcement of further EMS services, which have recently put in operation: Twitter and Facebook accounts for EMS. Thanks to Thiery Epicier and MCO partners.
- Open Bids sessions for EMC2024 organisers planned for next EMC.
- Scholarships IMC19 Sydney (24/36), 900 € each (>90 applications). Thanks to Randi Holmestad for organising the evaluation process and SF $\mu$  / EMS sponsorship
- Initiative for mutual partnership with Asia-Pacific societies started.
- New ECMA status, to be voted upon today. Thanks to Stephan Kuypers who initiated this project.
- Bids IMC20 2022: South Korea, Cape Town, USA, Spain, The Netherlands

The report was accepted.

## 4. Report from the Treasurer

Christian Schöfer presented the financial reports for 2017 and prospects 2018/2019 (incoming and expenses report).

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The quorum of EMS members for valid decisions has been reached. [The budget reports have been accepted \(unanimous vote\).](#)

## 5. ECMA

The EMS President presented an update on ECMA fees which will be active after the next EMC congress in 2020:

- Membership fees: new proposal from the Executive Board

Platinum members fee: raise from 1000 € to 2000 €, Gold members fee: raise from 500 € to 1000 €, Silver: raise from 250 € to 500 €, Bronze: raise from 100 € to 250 €.

The benefits will vary for each category.

[All agree on this proposal](#)

## 6. Outstanding Paper Award (OPA) Ceremony

The Chair of the OPA jury, Peter Nellist highlighted the remarkable work of the Jury composed by:

- Erdmann Spieker (Institute for Micro- and Nanostructure Research, Erlangen, Germany)
- Francesco Priolo (Università di Catania, Catane, Italy)
- Paul Midgley (University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK)
- Bruno M. Humbel (University of Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland)
- Catherine Venien- Bryan (Université Paris 6, Paris, France)
- Jose-Maria Carazo (Universidad Autonoma, Madrid, Spain)

Chair: Peter Nellist (University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom)

Candidates report: 17 nominations, 3 self-nominated (non-eligible), 15 papers were considered, very high quality ones.

The winners have been announced and those who were present at the AG received the glass plaques. For those winners who could not be present, the prizes were given to Dr. Damien Jacob from SF $\mu$  (Material Sciences award) and Dr Jorge Cuéllar (Life Sciences) who will forward the prizes to the winners.

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Deadline for nominations January 2019. Rule changes: the paper must be accepted and available in print or on-line by the publisher.

## 7. Status preparations EMC 2020 Copenhagen

EMC2020 chair, Klaus Qvortrup gave the status of the preparations for IMC 2014. The preparations are well underway; significant information was provided, including:

- The composition of the different committees. Balance between categories
- The Preliminary Scientific program (themes, plenaries, poster, oral presentations, pre-conference workshop, etc)
- The website has already been created and updated: <http://emc2020.eu> .

Submission of topic sessions from the public is available online on the congress website.

- Preliminary time table and key dates for the congress have been presented.
- Overview on the city of Copenhagen, transport, accessibility, accommodation. A travel pass will be provided
- The Congress plan was shown. Venue: Bella Center. Draft exhibition floorplan.
- Budget highlights: reduction for student and EMS members are provided.

## 8. Other future meetings

- EMS Extensions in 2019: Belgrade, Serbia, September 15-20 2019: MCM2018.
  - Call for bids for EMC 2024: specification list as aid for potential bidders and suggested timetable with important deadlines is available, call for bids through the EMS intranet and by letters addressed to the national societies of EMS..

## 9. Prospect on EMS activities

A list of coming EMS activities is presented by the President and accepted.

- Next OPA: call to be sent in autumn. Deadline January 2015.
- Call for SE 2019: a reminder will be sent after the IMC19 meeting.

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## 10. Changes to the constitution

No changes proposed at the moment.

## 11. Any further matter to be discussed

Funds: EU project: Esteem 3: Material Sciences (transport, health and energy) has been successfully established and is waiting for applications.

Coordinator: Peter Van Aken (Stuttgart, Germany).

Josef thanked all Board Members for their contribution.

Closing of the meeting: **01:40pm**

Josef Zweck  
EMS President

Virginie Serin  
EMS Secretary

Annexes:

- [Minutes of the previous GA](#),
- [Report from treasurer](#),
- [ECMA membership proposal](#),
- [Specifications questionnaire](#) & [Standard procedure for EMC2024](#)

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