



EUROPEAN MICROSCOPY SOCIETY

Draft minutes of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of EMS

14th Multinational Congress on Microscopy (MCM2019), Belgrade, Serbia

Held at MCM19; Room Session 1, Metropol Palace

Wednesday September 18, 2019, from 12:30pm to 2:00pm

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.

Agenda:

1. Welcome and confirmation of the agenda of the General Assembly
2. Approval of the minutes of the 2018 General Assembly held at IMC19 in Sydney
3. Report of the President, describing the activities of the Executive Board and the EMS in the period Sep. 2018 – Aug. 2019
4. Report from the Treasurer:
- report 2018 and prospects 2019/2020
5. Status preparations EMC 2020 Copenhagen
6. Other future meetings

Call for bids for EMC 2024

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7. Prospect on EMS activities
8. Changes to the constitution
9. Any further matter to be discussed
10. Outstanding Paper Award Ceremony
11. Closing of the meeting

Josef Zweck, EMS President

Virginie Serin, EMS Secretary

Annexes:

- [Minutes of the previous GA \(Sydney 2018\)](#)
- [Report from the treasurer](#)

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Draft minutes:

Start: 12:50 pm

- **Welcome and confirmation of the agenda of the General Assembly by the President**
Welcome words from the president of the society. Presentation of the society and the agenda.

Approval of the agenda by all participants.

Josef Zweck thank all Board members for their hard work.

- Approval of the minutes of the 2018 General Assembly held at IMC19 in Sydney (annexe 1)

Agreed by the majority of participants, no objections.

- Report of the President, describing the activities of the Executive Board and the EMS in the period Sep. 2018 – Aug. 2019

EMS BM in Madrid in April 2019

OPAs 2019, thank to Peter Nellist

EMS Sponsored Events overview:

- 2017: 9 SE
- 2018: 11 SE
- 2019: 8 SE

EMC 2020: **Klaus Qvortrup** and RMS (PCO), will present below a report on the next conference.

Bids sessions for EMC 2024, 6 letters of intent, the final decision will be made at EMC 2020 in Copenhagen

Scholarships 2019: 24 granted with € 300 form MCM 2019 and other conferences.

- **Report from the Treasurer**
 - report 2018 and prospects 2019/2020

Christian Schöfer has presented the previous and future budgets (annexe 2):

Overall incomes come from: memberships (individual, local society and ECMA), job posting, donation from other societies, ...

Overall expenses are for: scholarships, SE and other events, secretarial support, OPAs, board

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meeting, next EMC, ...

For 2020, expected overall incomes and expenses are € 50 000

The number of scholarships may increase next year.

The overview of the development of EMS budget since 2010 has been presented: the difference during the years are due to EMC incomes and some donations from local societies.

Acceptance of the budget: **Agreed by the majority of participants, no objections.**

The president thanks Christian Schöfer for the hard work.

▪ **Status preparations EMC 2020 Copenhagen**

Report from **Klaus Qvortrup** on the next EMC including the venue, the scientific program (41 scientific session spread on 7 parallel sessions), the website, key dates, exhibition build up (About half of the exhibition places have already been sold), workshop and other additional events during and before the conference (annexe 3).

▪ **Other future GA meetings**

- Call for bids for EMC 2024

2020: EMC2020 in Copenhagen

2021: EMC extension

2022: IFSM Busan

2023: EMC extension

2014: EMC2024 (bids open)

▪ **Bids for EMC 2024**

Localization of the proposals: 6 letters of intent received

Spain	SME	Francesca Peiró and Raúl Arenal
Hungary	HSM	Agnes Kittel
Switzerland	SSOM	Marco Cantoni
Czech Republic	CSMS	Dusan Chorvat
Netherlands	NVvM	Jordy Rijkssen
Ireland	MSI	Uschi Bangert

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▪ **Prospect on EMS activities**

- Retroplanning presented by **Josef Sweck**
- Next OPAs: call during autumn, deadline January 15, 2020
- Next SE: call already ongoing, deadline Sept 30, 2019
- Call for EMS awards to be delivered in Copenhagen in 2020
- Call for renew the Board

▪ **Changes to the constitution**

No changes on the constitution.

▪ **Any further matter to be discussed**

No further matters to be discussed.

▪ **Outstanding Paper Award Ceremony**

Presented by Peter Nellist (board member and chair of the OPAs). Special thanks to the OPA jury and all nominations for their outstanding work. A brief summary on the jury, rules, selection process, candidates and winners, was presented.

28 nominations: 3 categories: Instrumentation and Techniques (6), Material Sciences (10), Life Sciences (12)

The prize consists on €1000, a glass plaque for the first author and a certificate for each author. The winners of OPA2018 are:

- I & T : F. Houdellier et *al.* Ultramicroscopy. Nominated by Damien Jacob.
- MS : M. Kuhne et *al.* Nature Letters. Nominated by Hannes Lichte.
- LS : M. Novak et *al.* Nature Communications. Nominated by Igor Weber.

The winners gave a 5min presentation of the awarded paper.

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▪ *Coming Nominations*

OPA 2019 nominations will open in January 2020.

- Nominations from any EMS member
- One nomination per member
- Paper must either have been published in 2019 or be accepted for publication in 2019 and available online

▪ *Closing of the meeting*

Josef Zweck and Virginie Serin.

End: 02:00 pm

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