



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

*Held as a virtual meeting on Thursday, August 27, 2020, 9:30am – 11:45.*

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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 6000 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.

### **Agenda**

1. Welcome and confirmation of the agenda of the General Assembly
2. Approval of the minutes of the 2019 General Assembly held during the EMS extension *MCM2019* on September 18th, 2019, in Belgrade, Serbia
3. Report of the President, describing the activities of the Executive Board and the EMS in the period Sep. 2019 – Aug. 2020 - Josef Zweck
4. Report from the Treasurer - Christian Schöfer
5. Report EMC2020-2024 Copenhagen - Klaus Qvortrup
6. New Executive Board 2020 – 2024 and New ECMA representative
  - a. presentation and vote
  - b. thanks to leaving members
7. Outstanding Paper Award 2019. Peter Nellist, 5 min talk of awardees
8. 2020 JEOL-EM award – Talks of the 2 awardees
9. Prospect on EMS activities and future meetings
10. Any further matter to be discussed
11. Closing of the meeting

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## Draft minutes

**Present:** EMS members (individual, national societies' affiliated members), including members of the Executive Board. Total number of participants: 186 (quorum of 50 members achieved).

**Start: 9:30am (CEST)**

1- Welcome and confirmation of the agenda of the General Assembly - Josef Zweck

The current president welcomed the participants and presented the agenda. The changes on ECMA representatives was announced: the former representatives being Stefan Kuypers followed by Rod Shipley, the new representative Kornelia Weidemann.

Approval of the minutes of the 2019 General Assembly held during the EMS extension *MCM2019* on September 18th, 2019, in Belgrade, Serbia.

**Approval of the agenda by the majority of participants (yes: 99,19%, no: 0,81%; 124 votes from 186 participants).**

**2- Report of the President, describing the activities of the Executive Board and the EMS in the period Sep. 2019 – Aug. 2020, Josef Zweck**

- Virtual Board meeting in April 2020, due to COVID19 pandemia
- OPAs 2019 (rules and information available on the EMS website)
- EMS awards (rules and information available on the EMS website)
- Call for proposal for new board members
- EMC2020: reported to 2024
- Virtual council meeting (June 2020), decision EMC 2024
- Scholarships

**3- Report from the Treasurer, Christian Schöfer**

*Report 2019 and prospects 2020/2021:*

Christian Schöfer has presented the previous and future budgets (**annex**):

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

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Overall expenses are for: scholarships, SE and other events, secretarial support, OPAs, board meeting, next EMC, ...

In 2020, to date: 28 companies (compared to 43 in 2019); 11 national societies (23 in 2019). The scholarships have not been attributed due to cancellation of EMC2020 and will be kept for the next EMC. EMS SE from the first part of the year have been sponsored but no SE for the second part of 2020. Expenses are estimated to € 35 000, remaining €15 000 which may be used for the future.

Cancellation of EMC2020 in Copenhagen has an impact on the expenses, a short meeting will be run virtually. The incoming remains stable, the expenses for 2020 may be different than the expected ones.

For 2021, expected overall incomes and expenses are € 50 000 and € 57 350, being a minus of € 7 350.

Questions from the participants regarding the finances.

**Acceptance of the budget: Agreed by the majority of participants. (yes: 98,37%, no: 1,63%; 123 votes from 186 participants).**

#### 4- New Executive Board 2020 – 2024 and New ECMA representative

- presentation and vote by Josef Zweck
- thanks to leaving members

The new board to be validated is:

**President: José Maria Valpuesta (Madrid, Spain)**

**Secretary: Virginie Serin (Toulouse, France)**

**Treasurer: Christian Schöfer (Vienna, Austria)**

**Members: Randi Holmestad (Trondheim, Norway), Agnes Kittel (Budapest, Hungary), Igor Weber (Zagreb, Croatia), Albonetti Cristiano (Bologna, Italy), Lucy Colinson (London, UK), Saso Sturm (Ljubljana, Slovenia), Servet Turan (Eskişehir, Turkey).**

The following people will be *ex-officio* members of the Executive Board:

**Past-president: Josef Zweck (Regensburg, Germany)**

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**Chair EMC2024: Klaus Qvortrup (Copenhagen, Denmark)**

**ECMA representative: Kornelia Weidemann (Thermofisher Germany)**

The proposed Board would be composed of 6 representatives from Life Sciences (LS) and 6 representatives from Materials Science (MS).

**Acceptance of the proposed list of EMS Board for 2020-2024: Agreed by the majority of participants. (yes: 97,66%, no: 2,34%; 128 votes from 186 participants).**

Congratulations to the new members! Leaving members were also acknowledged (Serap Arbak, Thierry Epicier, Stefan Kuypers, Rod Shipley, Pete Nellist, Roger Wepf), who will receive a glass plaque on gratitude of their contribution to the society).

#### **5- Report EMC2020-2024 Copenhagen, Klaus Qvortrup**

Report from Klaus Qvortrup on EMC2020-2024 including the venue, the scientific program, the website, key dates, exhibition build up, workshop and other additional events during and before the conference. The remaining and changed issues for EMC2024 compared to 2020 (*annex*).

The EMS Board has requested that a virtual meeting be held for the Early Career Researchers who submitted abstracts for emc2020, and this will take place on 24 – 26 November 2020.

Currently exploring all submitted abstracts appearing on the emc2020 website.

Questions / answers regarding the meetings.

#### **6- Outstanding Paper Award 2019. Peter Nellist, 5 min talk of awardees**

Peter Nellist has been chair of the jury for the past 4 years.

The jury being their fourth and final year (maximum term is 4 years) is:

Erdmann Spiecker (Erlangen), Francesco Priolo (MATIS, CNR, Catania), Bruno Humbel (Lausanne), Paul Midgley (Cambridge), Catherine Venien-Bryan (UPMC/CNRS Paris), Jose-Maria Carazo (CNB, CSIC, Madrid).

The winners are announced on the EMS website and include:

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1. **Instrumentation and Technique Development:** F. S. Hage, D. M. Kepaptsoglou, Q. M. Ramasse, and L. J. Allen, Physical Review Letters, 122, 016103 (2019), “Phonon Spectroscopy at Atomic Resolution”.

2. **Materials Sciences:** Cédric Barroo\*, Zhu-Jun Wang\*, Robert Schlögl and Marc-Georg Willinger\*, Nature Catalysis 3, 30–39 (2020) [published online 2019]. “Imaging the dynamics of catalyzed surface reactions by in situ scanning electron microscopy”.

3. **Life Sciences:** Cs. Cserép\*, B. Pósfai\*, Ni. Lénárt, R. Fekete, Zs. I. László, Zso. Lele, B. Orsolits, Gá. Molnár, St. Heindl, A. D. Schwarcz, K. Ujvári, Zs. Környei, K. Tóth, E. Szabadsits, B. Sperlág, M. Baranyi, L. Csiba, T. Hortobágyi, Zs. Maglóczky, Be. Martinecz, G. Szabó, F. Erdélyi, R. Szipőcs, Mi. M. Tamkun, Be. Gesierich, Ma. Duering, I. Katona, A. Liesz, G. Tamás, Á. Dénes, Science 367, 528-537 (2020), “Microglia monitor and protect neuronal function via specialized somatic purinergic junctions”.

\*equal contribution

The prize consists of 1000 (one thousand) euro plus a plaque for the first author (per awarded paper) in each category and printed awards for all authors. One of the winners of each publication (name underlined) has done a 5 min presentation of their work.

## 7- 2020 JEOL-EM award – Talks of the 2 awardees

*Awarded fields:*

- Physics / Material Science
- Life Sciences

*Winners:*

**Sara Bals**, EMAT-University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium. Category Physical/Materials Sciences and Optics. Awarded for her outstanding achievements in the field of 3D electron tomography.

**Emmanuel Beaupaire**, Laboratory for Optics and Biosciences - Polytechnique CNRS INSERM, Palaiseau, France. Category Life Sciences Physical/Materials Sciences and Optics. Awarded for his outstanding achievements in the fields of novel, cutting-edge light microscopy techniques.

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The prize consists of 3000 (three thousand) euro plus a plaque and printed awards. The winners' laudation was presented by Josef Zweck and each of them has given a 30min presentation of her/his work, followed by questions.

#### 8- Prospect on EMS activities and future meetings

2020: Copenhagen, Virtual meeting in November

2021: EMC extension

2022: IFSM Busan, South Korea

2023: EMC extension

2024: EMC 2024 Copenhagen

2031: IFSM "Year of Microscopy", celebrating 100 years of electron microscopy

#### 9- Any further matter to be discussed

No further comments

A picture of all participants has been taken for the records.

10- Closing of the meeting

**End: 12:30am (CEST)**

Josef Zweck  
EMS President

Virginie Serin  
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#### **Annexes:**

- [Minutes of the previous GA \(Belgrade 2019\)](#)
- [Report from the EMS Treasurer](#)
- [EMC2020 report](#)

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