

# **MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of the EUROPEAN MICROSCOPY SOCIETY (EMS)**

**Lille, France, 27 June 2002**

The annual general meeting (AGM) of the EMS was held during the Joint Microscopy Meeting in Lille, which brought together members of the French, Belgian, Dutch and Swiss microscopy societies and had been selected for European extension by the EMS. The AGM was presided by Dr. Jose CARRASCOSA in the presence of Prof L. Ginsel, treasurer and P.W. Hawkes, former president.

1. Presentation of the activities of the EMS. After listing the various activities of the Society since the last AGM (in Lecce, September 2001) and evoking the problems of voting at forthcoming elections via Internet, J.L. Carrascosa announced that the congress selected for European Extension in 2003 is the Sixth Multi-national Congress on Microscopy, to be held in Pula (Croatia). Dr Milat was then invited to present this congress and the first circular was distributed.
  2. Membership and accounts. L. Ginsel announced that the EMS has at present 3,300 members and that the credit balance is at present 28,525 euros. Further details about income and expenditure were shown.
  3. Yearbook and Newsletter. P.W. Hawkes described the situation of the Yearbook and insisted on the need to maintain an up-to-date membership list, including e-mail addresses. No firm decision has yet been taken concerning the printed newsletter, which is already being distributed by e-mail to all members with a current address.
  4. European Microscopy Congress, 2004. The sequence of events that led to the withdrawal of the bid for EMC-2004 by the Israeli Society for Microscopy, in the hope that an EMC can be held in Jerusalem at a future date, and the acceptance of the bid by the Belgian Society were described succinctly by J.L. Carrascosa. The dates of the meeting are unchanged. EMC-2004 will be held in Antwerp, with D. Schryvers as principal organizer. The first circular will be distributed at ICEM in Durban.
  5. In reply to a question from a member, concerning the role of national societies in the affairs of the EMS, J.L. Carrascosa recalled that the EMS has individual members, although close liaison is maintained with national societies.
- Attempts continue to involve the commercial companies in the activities of the EMS
  - Efforts are continuing to organize EMS specialized workshops, summer schools and similar events.