

EUROPEAN MICROSCOPY SOCIETY



Draft minutes of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of EMS

held at MC2017 in Lausanne, Switzerland (Wednesday, August 23, 2017, **18.00 till 19.00**, Room Garden 2/3)

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: <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: 33

As the quorum was not reached, an extraordinary General Assembly has been convened.

Agenda

1. After a short welcome of the President, the agenda of the General Assembly is approved.
2. The minutes of the 2016 General Assembly held during EMC2016 in Lyon are approved.
3. The President Josef Zweck presents the activities of the Executive Board and the EMS in the period Sept 2016 - Aug 2017

He informs that Heliena Brégand from MCO is taking the notes. The first Executive Board Meeting of the new EMS Board took place in March in Toulouse.

On this occasion Peter Nellist presented the Outstanding Paper Awards, which will be presented in Rovinj to
D. Halberthal (Physics)
J. Mahamid (LS)
D. Jacobson (Mat Science)

There were 17 nominees and 3 were finally selected.

The EMS sponsored 9 events

- SIMDALEE2017
- MAF2015
- XVI International Conference on Electron Microscopy
- Microscopy at the Frontiers of Science
- SCANDEM2017
- EMHTR
- 4th edition of the QEM
- 15th international Congress of Histochemistry and Cytochemistry
- Advanced Course on Cryo Electron Tomography

2 EMS extensions will also be supported:
MC2017 in Lausanne, Switzerland and MCM2017 in Rovinj, Croatia

The organisation of EMC2020 in Copenhagen is well on track.

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The EMS Board is considering providing further services. But this task is not yet finalized.

The Board decided to have open bid sessions for EMC organizers in the future.

The EMS granted 36 scholarships: 23 for Rovinj and 13 for Lausanne. Each scholar received 250 €. For IMC2019 in Sydney, the EMS expects higher support. The Board is currently designing the amount of the grants to be allocated.

4. Report from the Treasurer

Budget 2016

Income 47 322,84 €

The majority of income is from national societies' contribution and ECMA memberships. The rest of the income originates from individual members, interest rates and job postings from non-EMS members.

Expenses 43 334,9 €

Scholarships for EMC2016 – 6000 €

3 supported meetings – 2250 €

2 board meetings 3480 €

Professional secretariat support – 22560 €

3 OPA 3 000 € (1000 € each)

Surplus of 3 987,94 €

Total asset of EMS 96 730,82 €

Budget 2017

Income

Invoices have been sent to societies for the membership fees (42 have settled their fees out of the 50 members), to ECMA members, and to individual members. Due to an increase of the membership fee from 5 € to 7 €, the income of the EMS is to rise. Advertising to ECMA members will need to be done in order to ensure a membership growth.

EMS received 24 240 € revenues from EMC 2016 in Lyon.

Total income can be expected at 73 650 €.

Expenses

There will be 2 extensions meetings which are each supported with a 1500 € grant. EMS can sponsor up to 10 supported meetings (in sum 7 500 €) and can issue up to 50 scholarships for attendance at MC, MCM or else (in sum of 12 500€). Further expense will include the Outstanding Paper Award 3000 €, two board meetings, professional secretariat support and bank costs.

Expenses can be estimated to an amount of 57 350 €.

Surplus estimated at 16 300 €

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The budget for 2018 is estimated to be balanced with income estimated at 49 350 € and expenses estimated at 49 350 €.

The budget report is approved.

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5. Report 2016 & prospects 2017-2018

Status of preparation of IMC 2018 in Sydney: there is little information on the website. So far only the program overview is presented.

6. Report on EMC2016 Lyon

Thierry Epicier, Chairman of the EMC2016 congress was not able to attend the meeting in Lausanne and was represented by Heliena Bregand, from MCO Congrès for the report on EMC2016 in Lyon.

7. Other future meetings

No EMS extensions are scheduled in 2018 because there is an international meeting, IMC2019.

Klaus Qvortrup presents the status report on EMC2020 to be held in Copenhagen on August 23-28, 2020.

The Scientific Programme is already advanced with the aim to have:

5 plenary lectures
100 -120 invited speakers
28-32 sessions
8 lectures in parallel

Topics will be suggested by the Symposium Committees and by outsiders in 4 disciplines:

- Life Sciences
- Materials Science
- Light / Fluorescence Microscopy
- Instrumentation & Method

Klaus Qvortrup presents the spaces and the draft exhibition plan.

The preliminary budget shows a break even with 1480 participants.

8. Prospect on EMS activities

Next Outstanding Paper Award call will be sent during autumn. The deadline will be set on January 15, 2017.

The next call for sponsored events will be issued in the forthcoming EMS newsletter.

9. Changes to the constitution (no changes planned)

10. Any further matter to be discussed

No matter raised

11. Closing of the meeting