EMS OPAs 2021 and EMS Extension 2022, PICO:
These news have also been published at the I&M journal. The new EMS year has started with the call for nominations for the EMS Outstanding Paper Awards 2021. The EMS has received 22 very high-quality papers presenting good balance between the three categories (Instrumentation and Technique Development, Materials Sciences, Life Sciences), so the jury will have again a hard task in selecting the winners. The decision will be announced to the EMS members in May. During the EMS extension in PICO 2022, to be held from 8 to 12 May 2022 in Kasteel Vaalsbroek (Netherlands), the authors will present their work by videoconference due to the current pandemic situation.

EMS Scholarships
The call for EMS Scholarship to attend the EMS extension meetings has also been launched at the beginning of this year. Twenty applications have been received. The EMS board has evaluated the candidates, who will be informed shortly.

EMS Extension 2022, 16MCM:
As we have already announced, the second EMS extension event will be the 16th Multinational Congress on Microscopy (MCM), to be held from 4 to 9 September 2022, at Best Western Premier Hotel International Brno, Czech Republic. During the meeting, two important EMS activities will take place: the EMS Board meeting and the EMS General Assembly.

We hope to see most of you in any of these two important meetings.

EMS Sponsored events:
Another significant EMS activity has to do with the Sponsored Events (SE). Financial support from the EMS ensures that these smaller events, often organized in the form of a school or course, can invite top scientists to lecture our coming generations of microscopists. The call for EMS SE for the second half of the year is now closed and the events are currently being evaluated. You will receive more information in the coming newsletter.

EMS Yearbook:
You are also about to receive the 2021 EMS Yearbook. This issue will include reports from past EMS sponsored events, EMS Extensions and their EMS lecturers, EMS scholarships, and many other information from EMS members.

We invite you to visit the EMS webpage:
http://www.eurmicsoc.org/en/, which is daily updated to efficiently provide you with information from our community.

Any suggestions and ideas for future newsletters are welcome at sec@eurmicsoc.org.

We look forward to seeing many of you in Copenhagen at EMC2024.