

# EMS Newsletter 14, October 2005

Dear EMS member,

During the summer holiday period we've seen quite some activity of EMS. The EMS extension, the Dreiländertagung MC 2005 organized in Davos from 28 August to 2 September in a very nice setting, was a big success. You'll find a full report of this meeting elsewhere in this magazine but here we like to emphasize the input of EMS. Next to distributing several electronic mailings preceding the meeting through our membership listing, the society also financially supported two EMS lectures held during the opening ceremony on Monday and four scholarships waiving the registration fee of selected participants. At their EMS lecture, H.-J. Güntherodt from the University of Basel discussed the impact of scanning probe microscopy on nanoscale science covering its imaging, measuring and manipulation modes supplemented with cutting-edge examples. K. Urban from the Ernst Ruska-Centre for Microscopy and Spectroscopy with Electrons in Jülich, Germany, reviewed recent advances in atomic resolution transmission electron microscopy emphasizing aberration corrections and monochromators. With these topics the EMS lectures covered two rapidly developing fields in microscopy that both harbor great potential for future developments.

During this EMS extension the EMS Executive Board that was newly installed at the EMC 2004 in Antwerp met for the third consecutive time. Items on the

agenda included the status of the ongoing preparations for EMC 2008 in Aachen, and the signing of the Agreement with the DGE and the Local Organizing Committee headed by Joachim Mayer. A detailed budget proposal was discussed, accepted and included in the Agreement. According to this budget, the registration fees for EMC 2008 in Aachen will be the same as for EMC 2004 in Antwerp. For 2006, the joint meeting of the Dutch and Belgian Microscopy Societies was approved as an EMS extension. This meeting will take place in the late fall of 2006 in The Netherlands, and it will host the 2006 EMS General Assembly. Sponsoring of other events in 2006 is still possible (typically by financially supporting the invitation of one or two international speakers). The EMS Executive Board accepts proposals up to 6 months before the respective event is scheduled.

On Tuesday, 30 August the 2006 EMS General Assembly met at the Theatre Hall of the Davos Congress Centre. The assembly was attended by members of 14 different societies and the quorum of 50 participants was easily reached and kept till the end of the meeting. The detailed minutes of this meeting, which still have to be approved by the GA, are available and may be downloaded from the EMS website. Apart from the listing and approval of several routine items such as the reports of the President and the Treasurer, the major item on the agenda



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was an extensive list of changes of the Constitution (Statutes and By-laws) proposed by the Executive Board. These changes, in addition to some minor issues, included the cancellation of the position of an incoming president, the formalisation of the frequency and possible places of General Assemblies and General Councils, the change of the decision on membership fees to the General Council, the cancellation of the annual re-election of the Board, and the introduction of electronic voting to enable the input of all members on some issues and to increase the representative level of voters on some decisions to be taken by the General Assembly. After a brief explanation of all points followed by some discussions, all changes were accepted with 54 votes in favour and one abstention. The new Constitution that includes all the changes that were discussed and approved during the GA, can be viewed and downloaded from the EMS website [www.eurmicsoc.org](http://www.eurmicsoc.org).