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Dear EMS member,

During the summer holiday no EMS newsletter was published, but several important matters related to European microscopy continued to evolve. The EMS Board has met in Sapporo on Sunday, September 3, on the occasion of the IMC16 congress. We are pleased to confirm that the preparations for EMC 2008 are coming along as planned and a suggestion for the International Scientific Advisory Board will soon be presented to the European national societies. The first mailing including flyers and posters is expected in Spring 2007. For the upcoming 2006 EMS Extension in Lunteren (26–28 November), the joint meeting between the Dutch and Belgian Microscopy societies, the programme of this meeting is now complete and available on the web via [www.eurmicoc.org](http://www.eurmicoc.org). The two EMS lectures by Michael Rogers (Graz University of Technology, Austria) on “The FIB: a versatile tool in Materials and Life Science” and Rik Brydson (University of Leeds, UK) on “The structure and chemistry of nanoparticulates and implications for toxicity” are well visible as opening and closing lectures, respectively. Deadline for abstract submission is 20 October and EMS members pay the same registration fees as members of the two local organizing societies. Five EMS student scholarships will be set aside for participation at the 2006 EMS Extension

in Lunteren. For 2007 the 8th Multinational Congress on Microscopy (8MCM) to be held in Prague, 17–21 June, and chaired by Pavel Hozak, was selected as the 2007 EMS Extension.

By the deadline of 30 September, four applications for EMS sponsorship of local conferences or workshops organized during the first half of 2007 were received by the secretary. By the time this Newsletter is printed, the Board will have decided which of those to sponsor, so more details will be available on the EMS website.

The Serbian Society for Microscopy (former Yugoslavian Society) decided to upgrade its membership status from partial to full en-bloc. The Portuguese society has changed its name to Portuguese Society for Microscopy (SPMicros) and has expressed its intention of becoming a full en-bloc member.

In Sapporo three European bids to host the next International Microscopy Congress (IMC17) were presented next to the South American bid presenting for Rio de Janeiro. After three rounds of voting Rio was elected to host the IMC17 in 2010, although during the final round London proved to be a strong competitor. It is clear that EMS, which supported the three European bids in different ways depending on practical and local considerations, will have to rethink its strategy

for future bids to ensure that IMC18 in 2014 returns to Europe, after the EUREM meeting in Paris in 1996.

The following researchers received EMS scholarships from a grant kindly provided by our ECMA member JEOL to attend IMC16 in Sapporo: in the field of Biology Dudkina Natalia (The Netherlands) and Vanhecke Dimitri (Switzerland), in Medicine Keserac Ivan (Austria), in Chemistry Diaz Isabel (Spain), in Materials Science Pan Sarah (UK), Warot Bénédicte (France) and Avila David (Spain) and in Physics Verbeeck Johan (Belgium), Barton Bastian (Germany) and Gartnerova Viera (Czech Republic). Due to the financial support of EMS the work of these European researchers could be presented at the international meeting in Japan.

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