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Dear EMS member,

During the summer months no EMS Newsletter was published, so we do have quite a few items to cover in this autumn issue. As you know, supporting European microscopy activities is one of the primary goals of EMS. In this spirit the EMS Board at its meeting in Prague decided to offer six scholarships of 500 € each to young researchers to participate at Symposium C on "Quantitative TEM for Advanced Materials" that will be held during the Boston Fall Meeting of the US Materials Research Society and be organized by Etienne Snoeck, Rafal Dunun-Burkowski, Johan Verbeeck and Uli Dahmen. This support was made possible by a special 2500 Euro grant from FEI. The successful applicants are Leonardo LARI (Liverpool), Wouter van den Broek (Antwerp), Lang-Yun (Shery) Chang (Cambridge), Sandra Van Aert (Antwerp), Florent Houdellier (Toulouse) and Magnus Garbrecht (Kiel); we wish them all a very fruitful meeting.

By the closing of the first round of applications for sponsored events taking place during the first six months of 2008, four applications have been received and will be evaluated by the Board during the coming weeks. Since in 2008 EMS will

organize the quadrennial European Microscopy Congress EMC 2008, no EMS extension was granted. The next Extension will be held in 2009 with the deadline for applications being June 30, 2008.

Most exciting for EMS during the past summer period has been the formal decision of the Portuguese Microscopy Society SPMicros to join EMS as an en-bloc member, which brings the total number of EMS members to over 5000 and a coverage of the continent that is close to complete! The Portuguese Society has gone through some important organizational changes lately and we do warmly welcome SPMicros to the EMS family hoping that we can be of some assistance to help increasing the visibility of microscopy in Portugal and, most importantly, improving communication channels with the rest of Europe.

And now a quick update on EMC 2008 in Aachen: during the past three months chair persons for symposia and regular sessions have been selected by the EMS secretariat, and at present names for keynote and invited speakers are being solicited. Most importantly, a first flyer has been mailed, and potential exhibitors have been contacted. Last but not least, the first few pages of the EMC 2008 website have recently been made available at www.emc2008.de.

Please allow us to remind you that we are presently looking for candidates poised to organize the 15th European Microscopy Congress in 2012. With the growing interest in microscopy, EMC is looking for congress sites capable of accommodating up to 1500 participants following up to 10 parallel sessions plus a commercial exhibitor space of around 2000 m² (incl. walking space). Applica-

tions have to be sent to the EMS Secretary by January 30, 2008, according to the stipulations listed in point F.2 of the By-Laws of the Constitution (see www.euremicsoc.org). The final venue will be decided by the General Council which will meet in Aachen during EMC 2008.

At EMC 2008 the quadrennial FEI Awards (one in the Life Sciences and one in Materials Science/Physics) will be presented. Candidates should be proposed by a Microscopy Society, a group of scientists, or an individual scientist. Applications for these prestigious awards should be sent to the EMS Secretary by regular mail and reach him by no later than April 1st, 2008. More details on the qualification criteria and application procedures can be found on the EMS website www.euremicsoc.org under the header "funding".

We have just been informed that Dr. Charles (Chuck) Garber, chairman of SPI Supplies and one of our early-day ECMA members, died on September 19th, 2007. We all valued Chuck for his candid remarks and ever constructive suggestions aimed at improving the performance of scientists and exhibitors alike, so we will all miss Chuck at future microscopy meetings, be this at his booth, in the sessions or at the social gatherings. The EMS Board members would like to express their sincere condolences to Bab-szy Garber, his wife, and his family.

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We also like to announce the following training courses organized by the EU

Network of Excellence (EU-NOE)
for 3D-electron microscopy (3D-EM)
(<http://www.3dem-noe-training.org>):

Transmission Electron Microscopy in Life Science
February 4th–8th, Eindhoven, The Netherlands,
and

Single Particle Analysis, February 25th–29th 2008,
Madrid, Spain