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Dear EMS member,

This Newsletter is appearing rather quickly after the previous one in June, so not that many new items are to be announced. Still, it is worth noting that at this time of the year two EMS Extensions are organized in different parts of Europe. Together they cover organizing societies from 19 European countries. The first is the MC 2011 meeting held from August 28 till September 2 in Kiel, Germany, and is jointly organized by the German Society for Electron Microscopy (DGE), in collaboration with the Nordic Microscopy Society (SCANDEM), the Polish Microscopy Society (PTMi) and scientists from research institutions in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and St. Petersburg, Russia. The second is the MCM 2011 meeting held from September 4 till 9 in Urbino, Italy, which is the 10th occurrence of the Multinational Congress on Microscopy in a long standing collaboration between the Austrian, Croatian, Czechoslovak, Hungarian, Italian, Serbian and Slovene societies. The latter one this year also hosts the annual EMS General Assembly on Wednesday September 7 at which a report of the President, a budget report and activity prospects of EMS will be presented.

Also at the General Assembly a report of the preparations of emc2012 in Manchester will be presented. Dr. Debbie Stokes, chairing for the RMS, is assisted

by four vice-chairs each in charge of one of the four major scientific symposia of the conference:

Dr. John Hutchison – University of Oxford (Applications, Physical Sciences)

Prof. Mark Rainforth – Sheffield University (Tools & Techniques, Physical Sciences)

Prof. Tony Wilson – University of Oxford (Tools & Techniques, Life Sciences)

Dr. Peter O'Toole – University of York (Applications, Life Sciences)

These vice-chairs together with the four EMS representatives

Prof. Ueli Aebi – University of Basel

Prof. Rik Brydson – University of Leeds

Prof. Pavel Hozak – Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

Prof. Dr. Joachim Mayer – RWTH Aachen University

constitute the Executive Scientific Program Committee which, together with the International Advisory Board, ensures an exciting, innovative and balanced scientific program. By now concrete session titles within the overall scheme of these four symposia have been defined. Also appointments of session organizers and co-organizers are finished and invited speakers are in the process of being contacted. The call for papers is expected in the coming months with an abstract deadline planned for March 2012.

At the General Assembly in Urbino also the call for bids for EMC 2016 will be presented. Although the proposals will be presented in Manchester next year (the exact procedure will be announced to the societies later this year) interested candidates should already now be scouting for opportunities and venues.

We wish all our members some exciting microscopy meetings in these coming days.

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