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Dear EMS member,

In September the two EMS Extensions of 2011 took place one after the other in Kiel and Urbino, gathering nearly half of all national member societies of EMS. In Kiel over 900 microscopists and more than 50 companies participated while in Urbino the EMS Board met and the annual General Assembly was held, with 67 members of 15 different societies participating. During the respective conference dinners the plaques for two of the three EMS Outstanding Paper Awards of 2010 were handed over, those in Instrumentation (in Kiel) and Materials Sciences (in Urbino). Around the time this newsletter is published the call for the new 2011 EMS Outstanding Paper Award will be on its way to all members (including the slightly changed nomination rules) and we look forward to receiving many excellent nominations by the deadline in January 2012. Next year, the winning authors will receive their awards at the emc2012 meeting in Manchester.

During the General Assembly in Urbino the regular items including the presidential report, budget and activity prospects were covered and approved. Also the call for bids of the next European Microscopy Congress in 2016 was officially launched, with proposals to be sent to the secretary

by January 31, 2012 (see also www.eur-micsoc.org). The chair of emc2012, Debbie Stokes, together with the conference and liaison managers Allison Winton and Jessica Stanley, presented a status report of the preparations of the upcoming emc2012 European congress. An overview of the Congress was presented with details regarding the location, organization, key dates and exhibition. The five Plenary speakers were announced and a preliminary list of session titles and session organizers was shown. There will be six parallel sessions per day. Also some high profile Sunday lectures are planned. There will be four workshop theatres and a poster village with space for 400 posters. With already 65 confirmed stand bookings for the exhibition, well over three quarters of the stand space has already been sold by now. The gala dinner is planned at Old Trafford, the Manchester United football ground. Within a few weeks, the first official announcement on this exciting event will reach microscopists in Europe and throughout the world.

In the coming weeks and months material for the 2011 EMS Yearbook will be gathered at the secretarial office, including reports from EMS sponsored events,

the two EMS Extensions and their EMS lecturers, EMS scholarships at these and other meetings, etc. If you have organized or are aware of a particular event in the past year which you feel is relevant for the European microscopy community to commemorate with a short report in the Yearbook (awards, special anniversaries, ...) please give us a note or send us a short text with one or two pictures, so we can include it if space permits (in case we receive too many requests, some can be placed on the respective pages of the website).

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