

## EMS Newsletter 40, February 2013

## Dear EMS member,

For the third time in a row, the new EMS year started with gathering nominations for the EMS Outstanding Paper Award. This time in total 27 papers in the three categories have been submitted by January 15, all with very strong recommendations. Thus, the jury will again have a hard task in selecting three winners. The winning papers will be announced in April of this year and the respective authors will receive their awards during the congress dinner of the 2013 EMS Extension, the MC 2013 meeting in Regensburg.

The 2013 EMS Extension is organized by ten (10!) national societies (DGE, ASEM, SSOM, CMS, CSMS, HSM, SDM, SISM, SSM & TEMD) and is as such a true example of an international European collaboration expanding beyond the borders of local societies or collaborations. The meeting takes place from August 25 till 30 in the beautiful medieval town of Regensburg, Germany, and promises to be the European microscopy highlight for 2013. Aside from the financial support for the organization, EMS also provides a number of scholarships for early stage career researchers to attend this event (deadline for applications = March 31, 2013 = original deadline for abstract submission).

The new Executive Board, elected by the EMS General Assembly at emc2012 in Manchester, will meet on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of March in Zürich, at the invitation of our new President Roger Wepf. Usual matters will be discussed, but with several new members also a number of new ideas have already been proposed and will be carefully scrutinized. Further details are given in the next EMS Newsletter.

In the coming weeks you should receive the 2012 EMS Yearbook. This is again a cross-section of the EMS highlights of the past year and focuses on personal impressions from members, meeting organizers, award winners, scholarship holders a.o.

In the first half of 2013 the following four events will be financially supported by EMS: (1) Winter School 2013, Practical course in Advanced Microscopy (January 20–25, Zürich, Switzerland); (2) EMBO Practical Course in Advanced Microscopy (April 3–13, Plymouth, UK); (3) Quantitative Electron Microscopy School (May 13–14, Saint-Aygulf, France); (4) EDGE 2013, International Electron Energy Loss Spectroscopy Meeting (May 26-31, Sainte-Maxime, France). These were selected out of eight applications, mainly because of their prime focus on microscopy. Deadline for applications for EMS

sponsored events in the second half of 2013 is March 31, 2013.

By now all ECMA members, the corporate body of EMS, will have received an invitation to renew their membership. As decided last year at the EMS General Council in Manchester the membership fees for the companies have been redefined. Commercial members can now clearly indicate their level of support for European microscopy by selecting between platinum (≥ € 1.000), gold (€ 500), silver (€ 250) and bronze (€ 100) membership. The ECMA membership lists at the website and in the Yearbook will reflect this choice, but all companies, regardless their contribution, will receive the same benefits.

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