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Dear colleagues,

This year we celebrate the 15th anniversary of our society! At the initiative of Wolfgang Baumeister, elected president of CESEM in 1992, the European Microscopy Society, a true society of individual members, was indeed inaugurated at the ICEM-14 meeting in Cancun in 1998, after the disbanding of the CESM, the Committee of European Societies of Microscopy. Peter Hawkes (France) was elected the first President of this new society, Jose-Maria Carrascosa (Spain) vice-president (and hence future president), Ed-die Wisse (Belgium) secretary and Heinz Gross (Switzerland) treasurer. More information on the history of CES(E)M and EMS can be found on the EMS website under "EMS documentation". A proper celebration of this anniversary will be organized at the 2013 EMS Extension in Regensburg.

The present newsletter is incorporated in the Imaging & Microscopy issue that will be available at the MC2013 meeting in Regensburg, the 12th EMS Extension. Next to the practical and financial support for the meeting, EMS also provides scholarships for young researchers to attend and present their results at these EMS Extensions. In total 43 eligible applications for scholarships were received. In order not to stretch

the allocated budget too much, it was decided to award the scholarships only to PhD students who did not receive an EMS scholarship before, yielding a total of 21. Although this is not an eligibility rule as such, the Board found that this way we could best ensure a maximal spread of support of young researchers working in European microscopy laboratories.

At MC2013 the EMS Executive Board will hold its second meeting of 2013, while the EMS General Assembly will take place on Thursday, August 29 at 16:00. The EMS Outstanding Paper Awards for 2012 (see also newsletter 41) will be presented to the awardees at the conference dinner.

For the second half of 2013, seven applications for EMS sponsored events were received. After careful comparison the Board decided to sponsor four events all with an important focus on microscopy in one form or another. The selected meetings are:

- 26th bi-annual International Conference on Photochemistry (ICP2013), July 21-26, Leuven, Belgium
- EMAG 2013, Archie Howie Symposium on *in situ* microscopy, September 5, University of York, UK

- Microscopy at the Frontiers of Science 2013 (mfs2013), September 17-20, Tarragona, Spain
- European Atom Probe Tomography Workshop, October 21-23, 2013, ETH Zurich/EMEZ, Zurich, Switzerland

Together with the four sponsored meetings for the first half of the year and the EMS Extension, the EMS support for European microscopy is again very visible. In the mean time the organization of the 18th International Microscopy Congress in Prague in September 2014 is moving ahead as planned and an active website can already be found at www.imc2014.com. Instead of organizing a parallel EMS Extension, EMS will focus its available sponsoring to further support the attendance of this international meeting.

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