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Dear EMS member,

The EMS year has again started with the call for nominations for the EMS Outstanding Paper Award, round 2013. For this fourth call, a new jury which will discuss the nominations and select the winning papers for the coming three years has been selected during the past months. This time a smaller number of papers, 16 in total but with a good balance between the categories, have been submitted by January 15, and all with very strong recommendations so the jury will again have a hard task in selecting the 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 International Microscopy Congress, IMC 2014, in Prague later this year.

Although IMC 2014 is of course organized under the auspices of the International Federation of Societies for Microscopy (IFSM), EMS has had a strong impact in the choice for the European venue and still has strong ties with the organizing bodies. The meeting takes place from September 7-12 in wonderful Prague, and promises to be the international microscopy highlight for 2014. The EMS Board will meet in the beginning of the week followed a few days later by our annual General Assembly. Moreover,

EMS provides a number of scholarships for early stage career EMS members to attend this event.

In the first half of 2014 the following five events will be financially supported by EMS: (1) EMBO Practical Course in Advanced Optical Microscopy April 2-12, Plymouth, UK, (2) Electron Crystallography School - Introduction to electron diffraction tomography, April 7-11, Darmstadt, Germany, (3) 3D Electron Microscopy: From Molecule to Organism, May 22-23, UPMC, Paris, France, (4) Workshop on Electron Wave Imaging (Holo-Workshop), June 9-13, Dresden, Germany, (5) Specimen Preparation Course, June 11-13, Linköping University, Sweden. This financial support from the EMS ensures that also these smaller events, often organized in the form of a school or course, can invite top scientists to lecture our coming generations of microscopists.

In the coming weeks you should receive the 2013 EMS Yearbook. This is already the fourth Yearbook since we changed the layout and removed the long list of member addresses. As before, this Yearbook contains reports from the EMS activities of the past year, in which we celebrated the 15th anniversary of our society. The latter is documented in the

contribution from the President and Secretary. The reported activities include the very successful EMS Extension in Regensburg showing a promising evolution of such regional meetings. The EMS lecturers at MC2013 have written two very interesting scientific contributions, the early stage researchers who received an EMS scholarship to attend this meeting have provided nice reports of their experiences in Regensburg and a note on the winners of the 2012 Outstanding Paper Award receiving their plaques during the dinner party is also added. Several reports of other EMS sponsored events again show the lively activity in the field of microscopy throughout Europe. From the other submitted reports it is clear that many institutes are increasing their instrumental capacities with novel microscopes of various types so we can expect to see many more interesting new results in future meeting.

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