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## Dear colleagues,

At the beginning of September the entire world of microscopy gathered at the International Microscopy Congress, IMC2014, in Prague. It was since 1994 that the international community joined on European soil, at the time in Paris. Strongly supported by the European microscopy community and its national societies, the EMS organized a pre-selection in Graz at the MC2009 meeting in order to be able to produce the best possible European bid at the IFSM General Assembly in Rio in 2010. These joined efforts paid off and the Prague bid was accepted with an overwhelming majority. Looking at the numbers of IMC2014, we are convinced that this was indeed the best choice and we congratulate and thank Pavel Hozak and his team for taking this adventure to its completion. We all look forward to the next international meeting in 2018 in Sydney and wish the organizers all the best with the preparations. Of course, in the mean time, we welcome all of you in 2 years at the next European Microscopy Congress EMC2016 in Lyon.

With the international congress organized in Europe EMS decided to focus its supporting efforts for early stage career researchers at IMC2014 and in total 58 students received 197€ to

cover their registration fees. You will find several reports of the experiences of these students in the upcoming 2014 EMS Yearbook, to be distributed in the spring of 2015. We also took the opportunity to organize a short award ceremony for the 2013 EMS Outstanding Paper Awards at which we handed over the metal-on-wood plaques to the first authors of the winning papers or their representatives.

At IMC2014 EMS also organized an Executive Board meeting and a General Assembly. The most prominent conclusion of these meetings was the selection of 2 EMS Extension meetings for 2015, being MCM2015 in Eger, Hungary (23 – 28 August), and mmc2015 in Manchester, UK (29 June – 2 July). The first is the continuation of the well-known MCM series now joining 8 societies in the center and south parts of the continent, for the first time also including the Turkish society. The latter is the new form of the Microscience series organized by the RMS, now again in collaboration with EMAG following the positive experiences during EMC2012, also organized in Manchester. We believe that these two meetings clearly show that the EMS vision in which European microscopy should evolve to large annual regional meetings, is indeed catching on and we look

forward to even stronger examples in the future.

Another important decision reached at the EMS Executive Board was the acceptance of the offer from JEOL to sponsor the European Microscopy (EM) awards for the coming 3 rounds, i.e. starting in 2016 and at least till 2024! These quadrennial awards celebrate researchers for their outstanding contributions to microscopy at large in the fields of the life sciences and physical sciences. The next call for nominations will be launched in the fall of 2015.

Written reports on all of these activities will be published in the 2014 EMS Yearbook and if you have organized some special activity in 2014, if you have won a prize, if you want to commemorate a colleague, etc. do send us your report or information by the end of November, 2014, for inclusion in the next Yearbook.

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