Dear colleagues,

From 9-14 September, 2018, the entire world of microscopy gathered at the 19th International Microscopy Congress, IMC19 in Sydney, Australia. The EMS has created flyers containing information on our society which were distributed during the meeting.

For the International Congress organized in Australia, EMS attributed a total of 24 scholarships of 900 € to support early stage career researchers at IMC19 to partly cover trip, hotel and conference registration fees. This was also possible with the contribution of the French Society of Microscopy (SFµ). Several reports on the experiences of these students will be available in the upcoming 2018 EMS Yearbook, which will be distributed early in summer 2019.

During IMC19, EMS also organized an Executive Board Meeting and a General Assembly. The most prominent conclusions of these meetings were the announcement of the 20 years’ anniversary of the society, the selection of the next EMS Extension meetings in 2019 (MCM 2019 in Belgrade, Serbia), the presentation of the last and future years’ budgets, and mentions on EMS sponsored events. Additionally, a short award ceremony for the 2017 EMS Outstanding Paper Awards was held during the EMS General Assembly. At this occasion, glass plaques were handed over to the first authors of the winning papers or their representatives.

At the IMC19 General Assembly, the representatives of all local societies have voted for the venue for the next International Congress. Many towns from all over the words have applied, among them Portland (USA), Madrid (Spain), Cape Town (South-Africa), Busan (South-Korea), Maastricht (Netherlands). Busan turned out to be the winner of the bidding. We all look forward to this next international meeting in 2022 and wish the organizers all the best with the preparations. In the meantime, we will welcome you all in 2 years at the next European Microscopy Congress EMC2020 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

At the IFSM Symposium on Friday 14 September, 2018, the following awards were endorsed:
- The John Cowley Medal (Diffraction Physics and Microscopy) to Emeritus Professor Archie Howie, University of Cambridge, UK
- The Vernon Cosslett Medal (New Developments in Optics and Instrumentation) to Doctor Christian Colliex, University Paris Sud, Orsay, France and Professor Les J. Allen, The University of Melbourne, Australia
- The Hatsujiro Hashimoto Medal (Applications in Physical Sciences) to Doctor Yuichi Ikuhara, The University of Tokyo, Japan
- The Eduard Kellenberger Medal (Life Sciences) to the Nobel Laureates, Professor Joachim Frank from Columbia University, USA, Professor Richard Henderson from MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology, UK and Professor Jacques Dubochet from the University of Lausanne, Switzerland.

Written reports on all of these activities will be published in the 2018 EMS Yearbook, hence if you have organized some special activity, if you have won a prize, or if you want to commemorate a colleague/special event, do not hesitate to send us your report or any other information by the end of November, for inclusion in the next Yearbook. You may also find this information on the EMS website: https://www.eurmicsoc.org/en/

In the coming weeks, several calls/newsletters will be launched. As every year, the call for the annual Outstanding Paper Awards will be announced with nominations expected by January 15, 2019. Another call goes to the companies organized in ECMA to substitute their previous representative, Stefan Kuypers, who resigned for private reasons. The EMS wishes to thank him for his ever constructive cooperation with the executive board. Last, but certainly not least your national societies will receive a call for nominations for potential candidates for the next EMC 2024 congress. If you want to organize the next congress in this very successful sequence, please contact your national society and the EMS for further information.

In future newsletters we will inform you on the decisions taken by the board on EMS Sponsored Events.

Finally, we would like to point to the EMS bimonthly newsletters on job offers and microscopy related events where you find up-to-date information from our members.

Any suggestions and ideas for future newsletters are welcome at sec@eurmicsoc.org

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