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Dear EMS members and colleagues,

The EMS year has again started with gathering nominations for the EMS Outstanding Paper Award, round 2016. For this call, a new jury, chaired by Peter Nellig, awarded in 2016 and member of the executive board, has been formed with the help of the executive board for the coming three years. A total of 17 highly recommended papers were submitted by January 15, 2017 (nearly the same number as last year) with a good balance between the different categories (Instrumentation and Technique Development, Materials Sciences and Life Sciences). The winning papers will be announced in April of this year, so, more information will be given in the next newsletter in May.

This new EMS year has also started with the call for scholarships to support young researchers to participate to the EMC extensions: Microscopy Conference 2017 (MC2017), August 21-25, 2017 in Lausanne, Switzerland and the 13th Multinational Congress on Microscopy (MCM2017), September 24-29, 2017 in Rovinj, Croatia.

The new Executive Board, elected by the EMS General Assembly at EMC 2016 in Lyon, France, will meet on March 9 and 10, 2017 at the CEMES lab in Toulouse, France at the invitation of our new President Josef Zweck. Common matters will be discussed including several novel

ideas proposed by the new board members. Further details will be given in the next EMS Newsletter.

Early May, the 2016 EMS Yearbook will be sent to all EMS members. As previous, this is a cross-section of the EMS highlights and reports from members, meeting organizers, award winners, and scholarship holders of the past year. We hope you will enjoy reading the reports on the various activities of our society and members during the past year, especially the EMC 2016 report written by his president Thierry Epicier, and those written by our two JEOL-European Microscopy award winners, Niels de Jonge and Angus Kirkland.

In the first half of 2017 the following events will be financially supported by EMS: 1) Scandem 2017 Annual Conference of the Nordic Microscopy Society, Reykjavik, Iceland, 5 - 9 June 2017, 2) Advanced Course on Cryo-Electron Tomography, Vienna, Austria, 6 - 12 May 2017, 3) Electron Microscopy with High Temporal Resolution EMHTR 2017, Strasbourg, France, 29 - 31 May 2017, and 4) 4th edition of Quantitative Electron Microscopy School QEM2017, Balnearuc-les-Bains, Etang de Thau, France, 22 May - 2 June 2017.

Last year, there has been a significant increase on new ECMA members, the corporate body of EMS. These include:

Advanced Microscopy Techniques, Akadémiai Kiadó, Ametek, Delong Instruments, Microscopy Improvements, Ocas-Fo-Ocas, Science Services, Wiley-VCH, and XEI Scientific. An invitation to all ECMA members for renewing their membership will be sent this month.

The EMS webpage is being constantly updated (with new job advertisements, calendar events, and others), thus we invite you to go through the website.

New calls are coming soon, in particular within the next weeks the EMS sponsored event call for the second part of 2017.

Closing this newsletter, we like to thank the now Past-president Roger Wepf for his invaluable contribution to the society as President in the past four years. We are convinced that his experience will remain of great help to the new Board. We also like to thank Nick Schryvers, still in contact with us to insure the continuity of the work, for his precious involvement in the EMS.

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