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Dear EMS member,

For the present year, EMS has received around 36 applications for scholarships for attending EMC2016, the 16th European Microscopy Congress, organized from August 28 till September 2 in Lyon, France. 26 of those have been selected to receive financial support from EMS to present their results and learn from the specialists in an international environment.

A few weeks ago the jury of the EMS Outstanding Paper Award has come to a decision for the round of 2015. 17 high quality papers were nominated (nearly the same number as last year), and the following three were selected as award winners:

- 1. Instrumentation and Technique Development: “*Quantum coherent optical phase modulation in an ultrafast transmission electron microscope*”, Armin Feist, Katharina E. Echternkamp, Jakob Schauss, Sergey V. Yalunin, Sascha Schafer & Claus Ropers; *Nature* 521, 200-203 (2015)
- 2. Materials Sciences: “*Imaging screw dislocations at atomic resolution by aberration-corrected electron optical sectioning*”, Yang, H., Lozano, J. G., Pennycook, T. J., Jones, L., Hirsch, P.B., Nellist, P.D.; *Nature Communications* 6, 7266 (2015)

- 3. Life Sciences: “*Imaging G protein-coupled receptors while quantifying their ligand-binding free-energy landscape*”, David Alsteens, Moritz Pfreundschuh, Cheng Zhang, Patrizia M Spoerri, Shaun R Coughlin, Brian K Kobilka & Daniel J Müller; *Nature Methods* 12, 845-851 (2015)

We sincerely congratulate the authors of these winning papers who will receive their awards during the award ceremony on Thursday, September 1, at EMC2016. We also thank the nominators of all papers and look forward to a new round by next January 2017 for papers published in 2016.

Next to the annual Outstanding Paper Award, this year we also select the winners of the fourth round of the prestigious quadrennial European Microscopy Award, this time sponsored by JEOL. The two winners will present a special lecture at the award ceremony of EMC2016.

In a few weeks we will open a call for applications for the EMS Extension in 2017, a term which indicates the strong involvement of and support from EMS. Deadline for these applications is June 30, 2016.

At its meeting in March, the Executive Board reviewed the 14 nominations for members of the Executive Board from September 2016 till September 2020. This new Board will be elected at the EMS General Assembly in Lyon and we invite all members to join this assembly on Thursday, September 1. More information will be provided in due course. Also at this March meeting, the Board reviewed the five final pre-bids for organizing EMC2020. At present, proposals for the following venues have been received: Basel (Switzerland), Catania (Italy), Copenhagen (Denmark), Ljubljana (Slovenia), Maastricht (The Netherlands). All chairs have received the notes and comments from the Board members and will prepare a final bid by coming May 31. They will present their bid during the EMS General Council meeting at EMC2016 in Lyon on Tuesday, August 30, where the final choice will be made.

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