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Dear EMS member,

By the deadline of January 15, 16 nominations for the EMS Outstanding Paper Award, round 2014, were received. This is a status quo and as in previous years, all these papers come with very strong recommendations from appreciative colleagues 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 one of the EMS Extensions, mmc2015 in Manchester, UK (June 29 – July 2), or MCM2015 in Eger, Hungary (August 23 – 28), later this year. Which EMS activities will be organized at which of these two events will be decided in the next EMS Board meeting on February 26 and 27 in Lyon. During this meeting the Board will also visit the conference venue for the upcoming emc2016 meeting and discuss the preparations for this next Europe-wide microscopy meeting.

As is common practice, EMS provides a number of scholarships for early stage career EMS members to attend the two Extension events in 2015. 30 scholarships of 250 € are available and will be distributed over the two meetings depending on the numbers and quality of the applications. Deadlines for these applications are the original abstract deadlines of the respective meeting.

In the first half of 2015 the following four events will further be financially supported by EMS: (1) Winterschool 2015, Practical course in advanced 3D microscopy, January 18-23, 2015, Zurich, Switzerland; (2) 19th International Conference on Microscopy of Semiconducting Materials (MSM-XIX), March

29 - April 2, 2015, Murray Edwards College, University of Cambridge, UK; (3) 2nd Workshop on EELS in Materials Science, May 18-20, 2015, Uppsala, Sweden; (4) Advanced Course on Cryo-Electron Tomography, June 8-12, 2015 (+ pre-course June 6-7), Vienna, Austria. 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 new generations of microscopists.

In the coming weeks you should receive the 2014 EMS Yearbook, the fifth issue since the new layout. As before, this Yearbook contains reports from the EMS activities of the past year, with special emphasis on the experiences of our young scientists at IMC2014 in Prague, the quadrennial international meeting that was heavily supported by the EMS. Other items in the Yearbook are the special ceremony for our winners of the 2013 Outstanding Paper Awards, reports of other EMS sponsored events and other microscopy related events throughout Europe, a new book list, etc.

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