



## **Minutes from the EMS GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Held at *EMC 2024* in **LECTURE THEATER 1**, Copenhagen, Denmark on **Wednesday August 28 2024, 5:00 PM (local time)**.

Present at the meeting 11 EMS Board Members (non-voting), 27 representatives with voting rights from 20 national societies and 2 ECMA members (list annexed).

EMS Board Members present: José M. VALPUESTA (President), Virginie SERIN (Secretary), Christian SCHÖFER (Treasurer), Josef ZWECK (Past President) Klaus QVORTRUP (EMC representative), Marc PEETERS (ECMA representative) and Igor WEBER, Agnes KITTEL, Saso STURM, Randi HOLMESTAD & Servet TURAN (Board members).

According to the Constitution, a General Council consists of representatives of the National societies for microscopy that have adopted *en-bloc* membership of EMS: those that have less than 300 paying EMS members will have one representative with one vote. Societies with over 300 paying EMS members will have two representatives, each with one vote. Two representatives of ECMA (European Corporate Member Assembly) have voting rights in the General Council.

Summary of the rules: No meeting of the General Council shall have the power to make valid decisions unless more than 50% of all societies that decided for *en-bloc* membership of EMS are represented. In case of insufficient participation, decisions are postponed until the next meeting of the General Assembly or can be put-up for electronic voting by the EMS board. The General Council will be chaired by the President of EMS. Decisions of the General Council are taken by a simple majority of votes (>50%; in the event of an equal division of votes, the chairman shall make the final decision).

1. Welcome and confirmation of the agenda of the General Council by the EMS President José-Maria VALPUESTA.
2. Presentation and discussion of the proposals to hold the next EMC in 2028 (Spain, Czech Republic).

Two applications for the organization of EMC2028 were received by the deadline of June 1, 2024. The proposed sites were as follows:

1. Barcelona, Spain
2. Brno, Czech Republic

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The two bidding teams presented their proposal to host EMC2028 (15min each). The questions (10min each) mainly dealt with:

- Venue
- Hotel accommodation capacity
- Scientific committee distribution
- Program
- Registration fees
- Exhibitors (sqm, fees, etc.)

The voting at the GC was made according to the *last one drops out* concept until one bid received a majority (> 50% of the votes (blank votes not included)). Ballot forms were provided for anonymous votes.

The results were:

1. **Barcelona, Spain: 17 votes**
2. Brno, Czeck Republic: 9 votes
3. Blank vote: 1 vote

**Barcelona was selected for the venue of the next EMC in 2028.**

3. Any further matter to be discussed

None

**Closing of the meeting: 6:00 PM (local time).**

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### **Delegates present**

Austrian Society for Electron Microscopy (ASEM) : Gerd LEITINGER

Belgian Society for Microscopy (BSM) : Sarah BALS, Philippe LECLERE

Croatian Microscopy Society (CMS) : Igor WEBER

Czechoslovak Microscopy Society (CSMS) : Vladislav KRZYZANEK, Miroslav SLOUF

Electron Microscopy and Analysis Group (Institute of Physics, EMAG) : Laura CLARK, Sarah HARPER

European Corporate Member Assembly (ECMA): Marc PEETERS, Rune GEHRLEIN

French Microscopy Society (FMS) : Jean Marc VERBAVATZ, Suzanne GIORGIO

German Society for Electron Microscopy (DGE) : Katharina HIPPE, Kerstin VOLZ

Hungarian Society for Microscopy (HMS) : Agnes KITTEL

Israel Society for Microscopy (ISM) : Lothar HOUBEN, Ifat KAPLAN-ASHIRI

Italian Society of Microscopical Sciences (SISM) : Roberto BALBONI

Nordic Microscopy Society (SCANDEM) : Kesara ANAMTHAWAT-JONSSON

Polish Society for Microscopy (PTMi) : Joanna KARBOWNICZEK

Portuguese Society for Microscopy (SPMicros) : Paulo FERREIRA

Romanian Electron Microscopy Society (REMS) : Bogdan VASILE

Royal Microscopy Society (RMS) : Paul VERKADE

Serbian Society for Microscopy (SSM) : Dragan RAJNOVIC

Slovene Society for Microscopy (SDM) : Kristina ŽAGAR SODERZNIK

Spanish Society for Microscopy (SME) : Juande ALCHE

Swiss Society for Optics and Microscopy : Robin SCHÄUBLIN

Turkish Society for Electron Microscopy (TEMED) : Servet TURAN

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