

17th EMS General Assembly

06 September 2015

Sofia, Bulgaria

Minutes, 26 October 2015

Participants: (voting representatives underlined)

Marina Baldi (AGI, Italy) - voting on behalf of Italy (AGI and UMFVG)

Ekaterina Batchvarova (BMS, Bulgaria) - voting on behalf of Bulgaria (BMS and AMC)

Marius-Victor Birsan (NMA, Romania)

Horst Böttger (EMS President)

Tanja Cegnar (SMD, Slovenia)

Jean-Pierre Chalon (Météo et Climat, France)

Renato R. Colucci (UMFVG, Italy) – voting together with AGI, Italy

Sven-Erik Gryning (DaMS, Denmark)

Tomáš Halenka (CMeS, Czech Republic)

Paul Halton (IMS, Ireland)

Sylvain Joffre (GS and GFL, Finland)

Antonio Mestre (AME, Spain)

Panagiotis Nastos (HMS, Greece)

Ákos Németh (MMT, Hungary)

Fritz Neuwirth (ÖGM, Austria)

Andrea Oestreich (EMS Secretariat)

Bob Riddaway (RMetS, UK)

Heinke Schlünzen (DMG, Germany)

Gert-Jan Steeneveld (NVBM, The Netherlands)

Sorin Cheval (SMR, Romania)

Rossen Penchev (AMC, Bulgaria) – voting together with BMS, Bulgaria

Joanna Wibig (PTG – Meteorol. Section, Poland)

Saskia Willemse (SGM, Switzerland)

Minutes: Martina Junge, Executive Secretary

24 participants

1. Opening of session

Horst Böttger opened the 17th General Assembly, and Ekaterina Batchvarova warmly welcomed all participants to Bulgaria on behalf of all hosts of the EMS Annual Meeting and ECAM 2015. The President informed the Assembly that Bob Riddaway had stepped down as Vice-President and the Council at its 33rd Session on the morning of the same day has elected Jean-Pierre Chalon as new Vice-President and Heinke K. Schlünzen to serve as EMS Treasurer for the term 2015 to 2018.

The presence of **18 nominated representatives of EMS Member Societies** was verified; the quorum is 10. The presiding officer declared that the quorum is fulfilled. Votes are given as (acceptance : rejection : abstention).

2. Acceptance of Agenda, including early announcement of AOB

The Agenda was accepted as proposed. No items were announced for the agenda point 10. AOB.

3. Minutes of the 16th EMS General Assembly

The minutes of the 16th session of the EMS General Assembly were distributed in November 2014 to all participants. Revisions and corrections that were received within four weeks were included in the final minutes. The minutes are held adopted.

4. Report of the President and the Bureau

Horst Böttger reported on his activities as EMS President since the last General Assembly and the activities of the Bureau and the Committees of Council.

His main activity constitutes communication with the Executive Secretary, the Chair of the Committee on Meetings and the Treasurer on the day-to-day business of the EMS.

The EMS Bureau conducts quarterly reviews of actions and activities. The main issues the EMS Bureau dealt with were planning the sessions of the EMS Council and the General Assembly.

The EMS Annual Report 2014, detailing activities of the EMS in the previous year, was published online, distributed through the website in August 2015 and to all Member Societies and Associate Members as part of the documents for the General Assembly. The Annual Report 2014 was presented to the EMS General Assembly by the EMS Council.

Other activities:

- Invitations had been received from four Member Societies to attend anniversary celebrations (AME: 50-year anniversary, MMT: 90-year anniversary, ÖGM: 150-year anniversary, SMI: 150-year anniversary)
- An agreement has been reached with the Tromp Foundation on the announcement of an EMS-Tromp-Award in biometeorology. The Award will be presented at the Sofia conference. An agreement between EMS and the Tromp foundation to formalise the arrangements will be signed during the conference week.
- The new EMS Technology Award will be announced during the EMS&ECAM 2015 week and handed out for the first time in 2016.
- The IFMS 4th meeting originally scheduled for 2015 in Argentina will now be co-sponsored by the Canadian and the American meteorological societies and will take place in Jan 2016, alongside the AMS Annual Meeting. Attendance of the EMS was confirmed.
- Membership: the (Associate Member) observer group of private service providers was considered; in order to reflect that also two regional met services are now part of this group the Bureau suggested to Council that the group be renamed "Service Providers (including regional meteorological and hydrological services)"; the proposal had been accepted by Council.

The President also informed the General Assembly about relevant items and decisions of the preceding 33rd Council Session on 06 September 2015:

- A fourth photo competition Europhotometeo'16 will be announced in autumn 2015; a pre-selection committee has been approved by Council, based on nominations from EMS Member Societies.
- Strategy review with the aim to approve a new plan in spring 2016.
- The dates for the EMS Annual Meetings in 2017 have been brought one week forward (04-08 Sept. 2017); the venue for the EMS Annual Meeting 2018 has been chosen: Corvinus University, Budapest, Hungary, 03-07 Sept. 2018. Copenhagen is under consideration for 2019.
- Awards: treatment of non-selected nominations: for particular awards the nominations will in future be carried forward for the next call.

**GA17.01 Approval of Bureau and Council Report October 2014 – September 2015 (Entlastung):
The General Assembly approved the Report of the Bureau and Council for the period October 2014 – September 2015. (votes18:0:0)**

5. Report of the EMS Secretariat

The EMS Executive Secretary reported on the activities of the secretariat since the last General Assembly which included preparations for the EMS Annual Meeting & ECAM 2015, management of award applications and evaluation processes for all EMS Awards, membership administration and maintenance of the EMS website, support for and contributions to the work of the Committee on Meetings.

Other activities included:

- EMS financial files 2014 were provided to the tax advisor for compilation of the income/ expenditure statement and tax declaration. On 19 June 2015 the auditor assigned by the General Assembly 2014

audited the accounts of the EMS and the related documentation. The audit report is provided to the General Assembly as part of the Treasurer's report.

- Drafting of working papers for the 32nd and 33rd Council Session and General Assembly.
- Publications and outreach: three issues of the ems-message have been distributed since the General Assembly 2014.
- The EMS Annual Report 2014 has been prepared and published in August.

6. Finance

6.1. Report of the Treasurer

The Report of the Treasurer was provided to the EMS General Assembly in paper *GA17_06-1_Report-Treasurer*, including the audit report on the financial accounts 2014.

Financial Accounts 2014

The balance as at 31 December 2014 was 119 291.47€ and has decreased by 23 989.99€ as compared to 31 December 2013. The revenue and expenses statement of the financial accounts 2014 has been compiled by the office of the tax advisor B. Hoffmann .

Audit of the revenue and expenses 2014

The financial accounts 2014 have been audited by the auditor C. Kucklick, Berlin. The audit report certifies that the revenue and expenses statement complies with the legal requirements as well as additional rules fixed in the constitution of the society. Payments made by the society are supported by invoices or other vouchers, related to the association's purpose.

Accounts and Forecast 2015

A forecast for the accounts 2015 was presented.

Budget 2016

A proposal for the EMS Budget 2016 had been provided for the 33rd EMS Council Session (06 Sept. 2015). The Treasurer informed the General Assembly that since the financial situation depended on the outcome of the Annual Meeting, Council requested the Bureau to prepare a new proposal for the spring 2016 Council Session, taking into account the outcome of the EMS & ECAM 2015.

GA17.02 Approval of the Report of the Treasurer (Entlastung): The General Assembly approved the Report of the Treasurer. (votes: 18:0:0).

6.2. Appointment of the Auditor

The Council proposed to the EMS General Assembly that Clemens Kucklick, Wirtschaftsprüfer, Berlin, Germany, should be commissioned as auditor for the accounts 2015. If the intended integration of Mr. Kucklick audit firm into the BSKP – group shall be accomplished the BSKP group auditing firm shall be commissioned as the auditor.

http://bskp.de/ueber_bskp/partner_berufstraeger/wirtschaftspruefer_clemens_kucklick.

GA17.03 Auditor appointment: The General Assembly appointed Wirtschaftsprüfer C. Kucklick, Berlin, Germany, as the auditor for the accounts of the year 2015. If the intended integration of Mr. Kucklick audit firm into the BSKP – group shall be accomplished the BSKP group auditing firm shall be commissioned as the auditor. (votes: 18:0:0).

7. Council Composition

After this session of the General Assembly the term of four rotating Members on the EMS Council will end: **Tomáš Halenka** as representative of ČMeS, Czech Republic, **Luís Pessanha** as representative of APMG, Portugal, **Joanna Wibig** as representative of PTG – Meteorological Section, Poland, and **Sylvain Joffre** as representative of GFL and GS, Finland.

Election of Council Members

The Council proposed to the General Assembly two new Members to be elected for three years according to the new regulation in the Constitution and to extend the term of two Members according to the transition agreement.

GA17.04 The General Assembly extended the term of the APMG, represented by Luís Pessanha, and ČMeS, represented by Tomáš Halenka, by one year until autumn 2016, and elected the Austrian Society for Meteorology (ÖGM), represented by Fritz Neuwirth, and the Swedish Meteorological Society (SMS), represented by Svante Bodin, as Members of the EMS Council for the term autumn 2015 – autumn 2018. (votes: 18:0:0).

The representative of the Royal Meteorological Society (RMetS), UK, Bob Riddaway, will leave Council after the General Assembly. The RMetS has nominated Ewen McCallum as representative on the EMS Council from autumn 2015.

GA17.05 The General Assembly did welcome Ewen McCallum as councillor for RMetS, UK. (votes: 18:0:0).

The President informed the GA that during Council he had thanked the departing Council members for their commitment to the EMS and the important contributions they had made to the work of the EMS Council during their years of duty.

8. EMS Membership

The Executive Secretary reported that since the last General Assembly one application for EMS Membership was received: the Associació Catalana de Meteorologia (ACAM) applied for Membership in January 2015. The society was founded in 1995 and has 168 members. It is open to professionals and weather enthusiasts in general. The application had been approved by the EMS Council at its Session on 05/06 March 2015 (Council decisions C32.17).

GA17.06 EMS Membership: The General Assembly welcomed the Associació Catalana de Meteorologia (ACAM) as new EMS Member Society. (votes: 18:0:0).

The General Assembly was also informed that the Membership status of the Agencia Estatal de Meteorología (AEMET) was converted to “dormant” by 01 September 2015.

9. Activities of Member Societies and Associate Members

The Member Societies and Associate Members present reported on their activities in recent months as well as planned actions. In summary the EMS President concluded that this meeting provided a good exchange, not only on the various activities but also on problems and discussions of the EMS Members. He encouraged all to provide such information regularly to the Editorial Board for publication on the EMS website.

Details on activities are included in Annex I.

10. AOB

No issues were discussed under this item.

11. Time and Place of next General Assembly

The 18th EMS General Assembly will be held in Trieste, Italy, on Sunday, 11 September 2016.

The meeting opened at 15:00 and closed at 17:00.

ANNEX I: Activities of EMS Members**ACAM:**

- Active participation in the celebration of the 23rd March 2015 "International Meteorology Day" at the Barcelona Science Museum "Cosmocaixa".
- Organization of the ACAM awards on meteorology "Premi Eduard Fontserè" given to a highly relevant scientific article related with Mediterranean Meteorology - see link: http://www.acam.cat/pef/instructions_in_English_available: http://acam.cat/sites/default/files/03_Rules_AwardsEF_Intern-State_english_2015.pdf
- Organization of the XXI ACAM yearly meeting 27-29 November 2015 in Barcelona.

AMC, Bulgaria:**Summary of the AMC Bulgaria activity 2015**

- There has been a 'best- photograph- competition' based on the theme of "Take a snapshot of the weather!"
- We have created and issued a 2015 Yearly Calendar, which has already become a traditional event.
- The acceptance of six new members has taken place. The total number of our members has grown to be thirty-five persons.
- A general meeting and a seminar have been carried out along with our annual traditional meeting on the International Day of the Meteorologist, March 23rd, in the picturesque village of Usoeto, near the town of Elena. The theme of the seminar: New aspects and good practices in the observation and forecasting. Four lectures have been presented by club members.
- We have created a new internet site of the club : www.aviomet.org
- We have announced a new competition for a new logo and a motto of our club.

AGI, Associazione Geofisica Italiana, ItalyeMail: info@associazionegeofisica.it

Activities October 2014 – September 2015

- The Associazione Geofisica Italiana (AGI – Italian Geophysical Association) was established in 1951, and is hosted by the National Research Council of Italy in Rome. Since the beginning AGI did publish the "Annali di Geofisica". Today the journal of the Association is the Bollettino Geofisico which started publications in 1978 and accepts contributions in Italian and English. A relevant number of issues has been devoted to the proceedings of National Workshops and Conferences.
- The new course of AGI: In the last year an important renovation process of the Association started, with new members accepted, and the election of the new Council Members, now formed by people from the National Meteorological Service, University, Public Research, Private sector.
- The Council is now completely revising the AGI constitution and name. The new name and constitution will be presented at the next Assembly of members before the end of the year. This is mainly due to the fact that the AGI, established as Association of Geophysicists, is now more representative of experts in Atmospheric Sciences and Meteorology, because of the establishment in the last decades of other Associations and Societies more oriented towards the Earth Sciences (Geology, etc), although it is still member of FIST (Italian Federation of Earth Science: <http://www.geoitalia.org/>) where AGI represents the Atmosphere and Hydrosphere sectors.
- AGI is proud to continue to be member of the European Meteorological Society (EMS: <http://www.emetsoc.org/>), and it is connected to other national societies and academies.
- AGI is fully involved in the working group coordinated by the DEKRA Certification firm, together with representatives from the National Meteorological Service, the Consortium of University Professors in Atmospheric Sciences and related fields (CINFAl), the IAMAS national representative, the group of weather forecasters. The aim of the WG, responding to a requirement expressed in the latest changes in the Italian Legislation, is to identify the certification process for the professionals in meteorology (WMO compliant, i.e. in accordance with WMO-n.1083 "Manual on the Implementation of Education and Training Standards in Meteorology and Hydrology"), in order to proceed with the certification of competencies of all those offering meteorological services in public and private sectors, and AGI will be the reference Association, legally recognized, for them.
- AGI is continuing to support and manage a list of qualified experts in the field of Environmental Sciences, Meteorology and Climatology.
- AGI is participating to the activities promoted by the working group established by the National Association of Applied Physicists (ANFEA) in order to establish a norm (UNI compliant) for the Applied Physicists, including the Geophysicist.

- The Bollettino Geofisico is now under renovation and started a new course in order to hopefully be recognized as an ISI journal in the next few years.
- Other activities
 - AGI is partner in the FestivalMeteorologia (Festival of Meteorology): a large initiative, the first in Italy, open to the public, firms, scientists, associations, organized by the University of Trento and the Rovereto City Council. The event will be in Rovereto, 16-17 October 2015 (<http://events.unitn.it/festivalmeteorologia>). AGI will be present at the exhibition with a stand and will contribute with communications at the oral session. On the newsletter of the Trento University you'll find an interview: <http://knowtransfer.unitn.it/13/meteorologia-e-scienze-dellatmosfera>,
And here the National Research Council newsletter dedicated to the Meteorology: <http://www.almanacco.cnr.it/reader/>
 - AGI is partner of the “Science Symposium on Climate” which will take place in Rome, 19-20 November 2015, at the FAO headquarters and is coordinating one of the sessions (<http://www.sisclima.it/wall/eventirome2015-science-symposium-for-climate-call-for-abstracts/?lang=en>). The Conference aims to involve scientists, researchers and policy makers to provide a focused summary of the key impacts of climate and climate change on natural and socio-economic environments, and highlight needed response actions and related policies on adaptation and mitigation activities, ahead of the UNFCCC Conference of Parties in Paris, COP21 (Dec 2015).
 - Thanks to the former Presidents, an historical overview of the Association will be soon published in the Bollettino Geofisico, and an English version of it is under preparation.

Further information on the life and activities of the Association can be found at: www.associazionegeofisica.it (the web site is under full reconstruction).

AME, Spain:

HEADLINES FROM AME:

- On the 11th December 2014 the Spanish Meteorological Association commemorated its 50th anniversary with a Seminar followed by a Gala dinner. One of the lecturers in the Seminar was the EMS Vice-president, Bob Riddaway and AME wishes to thank Bob and the EMS for their involvement in the event. Luís Pessanha, the President of the Portuguese Association was another remarkable participant
- In March this year AME held its yearly assembly and the elections to the Board which is elected every two years. Jose Antonio Maldonado was reappointed as President for a second mandate while Enrique Sanchez (University of Castilla-La Mancha), Delfina Gil (Tajo Hydrographical Confederation), Pilar Lamela (AEMET) and Alex Roa (AEMET) were appointed as the new vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor, respectively.
- The new board held its first meeting in April and discussed a number of new projects aimed at enhancing the presence and visibility of AME particularly in the social networks. The publication of the AME bulletin and the yearly scientific meeting jointly organized with APMG will continue as highlights of the AME activities. The board also approved to grant support to the organization of the Europhotometeo contest of 2016 managed by the AME member Fernando Bullon.

BMS, Bulgaria:

- The main activity this year was organising the local part of the EMS Annual Meeting.
- BMS has developed a logo.

ČeMS, Czech Republic:

- The 110th anniversary of the station Milešovka was celebrated;
- ČeMS holds its Annual Seminar 2015 in November, it is dedicated to atmospheric chemistry.
- ČeMS produces a magazine twice per year.
- ČeMS is developing an online meteorologica dictionary. Languages: Czech, English, German, French; Russian.

DaMS, Denmark:

DaMS has about 500 members. A considerable number of young members is working in the different committees. The main activities are:

- 4 meetings per year
- 4 issues of the associations magazine "Vejret"

- Web page (dams.dk) with news, interesting photos of weather phenomena and a complete collection of the magazine “Vejret”
- 1-2 travel awards to students for participation in e. g. conferences

This year we will as an experiment organise a meeting with two themes. The meeting starts with a presentation (one hour), then we enjoy a dinner which is followed by the second talk. The idea is to provide a basis for networking between the members, who come with different backgrounds but are connected through their interest in the weather. This year the theme will be *The beginnings of Boundary Layer Meteorology*.

DMG, Germany:

- DMG had changed its constitution due to legal requirements.
- in March the 9th METTOOLS-Meeting took place with 150 participants, the next will be in spring 2018.
- DMG is organising the 10th DKT (German Climate Meeting, in German) in September 2015 in Hamburg. Topics are Climate Change, Climate Impact, Mitigation, Climate services through partnerships, climate communication. Until end of August, 177 participants had been registered, among them 4 from Switzerland and 4 from other countries.
- DMG together with OeGM and SGM is organising the DACH 2016 in March 2016 in Berlin.

GS, Finland:

- The Geophysical Society of Finland (covering sciences of the atmosphere, land, water and the near space) celebrated its 90th anniversary this year. It organises public lectures at the House of Finnish learned Societies once a month during the academic year. It publishes the journal *Geophysica* since 1935 with research papers, review articles, notes and short communications in English with emphasis on Northern Europe geophysics. Another publication of the Society is *Proceedings of the Geophysics Days*, a two-day conference organized every second year. This year, also the *Geophysics Days* celebrated the 50th anniversary.
- The Society awards a distinguished Finnish geophysicist for outstanding achievements within the fields it represents with the Silver Palmén medal (twelve silver medals had been bestowed since 1968), while the bronze Palmén medal is awarded more frequently for contributions in geophysics when the board of the Society so chooses.
- The Geophysical Society of Finland has approximately 250 members and 12 corporate members. New members are recruited through recommendation by two Society members.
- The current President of the society, elected for one year, is Dr. Johanna M. Salminen (University of Helsinki).

HMH, Greece:

- HMH had produced a Meteorological Calendar 2015 and is producing one for 2016. The photos were taken from HMH's own photo competition, the theme 2015 was *Experiments in meteorology and light*.
- HMH will organise a biennial conference in Saloniki in 2016.

IMS, Ireland:

- IMS is 24 years old and has about 130 members;
- IMS is maintaining a twitter and facebook page;
- The Annual Conference of IMS was in March 2015, the topic was *The perfect storm* with many presentations, covering also aviation and thunderstorms. The conference was attended by about 150 participants, among them a considerably number of young people.
- **Activities of the Irish Met Society:**
 - The Met Society hosts monthly lectures and an annual conference or symposium, all of which are open to the public. Events are published on the IMS website www.irishmetsociety.org and on Facebook [<https://www.facebook.com/groups/120532079993/events/>].
 - Proceedings from IMS events are uploaded to the Members' Section of the IMS website.
 - The Met Society organises day, evening and weekend field-trips, seminars and outings of scientific and meteorological interest. We occasionally publish articles and newsletters. IMS also runs a photographic competition annually.
 - The Met Society welcomes and encourages both professional and public participation in debates about meteorology.

▪ Lectures & Events organised during 2014

Jan: Dr Frédéric Dias - Wave Energy

Jan: Nichola Salmon - Weather, Climate and Tourism - Preparing for the Future

Feb: Evelyn Cusack - Ireland's Weather through Time

Mar: Paul Nolan - Simulating Ireland's Weather

Apr: Symposium on Environmental Monitoring held at NUI, Galway.

Apr: Field Trip to the Atmospheric Physics Research Cluster at Mace Head, Galway

May: Dr Will Lang - Forecasting Matters: A Personal View

Sep: Eoin Whelan - Numerical Weather Prediction Models in Met Éireann

Oct: Capt Michael McKenna - Weather Forecasting for the Cruise Ferry Sector

Nov: Prof Peter Lynch - Balanced Flow on a Spinning Globe

Dec: Dr. Alan Hally - Ensemble Prediction Systems: Probably the Best Prediction Systems in the World

▪ Lectures & Events organised to date during 2015

Jan: Irish Met Society Table Quiz

Feb: Michelle Dillon - Weather Forecasting for Aviation

Mar: Annual One-Day Conference - The Perfect Storm.

Apr: Damian Corless - Looks Like Rain - 9,000 Years of Irish Weather

May: Roland Draxler (NOAA) - The HYSPLIT Model - Implementation & Utilisation

May: John Flannery - The Outer Limits - To Pluto and Beyond

Jun: IMS weekend (5-7 June) Field-Trip to Sherkin Island Marine Station and Mizen Head Lighthouse

Jun: Saji Varghese - Understanding the Near-Surface Lifted Temperature Minimum Phenomenon

Sept: Kieran Hickey - Ireland's Storms from 1900 to 2015

Oct: Dr Tina Aughney – Irish Bat Monitoring Programme and the effects of weather on bats in Ireland

Oct: Philip McCabe, Apimondia President, Honey - the Oldest Known Medicine to Mankind

Nov: Prof (Emeritus) Mike Baillie: Some Unexpected Climate Hints from Tree Ring Studies

▪ Looking Forward

IMS Committee looks forward to welcoming all participants to the EMS-ECAM-2017 meeting in Dublin on 4-8 September 2017.

Météo et Climat, France:

- Météo et Climat held its Annual Meeting;
- The society produces the scientific journal *La Météorologie*;
- Météo et Climat organised also some workshops;
- Topic of the Scientific Day 2015 in Paris (29 October) will be Challenges and prospects for COP21;
- together with the French Railway (SNCF) a Train of Climate will be organised, which will present COP21 in 18 cities in France

MMT, Hungary:

- MMT has currently 551 members and more than 600 on their mailing list, but increasing difficulties to receive the membership fees.
- MMT has seven topical sections in the society.
- A new supporting member could be welcomed: the biggest private met service provider in Hungary.
- MMT has created a facebook page.
- MMT has organised meteorological conferences in 2015.
- MMT is taking part in several events and festivals, which are also addressing kids.

NVBM, The Netherlands:

- The Dutch Met Soc has about 250 members and about 400 readers of the quarterly journal *Meteorologica*.
- Typically two symposia and an excursion are organised each year. This year the autumn symposium will be held on November 20 and will have the theme "Space Weather". An excursion is planned to a Dutch water board and coastal defence infrastructure (Maaslandkering) close to Rotterdam.
- We aim to recruit a student member in our board to connect more closely to the young generations.
- In 2016, NVBM will celebrate its 25th anniversary, and a committee is being formed to organise additional activities to celebrate this. Also 2 awards for outstanding achievements in Meteorology (one for research, one for operational meteorology or communication) will be presented. This is done only once in 5 years.

PTG – Meteorological Section, Poland:

- The main society (PTG) celebrates its 90th anniversary in 2015, while the section PTG exists since 2006.
- PTG has established a new journal: *Meteorology Hydrology and Water Management*, which is dedicated to research and operational applications.

OeGM, Austria:

- OeGM marked its 150th anniversary in September 2015 with a contribution from WMO via video conferencing; the event also marked the 150th anniversary of the first weather map and the 125-year anniversary of the Meteorological Institute in Innsbruck;
- OeGM was the co-organizer of this year's ICAM in Innsbruck;
- together with DMG and SGM, OeGM publishes the *Meteorologische Zeitschrift* (contributions in English);
- OeGM together with SGM and DMG is organising the DACH 2016 in March 2016 in Berlin.
- in November, the Conference of Austrian Meteorology will take place;
- the number of young members has been growing for the last years.

RMetS, UK:

- RMetS is more than 150 years old and has more than 3000 members; it plans to increase the number of members by 20%, focussing in particular on young people.
- national meetings take place once per month, participation through remote access is offered.
- RMetS is a partner in the BBC's new initiative, 'Make it Digital'. Make it Digital is a major UK-wide initiative designed to inspire a new generation to get creative with coding, programming and digital technology.
- a project of weather observers from the public has increased the interest in meteorology.
- RMetS is a leading society producing a Letter of Climate Sciences.
- A mentoring programme for students has been established and a 3-day student's conference is held biennially.

SGM, Switzerland:

- By the end of the year almost all members of the SGM board will be replaced. a student will then belong to the board
- 100th anniversary in 2016 and an e-book produced, which will be available online on the webpage free of charge.
- DMG, OeGM and SGM are organising the DACH the DACH 2016 in March 2016 in Berlin.

SMR, Romania:

- SMR has seen a large increase in membership: it has now 85 members.
- SMR organises together with NMA (National Meteorological Administration) meteorological sessions at the Annual Scientific Meeting, especially for young presenters.
- Produces a bulletin with a topical subject for each issue, free of charge.
- established a network of observers;
- celebrated the World Meteorological Day 2015 together with a High School in Bucharest.
- celebrated the *meteofest* in June, which brought together music and meteorology.
- SMR will celebrate its 25th anniversary in November.

SMD, Slovenia:

- SMD celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2014 with a symposium on communication and meteorology.
- The journal *Vetrnica* has been published with a special topic due to the anniversary.

SMS, Sweden

- 14 October: Lennart Bengtsson och Nils Gustafsson The History of Swedish Numerical Weather Prediction (in Swedish)
- 11 november: The scientific base for a new climate treaty in Paris - Discussion with invited speakers and a scientific panel; Hambergsalen, Uppsala University, Geocentrum
- 15 December 2015, Observatoriekullen Stockholm: Gösta Arvastson: Clouds and how they got their names. Afterwards Christmas Dinner.
- 21 januari 2016: Integrated Carbon Observing System (ICOS): Measurements and upscaling of greenhouse gas fluxes. Uppsala University, Geocentrum
- Februari 2016: Annual meeting with 1 hour seminar (SMHI, Upplands Väsby)

- 23 March 2016: World Meteorological Day – a day with seminars and activities (yet to be decided)
- August 2016: **Nordic Meteorology Meeting**, MISU, Stockholm University.

UMFVG, Italy:

- The 14th UMFVG Annual Conference with the topic "climate change" was organised in November 2014. Download of the proceedings at:http://www.umfvg.org/drupal/sites/default/files/MET_Speciale_Convegno_2014_web_0.pdf
- The realization of the 2015 meteorological calendar (pictures available at page 3 of the conference proceedings, see link above)
- The course of meteorology and climatology from September 30th to November 18th 2014 (8 meetings, once per week) which was attended by 55 participants.
- The UMFVG is now moving to its new (first) venue located in the "building of no profit associations" in the town of Udine.
- Last Spring we celebrated our 15th Anniversary.
- The maintainance of the high altitude weather station of Mt. Canin (2587 m) located at 2203 m a.s.l. (the highest location for Friuli Venezia Giulia) is going on, thanks to the cooperation with the Natural Park of Julian Alps.
- We performed a continuous monitoring of the climate heat island in the town of Udine thanks to the cooperation of a group of volunteers (data every 15 minutes from last September). The work will be presented in Sofia during session ASI13-Urban Climate. (<http://meetingorganizer.copernicus.org/EMS2015/EMS2015-251-2.pdf>). Partial funding has been given by the municipality of Udine.
- Meetings and contacts in preparation of ECAC-2016, Trieste.
- UMFVG has a facebook presentation which has currently 750 likes, just beating EMS.

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GA17.02 Approval of the Report of the Treasurer (Entlastung): The General Assembly approved the Report of the Treasurer.

GA17.03 Auditor appointment: The General Assembly appointed Wirtschaftsprüfer C. Kucklick, Berlin, Germany, as the auditor for the accounts of the year 2015. If the intended integration of Mr. Kucklick audit firm into the BSKP – group shall be accomplished the BSKP group auditing firm shall be commissioned as the auditor.

GA17.04 Council composition 2015 – 2016: The General Assembly extended the term of the APMG, represented by Luís Pessanha, and ČMeS, represented by Tomáš Halenka, by one year until autumn 2016, and elected the Austrian Society for Meteorology (ÖGM), represented by Fritz Neuwirth, and the Swedish Meteorological Society (SMS), represented by Svante Bodin, as Members of the EMS Council for the term autumn 2015 – autumn 2018.

GA17.05 Council: permanent representative: The General Assembly did welcome Ewen McCallum as councillor for RMetS, UK.

GA17.06 EMS Membership: The General Assembly welcomed the Associació Catalana de Meteorologia (ACAM) as new EMS Member Society.