

6th Meeting of the EMS Council
Paris, France, 26-27 April 2002
Minutes approved by the Seventh Council Session

Notes. A.: All votes are denoted as (x/y/z) wherein x is the number of votes cast in favour, y is the number cast against a point voted upon and z is the number of abstentions. These minutes follow the points of order according to the agenda.

B: The quorum of 7 Councillors present was met. In fact, 8 Councillors were present.

Present:

Councillors

Jan Bednar (CeMS, Praha), Renato Carvalho (APMG, Lisbon), Stanley Cornford (EMS Treasurer and Vice-President, RMS, Bracknell), Raino Heino (GS, Helsinki), René Morin (EMS President, SMF, Paris), Hans Richner (SGM, Zurich), Werner Wehry (EMS Vice-President, DMG, Berlin), Jon Wieringa (EMS Vice-President, and chair of the EMS Education Committee, NVBM, Wageningen).

Apologies: Alica Bajic (HMD, Zagreb)

Observers/Experts/Guests

David Axford (guest, chair of the EMS Accreditation Committee), Francois Duvernet (Observer, Météo France, Paris - for the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services on 26 April), Evangelina Oriol-Pibernat (observer, ESA, Frascati), Ioannis Pytharoulis (observer, MeteoGnosis, Athens – for the Service Providers), Mike Phillips (observer, EUMETSAT, Darmstadt)

In attendance: Arne Spekat (EMS Executive Secretary, Berlin)

On 26 April the EMS Council convened at ESA. Beginning: 09:00 End: 17:30

On 27 April the EMS Council convened at Météo France. Beginning: 10:00 End: 13:00

1. Welcome

After a welcome address by José Achache, the Director of Earth Operations of ESA, in which he touched on subjects such as the recent launch of ENVISAT and the expressed desire to support EMS and offer to use ESA if it helps improve the efficiency, the 6th Meeting of the EMS Council was chaired and formally opened by the EMS President, René Morin. The fact that a Council Meeting takes place in on the premises of an Associate Member is a well received signal. But the credibility of EMS has still to be considerably enhanced by developing major actions. That will require a great effort of all officers and councillors and the efficient support of observers.

Councillors, observers and guest present then briefly introduced themselves.

2. Acceptance of the Agenda

The Agenda, as it was presented to the Council Meeting, with three additional items under "Miscellaneous" and a modified sequence was adopted by a vote of (8/0/0).

3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the 5th Council Meeting

The Minutes of the 5th Council Meeting in Budapest were accepted by a vote of (8/0/0).

4. Reports by EMS Officers and Councillors

Brief summaries of reports distributed prior to the Council Meeting were given and shall not be repeated here. It should be noted, though, that the European Meteorological Calendar was discussed briefly. It receives unanimous praise and the 2003 issue - which is currently in preparation - will have to be printed in mid-summer 2002. The discussion items with respect to the 2nd EMS Annual Meeting are found in section 9 and details on the EMS Young Scientists' Awards presented at the AMS Mountain Meteorology Conference in June 2002 in Utah are found in section 10.2 of these minutes.

5. Finances

The EMS Treasurer presented an overview on the EMS cash-flow and underlined the importance of proper attention to this matter, as well done in the past by the Executive Secretary Members and Associate Members are asked to tolerate to be invoiced late in the year, if necessary, or sometimes in

the subsequent year, because the end-of-year bank credit for non-earmarked matters must be less than 5000 Euros. He then presented the figures and foreseeable budget for the year 2002.

Signatures on cheques: According to the decisions of the 4th and 5th Council Meeting, the composition of the group able to sign cheques on behalf of EMS changes in two ways: (i) Fritz Neuwirth, who in Budapest resigned from his Vice-Presidency, is replaced by Vice-President on the list given to the bank; (ii) the signature of Werner Wehry alone will suffice for salary matters. A declaration form of the bank in Berlin was completed in Paris.

Advance for travel in EMS missions: Though the international banking charges are rather high, and have to be borne by EMS in this case, (at least) the possibility to request an advance for travelling on behalf of EMS was introduced. Resolution C31 was passed (8/0/0).

Audit 1999 and 2000: The auditor has delivered a preliminary report – yet to be signed by him – with respect to the years 1999 and 2000. There are minor open points with a small number of travel claims that are missing. The Executive Secretary and RMS state that these must have got lost in the mail. A further point the auditor noted was the lack of a travel claim form, which the EMS Executive Secretary will devise and henceforth bring into usage.

Future Budget: Council agreed on the need for a forecast budget, taking into account the suggestions and modifications discussed in Paris. It was envisaged to introduce a fixed amount per Committee into the budget, e.g. 4000 Euros each, at least to the Accreditation, the Education and the Meetings Committee, a currently unknown amount (yet to be determined in view of the needs inferred from its report) for the Media Committee, 3000 Euros for the Publications Committee. The awards selected through the EMS Awards Committee (see section 10.2) give EMS a high visibility and should receive a high priority in the EMS budget. Werner Wehry and Arne Spekat will enquire printing costs for the EMS Newsletter. In due time, all Committees should submit their requests to the Treasurer who will present a 2003 and 2004 forecast to the next Council Meeting.

6. EMS Accreditation Committee

David Axford reported that his Committee is almost completely formed. A candidate from France will be identified by Francois Duvernet and there is a common decision of the Swiss Meteorological Society and Meteo Swiss for their Committee Member, identification being under way. David Axford furthermore requested the production of a list of addresses of the EMS Council and other EMS bodies, to be distributed as an annex to the minutes of the Paris Council Meeting.

The proposal to obtain a grant for the work of the Accreditation Committee, as presented to Council was then discussed. Priority with obtaining this grant was given to the EU. The EMS President will (travel to Brussels to) meet with EU Commissioners, in particular taking those into account who deal with standardization. A second opportunity, to be considered if the EU approach is not successful is to ask the UK government which, in 2000, had expressed its willingness to fund such a study. With respect to more background material, Council requested the Accreditation Committee Chair to present a task description of the external expert at its following session in Brussels.

7. EMS Education Committee

The EMS Education Committee is progressing well and the submission of an application to obtain a Socrates (EU)-Grant, which will focus on primary education, is due on 3 May 2002; it is supported by the EMS Council. The need for screening and improving of teaching material, as well as the feasibility of scientific kits for projects, was discussed. Copies of the RMS's "primary Rainbow" series are requested to be sent to the Committee Members.

A workshop on education is planned following the EMS 2nd Annual Meeting in Brussels, probably on 15 and 16 November 2002. This could well be the kickoff workshop for the Socrates Action – if it is to be funded by the EU. Jon Wieringa requested that EMS will give a guarantee (at least 4000 Euro) for the financial backup of the participants' travels. The procedure agreed upon is that the President and the Treasurer will decide on such a request, when submitted by the Education Committee Chair. Council supports that the Committee will meet in Brussels.

Another milestone for the Committee will be the participation in the EWOC Conference in Madrid 7-11 June 2003. The deadline for abstract submission is 10 January 2003. A number of contributions will be co-ordinated through the Education Committee.

Since the Education Committee deals with other types of education, the need for networking with the Media Committee (for aspects of the general public education), the Accreditation Committee (for aspects of NMHS training – it is highly recommended to incorporate the Weather Services in these activities) and the Meetings Committee is acknowledged. Further sources of activity are in the UK (Met-LinkInternational), France (Meteorology and Youth, national (French-speaking) meetings on Meteorol-

ogy – details and reports on the latter are requested to be sent by Francois Duvernet to Jon Wieringa), Germany (summer schools for teachers, Year of the Geosciences 2002), as well as in Norway and Croatia.

The Committee Chair underlined that in the frame of the Education Committee's activities, an update of the ECTOM catalog (compiled 1997 by Gérard de Moor) will be carried out by two Committee Members.

8. EMS Media Committee

A report of the Chair was not available at the Council Meeting. It will be distributed later. RMS reported that Francis Wilson will serve on the Committee.

9. EMS Meetings Committee

The EMS Meetings Committee has started its activities. A linkage to the EMS Council is kept through the EMS President. It is noted that one of the overarching problems to the Committee's activities is that planners of meetings, among them EUMETSAT, should be contacted to minimize clashes of conference dates.

ECAC2002/EMS2: Changes in location and time of the conference and the delayed launch of the ECAC First Announcement have put difficulties to the EMS 2nd Annual Meeting in Brussels. EMS will have two half days (Thursday 14 November afternoon and Friday 15 November morning) immediately following the end of the ECAC Conference. From the planned roster of EMS-speakers, Gerd Berz from the Munich Reinsurance Company has agreed; the climate state segment might need to be adjusted according to the changes in the IPCC Chair and Secretariat; for the impacts segment, Martin Parry (UK) was suggested as a lecturer.

ECAM2003/EMS3: The EMS President reported about a meeting of the joint International Planning Committee of the 2003 ECAM and the 3rd EMS Annual Meeting (15-19 September 2003), which took place in Rome on 15 March 2002 and which on behalf of EMS was also attended by the EMS Meetings Committee Chair, Dominique Marbouty, the former EMS Vice President and the EMS Executive Secretary. Integrating both conferences is foreseen. Though the number of rooms available is not large, the EMS will organize a parallel meeting on strategies of the weather services, the European meteorological Organizations and major actors in the field, and a Forum on the expectations in EMS. Council voted (8/0/0) in favour of pursuing this course.

ICWED-Meeting and the future of ECAM and ECAC in conjunction with EMS: In mid-April 2002, the Informal Conference of Western European Weather Service Directors (ICWED) had convened in Porto. The clear signal from this body is that a leading role of EMS in the organization of both, ECAM and ECAC Conferences is welcomed. Francois Duvernet is asked to supply a contact to the respective Eastern European body, ICCEED. The question for EMS will be if its current resources are large enough – a co-operation with a local organizer will be necessary. The EMS Council passed Resolution C32 with an (8/0/0) vote.

EMS and EGS: On 13 April 2002, René Morin, Werner Wehry, Dominique Marbouty, Mike Phillips and Arne Spekat met with the EGS-Secretary Arne Richter in Darmstadt. The opportunity to use the EUMETSAT premises was gratefully acknowledged. Though the Ocean and Atmosphere segment of the Annual EGS Meetings will remain with EGS, there was agreement that EMS should launch its own series of scientific conferences. This would transform the current format of the EMS Annual Meetings and should be launched for the first time in 2004. EGS and the Copernicus Organization offer support by the availability of its well-developed conference infrastructure. EGS is a fellow society interested in a strong EMS. From the contents aspect, EMS will be able to put a stronger focus on applications (which complements the EGS topics); furthermore, settling for an autumn time frame, clashes with the (spring) EGS Annual Meetings will be avoided. The EMS President is asked to negotiate the matter further. Resolution C33 was passed with an (8/0/0) vote.

150 Years Maritime Meteorology Conference: Stan Cornford reported that planning for this conference, to be held in November 2003 in Brussels, is continuing. The WMO involvement is co-ordinated through Peter Dexter. An involvement of the EMS Meetings Committee in the Maritime Conference was requested. It should be noted, however, that there are several conferences with EMS involvement in this year already, notably the EWOC03 in Madrid and the ECAM/EMS3 in Rome.

AMS-WMO Broadcast Meteorology Conference: This conference is now scheduled for September 2004. Council expresses that EMS should be involved in this Conference.

EUMETSAT-Conference 2005: Mike Phillips proposed an EMS-involvement in this Conference, to be held probably in Finland or Luxemburg.

10. New Committees

10.1 Publications

Terms of Reference: Mike Phillips who chairs the Working Group which is active on setting up an EMS Publication Committee presented the draft of the Terms of Reference, which will evolve further and be submitted for approval to the next EMS Council Meeting in Brussels. Resolution C34 was passed (8/0/0). He pointed out that he will resign from EUMETSAT in early 2003.

Journals: Another topic touched in the meeting with Arne Richter (see section 9 - *EMS and EGS*) was the opportunity to launch journals. The Copernicus organization has developed a web-based publication system. Support, if needed is offered to EMS, which has to take the capacities and tasks of the Society into account. It was pointed out that beside the publication activities of RMS, the Meteorological Societies of Germany, Austria and Switzerland run a joint meteorological journal.

EMS Newsletter: For the year 2002, two issues of the EMS Newsletter are planned. Collecting material and assembling the issue is done by the EMS Executive Secretary. The responsibility for this publication was discussed.

EMS Publications Series: The first issue which is to cover the First EMS Annual Meeting will be published in 2002. The coverage of the talks given in Budapest is not complete, yet the material available is very good. The Round Table discussion will not be published. The offer to print the Budapest issue using EUMETSAT facilities was valid for 2001 only – an alternative publication and printing route, possibly through Arne Richter will have to be sought.

10.2 Awards Committee

Launch of the Committee: Werner Wehry presented the draft Terms of Reference for the Awards Committee. Resolution C35 was passed (8/0/0) in favour of setting up the Committee – the only modification to the text circulated before the Council Meeting in Paris being the addition of the names of the Committee Members.

Activities in 2002: Before the Committee had been established, there was a first activity in launching a Young Scientist Award to be presented at the AMS Mountain Meteorology Conference in Utah. Five young European participants will receive an award of 500 Euro each, presented at the conference by EMS Councillor Hans Richner.

Future awards: A good opportunity for awards in 2003 is the EWOC Conference in Madrid – it should be appropriate to select teacher/pupil projects and honour a number of them. A call for the 2004 Award might be launched at the 2003 ECAM/EMS3 Conference in Rome.

10.3 Committee on Other Aspects of Meteorology

The initial idea has been modified to the formation of an EMS Development Group which should attend to strategic matters. Stan Cornford and René Morin are asked to draft a proposal for the next EMS Council Meeting.

11. Membership

11.1 New EMS Members

The EMS Executive Secretary reported that the Serbian Meteorological Society has meanwhile joined EMS and that the Meteorological Society of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) "Met Mak" is in the process of joining.

11.2 Potential new Members

Italy: The Unione Italiana Meteorologica (UNIMET) has grown by a Member, the Unione Meteorologica del Friuli-Venezia Giulia (UMFVG), the Meteorological Society of the Friuli region. Consequently UMFVG has applied for Membership in EMS. The EMS Council passed Resolution C36 (8/0/0). UMFVG is herewith invited to join EMS.

Norway: The Forskerforbundets meteorologiforening (FM) has applied for EMS Membership. This is one of the organizational bodies of meteorologists in Norway. The EMS Council passed Resolution C37 (8/0/0). FM is herewith invited to join EMS. It is pointed out that other bodies active in meteorology in Norway are encouraged to seek EMS Membership or Associate Membership too.

Denmark: Discussions with respect to joining EMS are ongoing in the Danish Meteorological Society. Contacts had been established and information requested at the EMS Secretariat.

11.3 Associate Members

New Associate Members: The EMS Executive Secretary reported that since the last EMS Council four Associate Members joined EMS: ESA, MeteoGnosis, KNMI and Meteo Consult.

Potential Associate Members: The UK Met Office has formally requested to join EMS and will become EMS' 16th Associate Member. The Meteorological Service of the Friuli Region (OSMER) had sent its request on a very short note before the EMS Council Meeting – more clarification as to OSMER's status and possible type of Membership will be sought by the EMS Executive Secretary.

Future Associate Members: At the moment, there are four categories of Associate Members – one being reserved for large organizations with permanent observer status at Council and three being reserved for a) Weather Services, b) Manufacturers and c) Service Providers – all of which have observer status at Council as part of a group. There may be two additional categories in the future: d) Major Users (e.g. energy companies, airlines, train services) and e) Major Research Institutions. The number of participants in future Council Meetings should be kept in mind – it is envisaged that Council might not grow larger than about 20 participants. It should be made a practise that the Associate Members assign themselves to either one of the a) – e) categories. Past approaches of EMS Members to candidates of interest to EMS should be acknowledged. The next steps are as follows: The EMS Members propose to the President potential new Associates, in particular looking to the industry, sifting through exhibition listings or the list of AMS Corporate Members. The EMS President then approaches these candidates. The desirability of some handout document explaining Associate Membership was mentioned.

12. Agreements

12.1 EMS-AMS

A vote by correspondence has been carried out before the EMS Council Meeting in Paris (8/0/0): APMG (Portugal), YES; CeMS (Czech Republic), YES; DMG (Germany), YES; GS (Finland), YES; HMD (Croatia), YES; RMS (United Kingdom), YES; SGM (Switzerland), YES; SMF (France) YES.

NVBM did not vote because the agreement's running time is considered to be too long.

Council resolved that all it can do in this moment is to wait until the proposed text has been discussed by AMS and – maybe in modified form – communicated back to EMS. Then a new vote or vote by correspondence will then be called.

12.2. EMS-WMO

A preliminary draft of such an agreement was presented. Council welcomed the progress made and will discuss the matter further. It should be noted, too, that contacts have been established between the EMS Secretariat and Caifang Wang (External Relations Officer of WMO).

13. EMS Secretariat

The EMS Executive Secretary presented his plans to become a full-time employee of EMS – at the moment his duties are shared between EMS and DMG, but both segments have grown over time so that their co-existence in the current form is endangered. He therefore will most probably resign from his DMG post by the end of 2002. He acknowledges that EMS cannot offer a full-time employment immediately, but is striving to do so in accordance with the development of the Executive Secretary's task profile – a fact that will be reflected in his presence at the EMS Secretariat. During a temporary absence of the EMS Executive Secretary, the Council judged this development very desirable, among other reasons because the Executive Secretary is the basic source of continuity in Council, and asked the Treasurer to foresee a higher salary for 2003 and beyond. The President takes this opportunity to thank the Executive Secretary for the very efficient work he has been doing so far for the Society.

There was no immediate need for discussing matters of the EMS web page.

The EMS Newsletter had been discussed in sections 5 and 10.1.

14. Composition of Bureau and Council

With the establishment of the EMS Committees and election of new Officers changes in the EMS Bureau and Council will take place. There is a request from the Romanian Meteorological Society to be active on Council, following the Croatian Councillor – one Council Meeting might have to take place in Bucharest. The Councillor from the Czech Republic might be followed by a Hungarian Councillor.

15. Honorary Companionship/President Emeritus

This item on the agenda was delayed to the following Council Meeting due to time constraints.

16. Rules of Procedure for the EMS Council

Though a discussion and vote was foreseen, the remaining time was insufficient to properly deal with this subject. The following statement was drafted and put to a vote:

EMS Council decides to postpone further consideration of the Council's Rules of Procedure until the next session where it will be one of the early items of the agenda. Any comments on the present text, particularly on Rules 6 and 50 of Working Paper 20 of this Paris Council Meeting are expected to reach the rapporteur Jon Wieringa before 20 June, 2002.

It was accepted by a vote of (8/0/0).

17. Miscellaneous

European Severe Storms Conference in Praha: This is a meeting which is of interest to EMS, being a good candidate for future EMS Annual Meetings. This meeting being a follow-up of the Eurotornado Meeting in Toulouse, in 2000, where he was invited by the Organizers for discussing potential involvement of EMS in the future European Severe Storms Conferences. The EMS President will attend and propose to incorporate ESSC into the EMS Annual Meeting. Werner Wehry may also attend.

150th Anniversary of SMF: In 2002, the Société Météorologique de France celebrates its 150th Anniversary. The main festivities are being held 13-27 November 2002. Presidents of Meteorological Societies will look into opportunities to ceremoniously congratulate SMF. A photo competition will be held in conjunction with the celebrations at the Hôtel de Ville of Paris. It was suggested to award a photograph its publication in the European Meteorological Calendar.

EMS booth at the AMS Conference on Broadcasting Meteorology 2002: The initiator of the *Festival de la Météorologie*, Francois Fandoux, has asked if EMS could have a booth at this conference. The discussion in Council resolved that this booth should be staffed with an EMS representative for adequate information which, unfortunately, is financially and logistically not manageable for EMS, which would have to fund at least the journey of one person, e.g. the Media Committee Chair. Furthermore, it should be given priority that EMS presents itself at conferences in Europe. EUMETSAT offered an exhibition booth at its conference 2-6 September in Dublin, probably staffed by Tanja Cegnar.

18. Time and place of the next Council Session

The 7th EMS Council will convene in Brussels in conjunction with the ECAC2002/EMS2 Conference on **13 November 2002**, most probably in the afternoon. The Société Royale Belge d'Astronomie, de Météorologie et de Physique du Globe (SRBA) has offered rooms for the Council and the EMS General Assembly, the latter will probably take place in the morning of 14 November, 2002.

René Morin closed the 6th EMS Council Meeting at 13:00

Arne Spekat, 5 May 2002

Resolutions

RESOLUTION C31

The EMS council decides that for properly authorized missions 90% of expected expenditure may be forwarded to the traveller before the mission on request.

RESOLUTION C32

The EMS Council decides that EMS should seek to become more strongly involved in the organization of the European Conference on Applications of Meteorology (ECAM) and the European Conference on Applied Climatology (ECAC).

RESOLUTION C33

The EMS Council decides to seek considerable growth in the EMS Annual Meetings from 2004 onwards. In order to achieve this the EMS will seek organizational support from EGS-Copernicus. The EMS President is authorized to discuss an agreement with Copernicus. He will then call a vote of the EMS Council by correspondence.

RESOLUTION C34

The EMS Council decides that the Working Group for drafting the Terms of Reference for an EMS Publications Committee will continue its work. Based on the preliminary version of the draft Terms of References, this document will be finalized and - together with a list of proposed members of the Committee - presented to the 7th EMS Council in November 2002. Mike Phillips (EUMETSAT) will continue to chair the Working Group.

RESOLUTION C35

The Council hereby establishes an EMS Awards Committee based on the following Terms of Reference

Awards Committee Terms of Reference

EMS needs Europe-wide tasks for supporting meteorological science and meteorologists. EMS should involve much effort in these tasks, and it should spend as much as possible (maybe 20% or even more of its disposable income) for awards and travel subsistence funding. The latter should encourage as many members of EMS Societies as possible to take part in EMS Conferences.

The hub for submissions is the EMS Secretariat. Candidates may be proposed by any EMS Member Society or Associate Member; alternatively, candidates may also submit an application themselves to their own national Society. The Member Society should then decide on the merits of applications it receives and accordingly submit the proposal to the EMS or refer the application.

EMS Council will earmark an appropriate amount of each year's budget for the purpose. Our Associate Members will also be invited to contribute.

An EMS Awards Committee of five will be formed, preferably consisting of high-ranking scientists from EMS Members. They will be appointed by the EMS Council for an

initial period of three years, and subsequently annually without limit to the total term. Their task would be to decide on the value of awards, on events and activities which qualify, and to select those to whom awards are to be made.

If necessary, the Awards Committee may appoint members of any sub-Committees it establishes. Such sub-Committees may have powers involving individual awards within an overall policy which remains strictly within the purview of the Awards Committee itself. All expenses and awards arising from the creation of sub-Committees shall come from the annual sum allocated to the Awards Committee by Council.

If financial or other constraints require choices to be made between the awards schemes proposed below, the Committee shall give priority to them in the order in which they are presented.

1. Annual EMS Young Scientist Award

In order to support excellence in young European scientists, EMS announces an award for a high quality publication in a reviewed international scientific journal, or for an outstanding PhD thesis. The paper shall have been published in Europe during the three calendar years preceding the year of nomination.

The candidate shall not be older than 32 years on the first of January of the year in which an award is to be presented and have been working or studying, full or part-time, in a country of a Member Society before or when the paper was published.

Applications shall consist of a short curriculum vitae of the candidate, a supporting statement by a nominating Member Society and three copies of the proposed paper or PhD thesis; instead of printed versions, access to electronic versions of the paper or thesis shall be sufficient. Each Member is entitled to nominate one candidate per year.

The Young Scientist Award shall be presented annually, normally during the opening of the Annual Meetings of EMS. Each individual award shall consist of a cheque amounting to €1000 and the reimbursement of travel costs (transportation, accommodation and food, all at an economical level agreed with the Executive Secretary) for the winner's attending the whole of the Annual Meeting at which the presentation is made. The winners shall be invited to make a short presentation to the EMS Annual Meeting on the background to their work.

2. Student/Young Scientist Travel Awards

It is proposed to establish up to ten annual travel awards of €500 each in order to support the participation in EMS-sponsored conferences of outstanding students attending universities in countries of EMS Member Societies, full or part-time, and young scientists working in countries of EMS Member Societies or for Associate Members. In individual cases the Awards Committee may decide to make an award to a student or young scientist participating in an important Conference not sponsored by EMS. Recipients shall be under 32 years of age on the first of January of the calendar year in which the award will be made.

This award may be open for additional funding by Associate Members who may, by agreement with Council, allocate appropriate names to awards they fund through EMS.

Each application shall consist of a short curriculum vitae of the candidate, a supporting statement by a sponsoring body, such as a Member Society or Associate Member, and the proof of having a lecture or poster accepted for presentation at that conference.

Each EMS Member and Associate Member may nominate up to two candidates in each calendar year. Should this, and the number of applications received in a given year, restrict the number of awards below the budgeted sum available for the purpose, the Committee shall have discretion to vary this rule.

The award will normally be made by mailing to the recipient a certificate, a cheque for €500, a letter of congratulations, a statement of the requirement to report on the usefulness of the award, and a disclaimer of any liability whatsoever arising out of acceptance of the award.

Within two months of the end of the conference for which the award is made, a recipient shall submit to the Executive Secretary a report on the usefulness of the award, including comments on the content of the meeting, on the practical arrangements for the conference, on the value of the Award and on the practicalities associated with it. If the Executive Secretary sees fit, and subject to guidance from the Awards Committee, he is authorized to vary the content of such reports and to prepare a standard format to assist recipients to make them.

Committee Membership

Chair: Werner Wehry; Members: Jan Bednar, Hans Richner, Renato Carvalho, René Morin

RESOLUTION C36

The EMS Council decides to accept the Unione Meteorologica del Friuli-Venezia Giulia (UMFVG) as a new EMS Member, being a part of the Italian UNIMET group.

RESOLUTION C37

The EMS Council decides to accept Forskerforbundets Meteorologiforening (FM) from Norway as a new EMS Member.