

30th EMS Council Session
13-14 March 2014, Göttingen, Germany

Minutes 30 April 2014

Participants: (voting councillors underlined)

Dominique Marbouty (EMS President)

Jean-Pierre Chalon (SMF, France)

Amir Givati (IMS, Israel)

Tomas Halenka (ČMeS, Czech Republic; also chair of the EMS Project Team Education)

Paul Halton (IMS, Ireland)

Sylvain Joffre (GFL and GS, Finland)

Luís Pessanha (APMG, Portugal)

Bob Riddaway (RMetS, UK)

Heinke Schlünzen (DMG, Germany)

Excused: Joanna Wibig (PTG-Met. Section, Poland)

Horst Böttger (Chair EMS Committee on Meetings; not present during agenda item 4: Report of the President and the EMS Bureau)

Tanja Cegnar (Chair Media Team)

Gudrun Rosenhagen (guest; President of DMG)

The group of Associate Members of NMHSs was represented by *Sylvain Joffre* (FMI, Finland)

9 Council representatives were present, the quorum is 7.

The Session opened on Thursday, 13 March 2014, 14:00h, and closed on Friday 14 March 2014 at 12:30h.

Minutes: *Martina Junge*, Executive Secretary

1. Opening of the 30th Session

The EMS President opened the 30th Session of the EMS Council by welcoming all participants. Also he thanked the Copernicus GmbH and its Managing Director for hosting this EMS Council and providing the opportunity to learn about the company's departments and activities as well as current developments. The President did also welcome Gudrun Rosenhagen, the newly elected president of DMG, who attended the session as a guest.

The necessary quorum was attained. Votes are given as (acceptance : rejection : abstention).

2. Acceptance of Agenda

The agenda was accepted as proposed.

3. Implementation of decisions taken at the 29th Session of the EMS Council

The draft minutes of the 29th Session of the EMS Council have been distributed to all participants of this meeting. Revisions that were submitted to the Executive Secretary within four weeks after distribution have been implemented. The minutes were then distributed to EMS Members. The minutes are held adopted (Rules of procedure 57) and are available from www.emetsoc.org/governance-and-structure/council/council-meetings.

The implementation of actions recorded in the minutes has been detailed in paper C30_03, provided in Annex I. It was noted that the format reflects the design of the Book of Council Decision, developed according to the Council decision C29.02b. It was clarified that all decisions should be kept in this new archive, irrespective of whether any related actions have been completed.

It was emphasized that the letter to the Member Societies about approaching potential new institutional Associate Members on the national level is only intended as a suggestion and not a mandatory action. The Council is aware that such a move may not always be in the interest of a national society (reduced

registration fees for members of research departments versus reduced fees for members of Member Societies).

4. Report of the President

The EMS President reported on his activities since the last Council Session as well as on initiatives taken by the EMS Bureau (Annex II).

The President and the EMS Council thank the Free University for hosting the EMS Office, which is now formalised in a contract on collaboration that has been signed with the FU Berlin.

The President informed the Council that the Chairman of the Harry Otten Board, Hans Reiff, has suddenly died; the chairmanship is currently filled provisionally by Rick Anthes. Also a change in membership has occurred: Tanja Cegnar is now a member of the Board.

The President raised the issue of his succession, as his term will end after the 31st Council Session in October this year. Criteria relevant for the future president are that this person has experience with EMS activities and time to dedicate to the tasks of this Office. He has been in contact with a potential candidate, and discussed this with the Executive Secretary and the Bureau. Based on these discussions and the willingness of the person in question to be nominated as a candidate, the President proposed to Council that Horst Böttger, currently Chair of the EMS Committee on Meetings, will be the candidate for the office of the EMS President 2014 – 2017.

The Council welcomed this proposal, and supported the President's view that the candidate has the qualities and experience to be an effective President. A formal proposal for election will be presented to the Council at the 31st Session on 5 October 2014.

Under agenda item 13 the general approach and transparency of the process to nominate (a) candidate(s) for Presidency was discussed.

C30.01 Report of the President and Bureau: Council approved the Report of the President and Bureau. (votes: 9:0:0)

5. Report of the Executive Secretary

The Executive Secretary reported on the activities and actions of the Secretariat since the last Council Session (Annex III).

The concept of the photo gallery for the photo contest was discussed, and it was agreed that (a) the terms and conditions should be reviewed for the 2016 contest, and (b) the organiser of the competition, Fernando Bullón, be invited to attend the Council Session where this item will be discussed.

Council noted that Fernando Bullón is heavily committed to the photo competition and has put a lot of work into its running. Council expressed its appreciation and thanks for his work.

C30.02 Display of photos in the EPM'14 Gallery: Council decided that for the EPM'14 the photos admitted to the gallery for public voting remain in the final gallery. (votes: 9:0:0)

6. Report of the Treasurer

The financial report, as given by the Treasurer to the EMS Council, is provided in Annex IV.

The balance as at 31 December 2013 was 143 281.46€ and has increased by 59 006.60€ as compared to 31 December 2012. A compilation of payments made by Member Societies and Associate Members, as well as the settlement from the EMS Annual Meeting 2013, were provided for reference. It was underlined that the financial result of the meeting was very exceptional, and this should be taken into account when looking at long-term financial performance.

Increase of Membership Fees:

EMS membership fees, which are based on the number of individual members of a Member Society, are increased annually on the basis of the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices published by EUROSTAT. From December 2012 to December 2013, in the EU area (27), the increase was 1% (Annex IV-IV). The 5-digit Membership Fee per individual member in 2013 was 1.16756€ and by Council decision rounded to 1.16€. The 1% increase on the 5-digit amount results in 1.1792356€.

C30.03 Automatic increase of membership fees – Implementation method: Council agreed that the increase in membership fees should be kept automatic. From now on a 3-digit index will be implemented, starting from 1.16€ for 2013. A 4-digit number ending on 5 will be rounded to the odd. This 3-digit number will be multiplied with the number of members of a Member Society and rounded to a 2-digit number.

The extra contributions paid by the permanent members are kept constant at 2 500€ annually. (votes: 9:0:0)

The implementation of this rule for 2014 results in 1.172€ (1.1716€ rounded).

The Treasurer presented a revised budget for 2014. (Annex IV-III). The forecast for the accounts at the end of 2014 was noted by the Council.

C30.04 Free Reserves: Council decided to allocate 37 834.85€ of the income-expenditure result 2013 to the Free Reserve (Freie Rücklage) (votes: 9:0:0)

The President reported on the meeting of the EMS Bureau that took place before the Council Session and discussed the use of the amount beyond the Free Reserves, namely 31 299.52€. Income from Membership Fee payments is only received in spring and summer, so money needs to be available for the running of the society in the first four months of the year, namely to cover salaries, award payments and travel expenses.

C30.05 Budget 2014: Council approved the Budget for 2014. (votes: 9:0:0)

C30.06 Report of the Treasurer: Council approved the Report of the Treasurer. (votes: 9:0:0)

7. EMS Meetings

The Chair of the EMS Committee on Meetings (CoM) reported on the activities of the committee (Annex V) and informed the Council about a first evaluation of the EMS & ECAM in Reading, the planned Annual Meetings in 2014, 2015 and 2016 as well as the proposal for a venue for the EMS & ECAM in 2017.

EMS Annual Meeting and ECAM 2013

The conference was very well attended with almost 700 participants. The number of withdrawals and no-shows was at the same level as in 2012, and thus considerably lower than in earlier years, which may be due to the introduction of abstract processing fees. The workshop on verification of ensemble forecasts was positively received by the participants. The inclusion of the ERA-CLIM sessions as a programme group in the session programme brought a considerable number of additional participants. In view of the latter observation, the invitation to other relevant projects to include their meetings as part of the session programme is encouraged by Council.

Factors of success that were noted:

- Incorporation of projects in the session programme
- Organisation of workshops that attract participants also to the conference
- Provision of on-campus accommodation that facilitates participation of students
- Location

The Council noted in particular the strong support of the Met Office and the Royal Meteorological Society as well as the large number of contributions to the programme from the entire host country.

EMS Annual Meeting and ECAC 2014: 6 – 10 October 2014

Progress on the programme development and the call for papers was noted. The inclusion of a host country topical session and a public event into the programme was welcomed.

EMS Annual Meeting and ECAC 2015

The CoM made a proposal for membership of the Programme and Science Committee for the EMS&ECAM 2015 (PSC2015).

C30.07 Programme and Science Committee for EMS&ECAM 2015: Council approved the following membership for the Programme and Science Committee 2015:

Chair: tbd

Sylvain Joffre – CoM

Jean-Francois Geleyn – chair NWP PG, representing also Météo France

chair ASI PG – tbd

Hans Richner – CoM

Heleen ter Pelkwijk – CoM

Martina Junge – EMS

Renate Hagedorn – CoM

Ewen McCallum – CoM

Ingeborg Auer, Climate Programme of EUMETNET – chair Climate PG

Ekaterina Batchvarova, BMS/AMC - representing host societies

NIMH, Bulgaria – lead for ECAM Programme

University of Sofia – host University

Tanja Cegnar – ARSO, Slovenia – chair CE PG

Will Lang, MetOffice, also representing EUMETNET (Working Group of European Forecasters)

DWD

Ben Dieterink, HMEI

Robert Mureau, PRIMET

EUMETSAT

Tim Hewson, ECWMF

ESA

Haleh Kotval WMO

Andre Jol, EEA

Tomas Halenka, ČMeS - representing host society of the previous year (2014)

UMFVG, host society of the following year (2016)

With the approval of the EMS Council the proposed organisations and/or individuals will be invited to serve on the committee.

(votes: 9:0:0).

EMS Annual Meeting and ECAM 2017

After careful evaluation of all the information provided, the CoM recommends that Council accepts the invitation of the Irish Meteorological Society to host the EMS & ECAM 2017 at DCU in Dublin.

The representative of IMS underlined that the local organising committee is enthusiastic about hosting the meeting and welcoming participants to Dublin.

C30.08 Venue for EMS & ECAM 2017: Council decided that the EMS & ECAM 2017 will be held at DCU, Dublin, Ireland. (votes: 9:0:0).

Having agreed on venues for the next three years, the CoM should start considering possible options for 2018 and beyond.

Council encouraged that some modest advertising of the destination is considered in the preparations of the Annual Meetings.

The President thanked the Chair of the CoM, Horst Böttger, and the entire committee for their excellent work and underlined that the activities and initiatives of the committee are appreciated by the Council.

8. Awards

On behalf of the Chair of the Awards Committee the Executive Secretary reported on the activities of the committee since the last Council session.

12 Young Scientist Travel Awards were announced for participation in 7 events in 2014. The EMS Silver Medal 2014 was announced and subsequently the nominations were evaluated and a recommendation to the Council for the recipient of the EMS Silver Medal was prepared.

Committee membership

In November 2013 Jenni Rauhala announced that she will be on maternity leave for the most of 2014, but would be happy to return to the committee once she is back at work at FMI. In order to avoid the number of members shrinking for that period she offered to propose a temporary replacement. The issue was discussed by the EMS Bureau; it welcomed the willingness for Jenni to return to the committee after her leave and also agreed that a temporary membership should be allowed.

Subsequently Hilppa Gregow, Head of the Climate Service Centre at FMI, agreed to temporarily join the awards committee and contribute to the evaluations.

C30.09 Membership of the EMS Awards Committee: Council approved the temporary membership of Hilppa Gregow (FMI, Finland). (votes: 9:0:0).

Silver Medal

C30.10 Recipient of the EMS Silver Medal: This EMS Council selected Peter Lynch as the recipient for the EMS Silver Medal 2014.

Citation: ‘The EMS Silver Medal is awarded to Professor Peter Lynch for his outstanding contribution to meteorological education and outreach activities, his important scientific contribution to Numerical Weather forecasting and his leadership in international collaborations’.

The Council thanked the Awards Committee for their work, in particular for that related to the call for nominations for the Silver Medal, and the evaluation and the recommendations made to Council.

Media Awards

A proposal to launch a new award for achievements in journalism and to appoint experts for the select committees of all Media Awards was presented by the Media Team. In addition it was proposed that nominations and applications for one of the Media Awards can be considered for a different type of Media Award (Annex VI).

The Council welcomed the proposal to launch a new award, but felt that having four Media Awards as compared to one Silver Medal and one Young Scientist Award gives an unbalanced impression of the EMS Awards Programme.

C30.11 Launch of new Media Award: The Council decided to announce an EMS Award for Achievements in Journalism in 2014 as a test case. In addition the three existing Media Awards (Broadcast Meteorologist Award, Outreach & Communication Award, TV Weather Forecast Award) are also announced in 2014.

The Media Team is tasked to prepare a proposal for the 31st Session of Council that reduces the number of Media Awards and incorporates other changes as suggested by the Media Team. (votes: 9:0:0)

C30.12 Media Committee membership: Council approved the following membership of the select committees for the Media Awards:

For the Award for Achievements in Journalism

- Alois Holzer, Austria (chair)
- Tanja Cegnar, Slovenia
- Guðrún Nína Petersen, Iceland
- David Schultz, School of Earth, Atmospheric, and Environmental Sciences, University of Manchester,
- Frank Böttcher, IWK
- Mikko Alestalo, Finland

For the Broadcast Meteorologist Award:

- Tanja Cegnar, Slovenia (chair)
- Guðrún Nína Petersen, Iceland
- Inge Niedek, Germany

▪ **Gerald Fleming, Ireland**
For the Outreach & Communication Award:

- **Tanja Cegnar, Slovenia (chair)**
- **Guðrún Nína Petersen, Iceland**
- **Tomas Halenka, Czech Republic**
- **Rasmus Benestad, Norway**
- **Liz Bentley, United Kingdom**
- **Michael Williams, WMO**

For the TV Weather Forecast Award

- **Jay Trobec, USA (chair)**
- **Tanja Cegnar, Slovenia**
- **Panos Giannopoulos, Greece**
- **Frank Cavallaro, Canada**
- **Tatana Mikova, Czech Republic**

(votes: 9:0:0)

With respect to the proposal to move applications between different award schemes, the submitter of a proposal or nomination should be asked for permission for such a move.

The Council thanked Tanja Cegnar as chair of the Media Team for her initiatives and commitment that over the years achieved the engagement of many communication experts throughout Europe in the selection committees.

9. IFMS

Bob Riddaway presented a report on the third global meeting of the International Forum of Meteorological Societies (IFMS-GM3) that was held in Reading in September 2013 (Annex VII).

The meeting was very well organised by the RMetS, and all participants felt the exchange on activities and ongoing discussions was very useful and gives an understanding on common issues faced by all meteorological societies. The next IFMS-GM is planned to be organised by the Argentine Meteorological Society in 2015.

10. Review of Projects

A review of the work of the Teams on Media and Education as well as the Editorial Board was presented (Annex VIII).

Media

The Media Team is very active and has started many important initiatives during the past year. The Council thanked all members of the team for their contributions.

C30.13 Media Team membership: Council reviewed the membership of the Media Team and confirmed the composition for the next two years. (votes: 9:0:0)

For the membership of project teams and the editorial board the length of term and how members are recruited is not formalised. A proposal will be prepared for the next Council session, with a separate item on the agenda for both the Council and the General Assembly.

C30.14 Review of membership of project teams, committees and boards: Council agreed that the review of membership of project teams, committees and boards will be put on the agenda of the 31st session of Council and the 16th General Assembly.

Education Team

The Chair of the team on education informed that the interface of the ECTOM database is now more accessible. He presented a structure of the revised ECTOM data base:

- Structure (in parentheses the responsible person/organisation is given):
- Basic overview: *history of meteorology in the respective country, institutions, meteorological society (national met. Society)*
- Institutions: *overview, more detailed information (national met. Society)*

- Panorama of education: *education system based on EURYDICE, degrees, period of studies (SYS and national met. Society)*
- Degree Courses: *(Admin of respective institution)*
- *Institution; type; title; planning: course length, dates, ...; admission: tuition fees, ...; deadline; contact; language; bursaries.*

The chair is in the process of building a team with members that will build the prototype data base with demonstration entries. This will form a basis for the Council's decision about whether to invite all Members Societies to participate in the compilation of the full data base.

C30.15 ECTOM data base: Council tasked the chair of the education team to provide a prototype of the structure with mandatory and optional fields in the data base. This will then be the basis for further discussions and decisions at the 31st Council Session in October 2014, that will still be based on Council decision C29.12 at its 29th session¹. (votes: 9:0:0)

Editorial Board

The Council discussed whether the printing of the EMS Annual Report should be continued. It was noted that it is already distributed electronically and there is little interest in the printed copy made available at the Annual Meeting. Information on the EMS, its activities and the reduced registration fees for members of Member organisations should be promoted in the conference programme book or on a flier.

C30.16 Printing of Annual Report: Council decided that the EMS Annual Report will not be printed but distributed electronically. (votes: 9:0:0)

C30.17 Membership Editorial Board: Council reviewed the membership of the Editorial Board and confirmed the composition for the next two years: *Bob Riddaway (UK) – Chair, Hrvoje Bobinac (Croatia), Emily Gleeson (Ireland), Fritz Neuwirth (Austria), Claude Pastre (France), Martina Junge (EMS).* (votes: 9:0:0)

11. Membership

Council took note that two Associate Members have announced that they wish to cancel their EMS Membership: EarthNetworks (USA, Private Service Provider) and Campbell Scientific (UK, Manufacturer).

Two applications for Associate Membership for EMS Associate Membership were received: from Innovative Solutions for Instrumentation and Science - [IS]², Marseille, France, in October 2013, and Meteorological Service of Catalonia, in January 2014. (Annex IX).

C30.18 IS2 Associate Membership: Council approved the Associate Membership of the Innovative Solutions for Instrumentation and Science - [IS]². (votes: 9:0:0)

C30.19 Meteorological Service of Catalonia Associate Membership: Council approved the Associate Membership of the Meteorological Service of Catalonia. (votes: 9:0:0)

12. Council Composition from autumn 2014

The Council was informed on the length of term of current council members as well as on the number of new representatives that will have to be elected by the General Assembly in October. (Annex X).

¹ **C29.12 ECTOM data base:** Council tasked the chair of the education team to provide a detailed structure and list of mandatory and optional fields/information to make it evident what is expected from the secretariat and the individual Member Societies. This should also include the benefits for the Members and the community. This document will then be distributed to the Member Societies with the inquiry whether they would be prepared to commit themselves to this work, as a basis for further discussions and decisions at the 30th Council Session in March 2014. (votes: 9:0:0)

Based on discussions of the 28th Session of Council the Bulgarian Meteorological Society had been invited to nominate a representative; BMS confirmed that it will nominate a representative for the Council.

Council noted that two-year terms, which ensured a quick rotation and involvement of all Members Societies in the founding phase of the EMS, provided little time for new members of Council to understand the full working of the Council and its bodies. At this stage a change of the length of term to three years would be appropriate.

C30.20 Council rotation – change of constitution: Council tasked the Bureau and the secretariat to prepare a proposal for the Council and the General Assembly sessions in October 2014. This should include suggestions for the transition phase. (votes: 9:0:0)

Should the proposal be adopted by the General Assembly, two new representatives will have to be proposed by Council (i.e. BMS and one additional Members Society). Given that Italy has not been represented on the Council for a number of years and the Annual Meeting will be in Trieste 2016, UMFVG should be invited to make a nomination.

In order to cater for the event that the General Assembly declines the proposed change of constitution, Austria should also be invited to make a nomination.

13. AOB

a. The Climate Symposium 2014

EUMETSAT had kindly provided fliers of the second announcement for the International Climate Symposium that will take place in October in Darmstadt, Germany. The deadline for abstract submission is 15 April. All Council Members were asked to distribute the information among their membership and national community and to get in contact with EUMETSAT if more leaflets are required.

b. Transparency of procedure to nominate a candidate for presidency

No formal procedures for the nomination of a candidate for the election of the EMS President exist. Up to now it has been the task of the President to make a proposal. It was suggested that more transparency in the process would be appropriate, and a committee be responsible to discuss relevant criteria and make proposals.

C30.21 Nomination of candidates for the office of EMS President: Council tasked the EMS Bureau to prepare a proposal to the 31st Council Session on transparent procedures for the nomination of candidates for the election of the EMS President. (votes: 9:0:0).

c. Profile of the EMS Awards Programme

The current EMS Awards Programme consists of the EMS Silver Medal, the Young Scientist Award and the Media Awards. This does not reflect activities of the entire meteorological community; for example innovations in instruments are not explicitly covered through these awards. The Council supports the idea that the EMS Awards Programme be extended.

C30.22 Review of profile of the EMS Awards Programme: Council tasked Dominique Marbouty, Tanja Cegnar and Horst Böttger to identify possible areas for new EMS awards and to prepare a proposal to the 31st Council Session. (votes: 9:0:0).

d. APMG

The APMG together with the Spanish Met Society (AME) and societies from South America (FLISMET) regularly organises a symposium on current topics. A book has been published on the 2013 event (150 participants) that focused on remote sensing observation systems. In 2014 the symposium will take place 6-8 April in Oviedo, Spain. From 2014 on presentations and abstracts will be available online, not printed any longer in a book.

e. RMetS

The RMetS will launch a new professional accreditation scheme for Registered Meteorologist (RMet) at its AGM on 14 May 2014. The new accreditation is aimed at all RMetS members pursuing a career in meteorology, or working in a role supporting meteorological services. More details at <http://www.rmets.org/upcoming-launch-new-registered-meteorologist-rmet-scheme>.

14. Next Council Session

The 31st Session of the EMS Council will convene on 5 October 2014 in Prague, Czech Republic, at the Clarion Hotel.

ANNEX A: List of Decisions of the EMS Council at its 30th Session, 13-14 March 2014

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NIMH, Bulgaria – lead for ECAM Programme
University of Sofia – host University
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