

36th EMS Council Session
16 – 17 March 2017, Paris, France

Minutes of 01 May 2017
adopted

Participants: (voting councillors underlined)

Liz Bentley (RMetS, UK)

Svante Bodin (SMS, Sweden)

Horst Böttger (EMS President)

Hilda Carr (ECMWF)

Tanja Cegnar (Chair Media and Communication Team)

Jean-Pierre Chalon (météo et climat, France)

Renato R. Colucci (UMFVG, Italy)

Tomáš Halenka (Chair EMS Education Team)

Paul Halton (IMS, Ireland)

Sylvain Joffre (Chair EMS Committee on Meetings)

Martina Junge (EMS Executive Secretary)

Dominique Marbouty (météo et climat, France)

Fritz Neuwirth (ÖMG, Austria)

Laura Palmisano (UMFVG, Italy)

Heinke Schlünzen (DMG, Germany)

Bernard Strauss (Meteo France, France) from Friday 9:00, representing NMHS observer group

Ekaterina Batchvarova (BMS, Bulgaria) and Tomas í Bosch (AMACA, Andorra) could not attend.

8 Council representatives were present. The quorum is 7.

The Session opened at 14:00h on 16 March 2017, adjourned at 18:30, re-opened at 9:00 on 17 March 2017 and closed at 12:00h.

Minutes: *Martina Junge*

1. Opening of the 36th Session

The EMS President opened the 36th Session of the EMS Council by welcoming all participants. In particular he welcomed the new representatives on the Council from Ireland, Paul Halton, and Andorra, Josep Tomas í Bosch. This was followed by Anne Debar, Deputy Director of Météo France, and Dominique Marbouty, Vice-President of météo et climat, welcoming the EMS Council on behalf of the hosts, wishing best of success for the Council Session. The EMS President thanked Météo France and météo et climat for hosting this Council Session.

With 8 councillors present the necessary quorum was attained. Votes are given as (acceptance: rejection: abstention).

2. Acceptance of Agenda and early announcement of additional AOB

A preliminary agenda was distributed with the invitation to attend the Council meeting.

One new item and changes to the order of items were suggested:

- Item 10 - Review of project teams was moved to item 13 and the order of the reports arranged as follows: Media and Communication Team, Editorial Board, Education.
- As new item 10. Climate Statement was introduced.
- Items 11 and 12 remained unchanged.
- For agenda point AOB (new item 14), three items were announced: a. International Forum of Meteorological Societies, b. Climate Europe Network c. Europhotometeo Competition.

With these changes the agenda was accepted (Annex A)

3. Implementation of decisions taken at the 35th Session of the EMS Council

The draft minutes of the 35th Session of the EMS Council have been distributed to all participants of that 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 were subsequently held adopted (Rules of procedure 57) and are available from <http://www.emetsoc.org/governance-structure/council/council-meetings>.

The implementation of decisions recorded in the minutes has been detailed in paper *C36_03_Implementation-of-Decisions-C35*, provided in part II of the minutes – Annexes. All decisions have been implemented.

In addition to recording decisions, the minutes also identify short-term actions: those not mentioned in *C36_03* are related to monitoring guidelines for the strategic plan implementation (-> see paper *C36_04*), access of EMS Members to Council documents (-> see paper *C36_05*), conference fees (-> see papers *C36_06* and *C36_07*), ePoster Trial (-> see paper *C36_10*).

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 (part II – Annexes: paper *C36_04_Report-President-Bureau*).

- It was noted that no nominations were submitted for the Technology Achievement Award this year. Possible hurdles and changes to the procedures were discussed (see agenda item 8.2)
- The progress in publishing the EMS History Paper by J. Wieringa, R. Morin, S. Cornford and the late Werner Wehry in the RMetS journal *Weather* was noted. The issue was raised, whether re-publication in the EMS Members Societies journals and by the EMS would be possible. The RMetS Chief Executive will investigate this issue (**Action**)
- The Council was informed on the possibility to have parts of the EMS Annual Meeting 2017 filmed and shown at the conference and afterwards. A number of issues were raised that need to be clarified: will it be possible for the Irish TV Station to film the opening session and use it for broadcasting? Will it be possible to have pre-existing videos shown at the conference for a fee? Irish hosts would like to show videos of extreme weather events in Ireland.

The President raised the issue of his succession, as his term will end after the 37th Council Session in September this year. Based on proposals received until the end of November, the Bureau proposed to Council that Bob Riddaway, Vice-President of the EMS from 2008 to 2015 and current Chair of the EMS Editorial Board, will be the candidate for the office of the EMS President 2017 – 2020.

The Council welcomed this proposal, and supported the Bureau'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 37th Session on 3 September 2017.

C36.01 Report of the President and Bureau: Council approved the Report of the President and Bureau. (Votes: 8:0:0)

Council also agreed to go ahead with the Conference TV, given that the new issues raised can be clarified (**Action**).

The monitoring guidelines will be given to all Council bodies. This issue was taken up under agenda item 7 (CoM report) and item 13 (Review of project teams), after the reports of all Council bodies have been heard by the Council.

5. Report of the Executive Secretary

The Executive Secretary reported on the activities and actions of the Secretariat since the last Council Session (part II – Annexes: paper *C36_05_Report-Secretariat*), which included preparations for the programme and organisation of the EMS Annual Meeting 2017 and support for all committees and project teams.

Documents for this Council Session have been provided to all EMS Member organisations in advance of the meeting for possible comments. Council requested to distribute the documents for the Council as

early as technically possible. On behalf of the entire Council, the President thanked the staff of the secretariat for their work and support.

6. Report of the Treasurer

The financial report, as given by the Treasurer to the EMS Council, is provided in part II – Annexes: paper C36_06_Report-Treasurer.

It was noted that the Free Reserves (Freie Rücklage) are kept constant, no additional funds are allocated.

EMS membership fees are based on the number of individual members of a Member Society and are increased annually on the basis of the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) published by EUROSTAT. At its 30th Session, Council agreed that the increase in membership fees should be kept automatic. The membership fees in 2017 are 1.187€/individual member of a Member Society.

C36.02 Report of the Treasurer: Council approved the Report of the Treasurer. (Votes: 8:0:0)

C36.03 Budget 2017: Council approved the revised Budget 2017. (Votes: 8:0:0)

Council gave the Bureau the mandate to decide on the re-development of the website (**Action**).

C36.04 Registration and abstract submission fees: Council approved Abstract submission fees of €35 and decided on the following registration fees for the EMS Annual Meeting 2017:

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Side meeting only				€150

(Votes: 8:0:0)

Amendment of Rules on financial management: Council has been informed about the amendments to the Terms of Financial Management (C36_06, item 5, and Annex B).

The Associate Membership will be reconsidered by the Bureau and a proposal presented to the 37th Council Session (**Action**).

The President thanked the Treasurer Heinke Schlünzen for her excellent work in preparing and presenting the accounts and the budget.

7. EMS Meetings: CoM report

The Chair of the EMS Committee on Meetings (CoM) reported on the activities of the committee, the preparations for the EMS Annual Meeting 2017, conveyed the recommendation of the CoM regarding the venue for the EMS Annual Meeting in 2020 and a number of strategic issues (part II – Annexes: paper C36_07_Report-CoM).

a. EMS Annual Meeting and ECAC 2016

In the evaluation of the EMS & ECAC it was noted that the meeting was well attended, the new convenor events on exchange of experience and to discuss the proposed new framework of the session programme provided opportunities for fruitful discussions and were quite useful.

b. EMS Annual Meeting 2017

The preparations for the EMS Annual Meeting 2017 have been reported (part II – Annexes: C36_07, item 2); the call for abstract ends on 21 April 2017. In particular the intensive work required to start implementing the new structure of the session programme was mentioned, and also the planning for the new concept of plenary sessions updated. After a lengthy discussion Council requested to reconsider the award ceremonies in the new proposed structure of the Annual Meeting.

c. EMS Annual Meeting 2018

The CoM made a proposal for the membership of the Programme and Science Committee of the EMS Annual Meeting 2018 in Budapest (part II – Annexes: C36_07, Annex IV).

C36.05 PSC for EMS Annual Meeting 2018: Council approved the membership of the PSC for the EMS Annual Meeting 2018 (Annex C). (Votes: 8:0:0)

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

d. Future venues

Council considered the information on the proposed venues and the recommendation by the CoM (part II – Annexes: C36_07, section 4).

C36.06 Venue for the EMS Annual Meeting 2020: Council agreed to hold the EMS Annual Meeting 2020 at the Historical University Barcelona, Spain. The dates will be 7 – 11 September 2020. (Votes: 8:0:0)

Council thanks ACAM, AME, meteo.cat and AEMet for the proposal, invitation and the support offered for the planning of the conference.

It was noted that The International Society for Biometeorology (ISB) should be informed immediately about the dates, in order to avoid overlap with the next ICB in 2020 so that ISB can plan accordingly (**Action**).

Council took note of further proposals that were received or announced, and tasked the CoM to evaluate these and make a recommendation to Council for venues in 2021 and beyond (**Action**).

e. Strategic Issues**Monitoring**

As requested by Council – and without having seen the guidelines (C36_04) – CoM did already reassess its mandate/terms of reference in light of the strategic plan 2016–2020, and concluded that no change of these terms is required. As for specific objectives and actions, CoM has over the last couple of years initiated activities to that effect, for example inviting new communities to the EMS Annual Meeting. One specific proposal that was made: to consider additional CoM members, for example from the private sector.

Council asked the CoM to report to Council as before at every Council Session, and include any issues related to the strategic plan only in the spring-Session of Council.

Sponsorship package: Council agrees in principle with sponsorship packages. Sponsorship packages with specific items for Dublin and/or Budapest will be tested and reviewed by Council in the light of experience.

The President thanked the chair of the CoM for the report and the entire CoM for the good work being done to develop the Annual Meetings.

8. Awards & Prizes

8.1. Report of the Awards Committee

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

YSTAs are announced for the following seven events: OpenIFS workshop 2017 (organised by ECMWF and ICTP in Trieste, Italy), ICAM 2017 (June, Reykjavik, Iceland), ECSS 2017 (September, Pula, Croatia), EMS2017, 2017 EUMETSAT Satellite Conference (2 YSTAs funded by EUMETSAT; September, Rome, Italy), IC Biomet 2017 (September, Durham, UK), ECMWF Annual Seminar (September, Reading).

Silver Medal

C36.07 Silver Medallist 2017: This EMS Council selected Julia Slings as the recipient for the EMS Silver Medal 2017.

Citation: “The EMS Silver Medal is awarded to Julia Slings for her outstanding contributions to meteorology and climate predictions. She has led the work that brought new understanding of monsoons and intraseasonal variability associated with the Madden-Julian Oscillation. As a strong advocate of seamless weather and climate prediction she was at the forefront at its development and implementation. Through her inspirational leadership she facilitated joining together strong relationships, frameworks and networks. She championed the importance of communicating the dangers of climate change to decision makers and the public.”

The Council thanked the members of 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.

8.2. Technology Achievement Award

It was noted that no nominations were received for the EMS Technology Achievement Award (TAA) 2017. The TAA committee in its discussions noted, that for potential proposers it is not obvious what the benefit of such an award could be, and that there are a number of hurdles such as: it requires a considerable amount of time to prepare a proposal (that is usually not available in the day-to-day running of a company), may involve disclosing information (which is difficult and will require a lot of approvals). The question was posed how the Technology Achievement Award could be better promoted?

Council proposed to re-consider the application procedures and move to a 2-phase procedure, with one page initial proposals, on the basis of which selected candidates will be invited to submit a detailed application (**Action**).

The Council is grateful for the work of the committee and appreciated the in-depth discussions and considerations that were raised for the Council to consider.

8.3. EMS Outstanding Contribution Award

C36.08 Outstanding Contribution Award 2017: Council decided that The EMS Outstanding Contribution Award in 2017 is presented to Sylvain Joffre.

Citation: “The Outstanding Contribution Award is awarded to Sylvain Joffre for pursuing and advancing the growth of the Annual Meeting activities of the Society through continuous and exceptional dedication to international networking and connecting diverse communities.”

8.4. EMS Media Awards

The Media Team presented proposals for the membership of the selection committees for the EMS Journalist Award, The Outreach and Communication Award and the TV Weather Forecast Award.

C36.09 EMS Media Awards 2017, Selection committees: The EMS Council approved the following composition of the selection committees:

EMS Outreach and Communication Award: Tanja Cegnar, Slovenia (chair); Carlos Yagüe, Spain; Tomas Halenka, Czech Republic; Rasmus Benestad, Norway; Liz Bentley, United Kingdom; Michael Williams, WMO.

TV Weather Forecast Award: Jay Trobec, USA (chair); Tanja Cegnar, Slovenia; Paul Gross, USA; Panos Giannopoulos, Greece; Claire Martin, Canada; Jill Peters, Belgium; Haleh Kootval, Switzerland.

Journalist Award: Rasmus Benestad, Norway (chair); Tanja Cegnar, Slovenia; Stéphane Foucart, France; Sam Illingworth, UK; Rainer Schultheis, Austria; Margaritis Proedrou, Greece. (*one more member to be confirmed*) (Votes: 8:0:0)

8.5. EMS Tromp Awards

a. EMS Tromp Award for an outstanding achievement in biometeorology

The EMS Tromp Award for an outstanding achievement in biometeorology was established in 2015, the prize was awarded in 2015 and 2016, and is announced the third time for 2017.

The award is funded by the Tromp Foundation. A selection committee of international experts that is chaired by Tanja Cegnar has been established.

b. EMS Tromp Young Scientist Travel Awards

The Tromp Foundation also funded EMS Tromp Young Scientist Travel Awards for papers that were presented at the EMS & ECAC specifically on topics in biometeorology in 2016.

Awards are also announced for the EMS2017 in Dublin. As the name proved to be somewhat confusing in 2016 it is renamed as "*Tromp Foundation travel award to young scientists (TFTAYS)*" and has been announced with the call for abstracts. The bursaries are funded by the Tromp Foundation, and include registration fees for the conference. A selection committee co-chaired by Tanja Cegnar and Wop Rietveld (Tromp Foundation) has been established.

8.6. Harry Otten Prize 2017

The Harry Otten Prize is announced with a biennial cycle. The Harry Otten Board will select three applicants as finalists who will be asked to present their ideas at a public session during the EMS2017 in Dublin. Following this, the Board will select the winner, and reveal this on the following day.

The collaboration is considered very effective and successful, to the benefit of both organisations.

9. Memoranda of Understanding

The three agreements on collaboration of the EMS with the AMS, ESSL and the Solco W. Tromp Foundation are up for renewal this autumn 2017 (part II – Annexes: paper C36_09_MoUs).

C36.10 Memoranda of Understanding EMS – AMS, EMS – ESSL, EMS – Solco W. Tromp Foundation: The EMS Council approves the extension of the agreements with the American Meteorological Society (AMS) and the European Severe Storms Laboratory (ESSL) for another five years; the EMS Council approves the extension of the Agreement with the Solco W. Tromp Foundation. (Votes: 8:0:0)

No amendments were deemed necessary for the agreement with the AMS and the ESSL. It was recommended that the agreement with the Tromp Foundation be extended to include the TFTAYS (see item 8.5.).

10. Climate Statement

Liz Bentley introduced the aim and objective of an international climate statement. The objective of such a statement is to raise awareness among the general public and decision makers. Endorsement of such a joint international statement by as many organisations as possible is thus sought to give the statement weight and also a wide distribution.

The launch of the international climate statement would be linked with Earth Day on 22nd April 2017 – their campaign this year will all about environmental and climate literacy:

<http://www.earthday.org/earthday/>

Council agreed that the EMS supports the publication of such a statement, given that the majority of EMS Member Societies endorses the statement.

Action: The draft statement will be distributed to Member societies and Associate Members in week 12 – after collection of input and revisions of the text by Liz Bentley – and all EMS Members are invited for feedback on the statement and asked whether they would endorse such a statement, with a deadline for response by Wednesday 5 April 2017.

Distribution of the statement on Earth Day: The method of publication of the statement is in the hands of each Member; the language problem must also be solved on the national level. The common statement will be English, should this be endorsed.

Council participants were asked for input and revision proposals for a revised draft until 20 March 2017.

11. Membership

A paper on the development in the EMS Membership was presented (part II – Annexes: paper C36_11_Membership).

C36.11 AISAM: Council formally recognises the Associazione Italiana di Scienze dell'Atmosfera e Meteorologia (AISAM), Italy, as the EMS Member Society in loco of AGI, Italy. (Votes: 8:0:0)

12. Council Composition 2017 – 2018

Considerations and status with respect to inviting new rotating representatives to the EMS Council are detailed in Annex II – paper C36_12_Council-Composition.

The Executive Secretary updated the Council on the status of communication with possible candidates. Council agreed that Hungary (MMT) and Denmark (DaMS) should be invited to be represented on the Council 2017 – 2020. Should any of these not be in a position to nominate a representative then The Netherlands (NVBM) should be invited. (**Action**)

13. Review of Project Teams, boards and committees

A review of the work of the Teams on Media and Communication, the Editorial Board and Education was presented (part II – Annexes: paper C36_10_Review-Project-Teams).

13.1. *Media and Communication Team*

The chair of the Media and Communication Team reported on recent activities, the outcomes of the recent team meeting in September 2016 in Trieste, plans for the EMS Annual Meeting 2017 in Dublin, and her attendance at the AMS Annual Meeting in January 2017 in Seattle, where she represented the EMS (see paper C36_10, section C).

Learning from these experiences, Council agreed that arranging "Time with the President" at the EMS Annual Meeting 2017 in Dublin, should be considered. (**Action**)

Despite the costs related with the representation of the EMS at the AMS Annual Meeting, Council is positive about continuing this representation; options that members of the national societies attending the AMS meeting could represent the EMS should be considered on a year-by-year basis. In 2020, the AMS is celebrating its 100-year anniversary, and the conference will be held in Boston. Participation of the then-EMS President should be foreseen.

13.2. Editorial Board

Activities of the Editorial Board have been reported at the Council Session (see paper C36_10).

It was agreed that extending the terms for this board, to include improving the relationship with the Membership, should be considered (see under *Monitoring of strategic plan*, below)

13.3. Education Team

The chair of the Education Team presented a revised proposal on the "ePoster Trial".

Discussions at the Council clarified the following points:

- No overlap with the Outstanding Poster Award at the EMS Annual Meeting.
- The website platform that is required for the trial, as a submission platform as well as an evaluation tool, needs to be specified in terms of functionality and resources, i.e. staff working hours and financial implications.
- A team of evaluators must be formed; it cannot be expected that convenors will take that task on board in addition to organising their session.
- The first steps should be probed as a stand-alone activity (not connected to the EMS Annual Meeting).

The chair of the Education Team was tasked to prepare a detailed timeline with resources specified (evaluator team, requirement for the platform, including work time, draft call for submissions, draft evaluation guidelines for the evaluators, etc.) for the next Council session. (**Action**)

Terms of Council body chairs

The Council decided in October 2014 that *the normal term of committee and project team members is three years, with the option for renewal* (C31.12). The regulation needs also to be harmonised for all chairs of Council bodies. The Bureau will review the length of terms of all offices and make a proposal for the next Council Session in September 2017. (**Action**)

Monitoring of strategic plan

The monitoring guidelines will be given to all project team and committee chairs to review their terms of reference and the possible activities with which they can contribute to the implementation of the strategic plan.

At this stage, the chair of the CoM also commented on the guidelines by the Bureau (C36_04), and made the following specific comments:

- The secretariat is assigned the responsibility for too many actions, instead more should be taken over by the committees.
- Responsibilities of the Editorial board are not specific enough.
- From the guidelines it is not clear who should take care of the interaction with societies; there should be a group in charge, not the secretariat. Council discussed that this could be taken on board by the reshuffled Editorial Board.

It was agreed that attempts will be made to organise a side meeting at the EMS Annual Meeting for all Member Societies to provide the opportunity for a longer exchange; this could be done on a regular basis (2 – 3 years); the meetings will be by invitation only.

In preparation of such a meeting a survey on what Members expect from the organisation will be conducted. Feedback on the results and the analysis will be given at the General Assembly in Dublin. (**Actions**)

The Editorial Board is tasked to consider the inclusion of improving the relationship with the EMS Membership in its objectives and review its terms of reference accordingly, with a view to submit a proposal to Council in September (**Action**).

14. AOB

14.1. International Forum of Meteorological Societies

Liz Bentley, representing Europe on the IFMS Council, gave a short summary on the developments of IFMS. Council discussed and clarified the following items:

- EMS so far is a member of the IFMS, in the sense that it was an informal forum for exchange of information. With the new intended formalisation and constitution the need to approve membership of the EMS in IFMS by the EMS General Assembly arises.
- After Council revised statutes were issued by the IFMS; this revised version would allow EMS to become a full member alongside European meteorological societies.
- Funding of the IFMS is foreseen not to come from membership fees but through donations and contributions from supporting organisations.

14.2. Climate Europe network

The *Climateurope* network, funded as a Horizon2020 project, has invited the EMS to join the network. It was not entirely clear what the objective of the network is, and how for the EMS it could be possible to join a H2020 project, in particular as this has a limited time span.

Council

- Took note of the invitation, but requests further information;
- Sees potential for enhancing EMS visibility and networking through *Climateurope* outreach activities
- Invites *Climateurope* to the EMS Annual Meeting, with an exhibition booth and/or a side meeting to inform the EMS Members. (**Action**)

14.3. Europhotometeo

C36.12 Europhotometeo (EPM): In light of the budget and the website development the EPM will be put off by one year, for the call to go out in autumn 2018. (Votes: 8:0:0).

15. 37th Council Session

C36.13 Venue for 37th Council Session: The 37th Session will be held on 3 September 2017 in Dublin, Ireland, during the EMS Annual Meeting 2017. (Votes: 8:0:0).

In closing, the President thanked all council representatives and committee chairs for their attendance and active participation in this session.

Annex A: Agenda

Annex B: Rules on Financial Management

Annex C: PSC 2018

Annex D: List of Decisions

ANNEX A: Agenda agreed by the EMS Council

1. Opening
2. Acceptance of the Agenda, including early announcement of AOB
3. Implementation of decisions agreed at the 35th Session
4. Report of the President on the activities of the Bureau
5. Report Secretariat
6. Report of the Treasurer, incl. Budget 2017
7. Report Committee on Meetings
8. Awards
9. Memoranda of Understanding
10. Climate Change Statement
11. EMS Membership
12. Council Composition term 2017 – 2018
13. Review of Project Teams, Committees and Boards: Media and Communication Team, Editorial Board, Education Chair
14. AOB
 - 14.1 IFMS
 - 14.2 Climate Europe network
 - 14.3 Europhotometeo
15. Time and place of the 37th Council Session: 03 September 2017, Dublin, Ireland.

Annex B: Rules on Financial Management

Terms of Financial Management of the European Meteorological Society – Revised and made available to Council on 16 March 2017 –

1. Basis of the rules

1.1. The following constitute the prudent rules and regulations for the financial management of the Society referred to in the Rules of Procedure of the Society's Council.

1.2. The Executive Secretary shall be responsible to the Council, through the Treasurer, for the financial management of the Society. These rules are agreed by the Treasurer and Executive Secretary as being prudent in the circumstances of the European Meteorological Society (EMS).

1.3. The Council shall be informed about changes and amendments to these rules.

2. Cheques, purchase orders and electronic transactions

2.1. Cheques, purchase orders and electronic transactions up to the limits authorized by Council shall normally be signed by the Executive Secretary. The limit shall be 1500€. For transactions above this limit an Officer (normally the Treasurer) acts as second signatory. Alternatively, the agreement to the transaction can be given in electronic or written form and has to be kept with the accounts file.

For emoluments of the Executive Secretary on the scale agreed by Council, the Treasurer shall normally be the single signatory, with another Officer as alternative. Salary and related tax and social security payments may also be transferred by standing orders.

2.2. Electronic access to the Society's main bank account, and the authority to sign cheques and purchase orders shall be restricted to the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Executive Secretary (or the nominated deputy). New access codes and new acceptable signatures shall be agreed with the Society's bank when an office transfers to a new person.

The nominated deputy/Assistant has electronic access to the Society's bank account in order to monitor the income and outgoing amounts and support the Executive Secretary in keeping the book/file on the transactions on the current account, and issue transfers of travel grants (EMS YSTAs) to selected awardees. Other payments by the Assistant have to be cleared by the Executive Secretary, if not available by one of the EMS Officers.

The Executive Secretary shall ensure that all transactions and all international transactions are entered into the Society's main account with the Deutsche Bank.

3. Back up

3.1. Not less frequently than once every two months, the Executive Secretary shall print out a hard copy of the Society's bank accounts and add it to a collection of similar print-outs kept in chronological orders.

3.2. The Executive Secretary shall make similar arrangements for back-up storage of electronic copies of critical computer programs and data.

4. Gifts, legacies and similar acquisitions

The Society shall accept only such gifts, legacies and other similar acquisitions as Council may decide are appropriate and consistent with its taxation status and Constitution. Individual officials, Officers and Councillors of the Society shall accept gifts as a consequence of their work for the Society only where it would cause offence to refuse. In such rare circumstances, the gifts are to be accepted on behalf of the Society and will immediately become the property of the Society. Each acquisition is to be notified to the Council by the recipient.

5. Insurance

5.1 Property

The Executive Secretary shall maintain adequate, but not excessive, insurance of the Society's property at levels agreed with the Treasurer.

5.2 Staff

The Executive Secretary shall maintain insurance of the Society against risks to the health and safety of its staff, according to the law of the host country and according to the practice of good employers in the host country.

5.3 Third parties The Executive Secretary shall maintain adequate insurance, where this is possible, against claims against the Society by third parties who may visit the Society's premises or premises being used by the Society (including premises being used for General Assemblies and sessions of Council as well as conferences and exhibitions which the Society may organize or co-organize). In this connection, insurance cover provided by host organizations may often, but not always, be adequate.

6. Health and Safety

The Executive Secretary shall maintain the Society's premises and property in such ways as are at least adequate to satisfy the laws of the host country.

Annex C: PSC 2018

EMS Annual Meeting 2018: Programme and Science Committee

Chair: Sylvain Joffre: EMS Committee on Meetings

Ingeborg Auer: EUMETNET Climate Programme – Moderator ES Programme Stream

Eric Bazile: Météo France

Frank Beyrich: Deutscher Wetterdienst, Meteorologisches Observatorium Lindenberg – Moderator UP Programme Stream

Tanja Cegnar: Environmental Agency of Slovenia – Moderator ES Programme Stream

Christian Csekits: EUMETNET - The Working Group on Cooperation between European Forecasters (WGCEF)

Marie Doutriaux Boucher: European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites

Renate Hagedorn: Deutscher Wetterdienst; EMS Committee on Meetings - Moderator UP Programme Stream

Paul Halton: Irish Meteorological Society – *host of the previous year*

Gerald Fleming, Met Éireann – Moderator OSA Programme Stream

Zoltan Dunkel, MMT - Hungarian Meteorological Society – *host society*

Akos Nemeth, MMT - Hungarian Meteorological Society – *host society*

DaMS – Danish Meteorological Society – *host society of 2019*

Tim Hewson: European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts

André Jol: European Environment Agency

Martina Junge: European Meteorological Society

Andrea Kaiser-Weiss: Deutscher Wetterdienst, Germany – Moderator UP Programme Stream

World Meteorological Organisation

Hydrometeorological Equipment Industry (HMEI)

Pierre-Philippe Matthieu: European Space Agency (ESRIN – EOP/SE)

Ewen McCallum: Committee on Meetings

Andrea Montani: ARPA-Servizio Idro-Meteo-Clima – Moderator OSA Programme Stream

Kornélia Radics, OMSZ- Hungarian Weather Service – *host NMHS*

Eszter Lábó, OMSZ- Hungarian Weather Service – *host NMHS*

Manuel Palomares: EUMETNET (**Dick Blaauboer – Deputy**)

Jennifer Rourke: MetOffice, United Kingdom

Dennis Schulze: MeteoGroup, representing the Association of Private Meteorological Services (PRIMET)

Gert-Jan Steeneveld: Wageningen University, EMS Committee on Meetings

Saskia Willemse: MeteoSwiss, EMS Committee on Meetings

ANNEX D: List of Decisions of the EMS Council at its 36th Session, 16 – 17 March 2017

C36.01 Report of the President and Bureau: Council approved the Report of the President and Bureau.

C36.02 Report of the Treasurer: Council approved the Report of the Treasurer.

C36.03 Budget 2017: Council approved the revised Budget 2017.

C36.04 Registration and abstract submission fees: Council approved Abstract submission fees of €35 and decided on the following registration fees for the EMS Annual Meeting 2017:

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Non-member	€425	€455	€230	
Student member	€170	€200	NA	
Student non-member	€190	€220	NA	
Side meeting only			€150	

C36.05 PSC for EMS Annual Meeting 2018: Council approved the membership of the PSC for the EMS Annual Meeting 2018 (Annex C).

C36.06 Venue for the EMS Annual Meeting 2020: Council agreed to hold the EMS Annual Meeting 2020 at the Historical University Barcelona, Spain. The dates will be 7 – 11 September 2020.

C36.07 Silver Medallist 2017: This EMS Council selected Julia Slings as the recipient for the EMS Silver Medal 2017.

Citation: “The EMS Silver Medal is awarded to Julia Slings for her outstanding contributions to meteorology and climate predictions. She has led the work that brought new understanding of monsoons and intraseasonal variability associated with the Madden-Julian Oscillation. As a strong advocate of seamless weather and climate prediction she was at the forefront at its development and implementation. Through her inspirational leadership she facilitated joining together strong relationships, frameworks and networks. She championed the importance of communicating the dangers of climate change to decision makers and the public.”

C36.08 Outstanding Contribution Award 2017: Council decided that The EMS Outstanding Contribution Award in 2017 is presented to Sylvain Joffre.

Citation: “The Outstanding Contribution Award is awarded to Sylvain Joffre for pursuing and advancing the growth of the Annual Meeting activities of the Society through continuous and exceptional dedication to international networking and connecting diverse communities.”

C36.09 EMS Media Awards 2017, Selection committees: The EMS Council approved the following composition of the selection committees:

EMS Outreach and Communication Award: Tanja Cegnar, Slovenia (chair); Carlos Yagüe, Spain; Tomas Halenka, Czech Republic; Rasmus Benestad, Norway; Liz Bentley, United Kingdom; Michael Williams, WMO.

TV Weather Forecast Award: Jay Trobec, USA (chair); Tanja Cegnar, Slovenia; Paul Gross, USA; Panos Giannopoulos, Greece; Claire Martin, Canada; Jill Peters, Belgium; Haleh Kootval, Switzerland.

Journalist Award: Rasmus Benestad, Norway (chair); Tanja Cegnar, Slovenia; Stéphane Foucart, France; Sam Illingworth, UK; Rainer Schultheis, Austria; Margaritis Proedrou, Greece. (one more member to be confirmed)

C36.10 Memoranda of Understanding EMS – AMS, EMS – ESSL, EMS – Solco W. Tromp

Foundation: The EMS Council approves the extension of the agreements with the American Meteorological Society (AMS) and the European Severe Storms Laboratory (ESSL) for another five years; the EMS Council approves the extension of the Agreement with the Solco W. Tromp Foundation.

C36.11 AISAM: Council formally recognises the Associazione Italiana di Scienze dell'Atmosfera e Meteorologia (AISAM), Italy, as the EMS Member Society in loco of AGI, Italy.

C36.12 Europhotometeo (EPM): In light of the budget and the website development the EPM will be put off by one year, for the call to go out in autumn 2018.

C36.13 Venue for 37th Council Session: The 37th Session will be held on 3 September 2017 in Dublin, Ireland, during the EMS Annual Meeting 2017.