

39th EMS Council Session
2 September 2018, Budapest, Hungary

Minutes of 10 October 2018
adopted

***Participants:** (voting councillors underlined)*

Liz Bentley (RMetS, United Kingdom)

Svante Bodin (SMS, Sweden)

Hilda Carr (ECMWF)

Tanja Cegnar (Chair Media and Communication Team)

Jean-Pierre Chalon (Météo et Climat, France)

Zoltan Dunkel (MMT, Hungary)

Emily Gleeson (Chair Liaison Committee)

Sven-Erik Gryning (DaMS, Denmark)

Paul Halton (IMS, Ireland)

Sylvain Joffre (Chair EMS Committee on Meetings)

Martina Junge (EMS Executive Secretary)

Fritz Neuwirth (ÖMG, Austria)

Eszter Lábó (OMSZ, representing NMHS observer group)

Mónika Lakatos (OMSZ)

Robert Riddaway (EMS President)

Heinke Schlünzen (DMG, Germany)

Dennis Schulze, (Meteo Group, representing observer group service providers)

Roger Wakimoto (AMS)

Excused: Ewen McCallum (RMetS, UK), Gudrun Nina Petersen (Chair Awards Committee) could not attend. Also, Josep Tomas í Bosch (AMACA, Andorra) was not present.

The Session opened at 9:00h and closed at 12:30h.

Chair: Bob Riddaway, EMS President

Minutes: Martina Junge

1. Opening of the 39th Session

The EMS President opened the 39th Session of the EMS Council by welcoming all participants. This was followed by Zoltan Dunkel, President of the local host society MMT, welcoming the EMS Council and wishing everyone a successful meeting and an enjoyable stay in Budapest.

With nine council representatives present the necessary quorum of seven was attained. Votes are given as (acceptance: rejection: abstention).

2. Acceptance of Agenda and early announcement of additional AOB

A proposal for the agenda was distributed with the invitation to attend the Council meeting. The agenda was accepted (Annex A).

No item was announced for the agenda item AOB.

3. Implementation of decisions taken at the 38th Session of the EMS Council

The draft minutes of the 38th 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 after review by the President. 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 *C39_03-a_Implementation-of-Decisions-C38*, provided in part II of the minutes – Annexes. All decisions have been implemented.

As the registration for the media training workshop was high, only a small amount of additional financial support might be needed (decision C38.14).

In addition to recording decisions, the minutes also identify short-term actions: the implementation of these is recorded in paper *C39_03-b_C38-Actions* and are referred to in documents related to agenda items. Of the 24 Actions agreed, 22 were completed. It was noted that:

- Action 1 concerning the establishment of another TV weather presenter's award will not be pursued.
- Action 16 concerning the preparation of an article about the educational activities of Météo et Climat has now been completed.

Thanks were expressed to the RMetS for arranging open access to the articles in *Weather* about the founding of the EMS.

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 *C39_04_Report_President_Bureau*). Specifically he referred to the preparation of the document on the Europhotometeo and activities of the EMS Bureau in the preparations for the EMS booth at the Annual Meeting and the exploration of support for the EMS secretariat.

C39.01 Report of the President and Bureau. The Council approved the Report of the President and Bureau. (Votes: 9:0:0)

5. Report of the Secretariat

The Executive Secretary reported on the activities and actions of the Secretariat since the last Council Session (part II – Annexes: paper *C39_05_Report-secretariat*). In particular changes in connection with requirements from the EU General Data Protection Regulations were reported.

Action 1: The Executive Secretary will investigate with Copernicus whether the permission to use photos of the Annual Meeting can be sought by people having to declare whether they agree or not in the registration process.

6. Report of the Treasurer

The financial report, as given by the Treasurer to the EMS Council, is provided in part II – Annexes: paper *C39_06_Report-Treasurer*. The Treasurer explained the factors affecting the salaries of the staff.

C39.02 Report of the Treasurer. The Council approved the Report of the Treasurer. (Votes: 9:0:0)

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

7. Report Committee on Meetings

The Chair of the EMS Committee on Meetings (CoM) reported on the activities of the committee, the preparations for the EMS Annual Meeting 2018, the change in membership of the committee, and a number of strategic issues (part II – Annexes: paper *C39_08_Report-CoM*).

a. EMS Annual Meeting 2018

The preparations for the EMS Annual Meeting 2018 were reported (part II – Annexes: paper *C39_08*, item 2) along with a planned budget. 300 copies of the programme book were printed, for the first time partially coloured, spiral bound and in A5 format.

a. EMS Annual Meeting 2019

A potential theme for the EMS2019 has been provided by the hosts in collaboration with the CoM. "The Arctic: the new frontier for weather, ice and climate research, forecasting and services". Council recognised that this topic is very important. However, there was concern that having such a specific theme might have a negative impact on the number of people attending the meeting. Would potential participants feel excluded if they are not involved or interested in Arctic meteorology?

Action 2: The CoM Chair will discuss with the hosts ways in which EMS2019 could have a focus on the Arctic whilst ensuring that contributions not related to that topic are welcome.

b. Future venues

Council noted:

- The situation concerning finding a suitable venue in Bonn, Germany, for EMS2022.
- The French society, Météo et Climat, in collaboration with Météo-France, will look into options for venues in central France for a conference after EMS2022.

c. Committee membership

C39.03 Committee on Meetings membership. The Council approved the membership of Renate Hagedorn (Germany) on the Committee on Meetings 2018 – 2021. (Votes: 9:0:0)

The Council thanked Sylvain Joffre and the other members of CoM for continuing to develop the Annual Meetings in terms of their relevance, quality and scope.

8. Report of the Liaison Committee and the Media and Communication Team

8.1. Liaison Committee

Activities and further plans of the Liaison Committee were discussed at the General Assembly later on the same day.

The Council thanked Emily Gleeson and the other members of the Liaison Committee for the improvements to the ems-message. It now contains many interesting and varied news items. The challenge is to find ways of giving the ems-message greater exposure, particularly amongst members of Member Societies.

C39.04 Liaison Committee membership: The Council approved the membership of Laura Zubiato (Ireland) on the Liaison Committee 2018 – 2021. (Votes: 9:0:0)

8.2. Media and Communication Team

The chair of the Media and Communication Team reported on its recent activities, in particular the new training workshop, tips on how to deal effectively with the media, to be held during the EMS 2018, and the preparation of the Engagement with Society programme stream.

It was noted that (a) the interest of training workshop participants has shifted towards communication of climate issues and (b) there would be a side meeting of NMHS communication professionals during EMS2018.

The Council thanked Tanja Cegar and the other members of the Media and Communications Team for their important contributions to EMS's activities.

9. Awards Programme

9.1. 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 (part II – Annexes: paper *C39_09_Awards*, section 1.)

C39.05 Awards Committee membership: The Council approved the membership of Mojca Dolinar (SMD, Slovenia), Jenni Rauhala (FMI, Finland), Patricia de Rosnay (ECMWF), Fulvio Stel (UMFVG, Italy), Manfred Wendisch (DMG, Germany) and Carlos Yagüe (AME, Spain) on the Awards Committee, and approved Mojca Dolinar as the committee chair; all terms run 2018 – 2021. (Votes: 9:0:0).

The Council thanked the outgoing members, Guðrún Nína Petersen, who had chaired the committee since 2015, and Jean-Noël Thépaut (ECMWF) for their commitment and contributions over the recent years. Council also thanked the members of the Awards Committee for their work which is recognised as being both important and time-consuming.

9.2. Technology Achievement Award (TAA)

Committee membership

The term of all four current committee members ends in the autumn of 2018. The Chair of the TAA Committee recommended that the committee should have at least five members, preferably seven. In response to the call by the Executive Secretary to all EMS Members, three proposals were received.

C39.06 Selection committee for the EMS Technology Achievement Award (TAA) – membership: The Council approved the membership Ben Dieterink (The Netherlands), Paul Halton (Ireland), Dominique Marbouty (France), Robert Mureau (The Netherlands), Tarja Riihisaari (Finland), Gerhard Steinhorst (Germany) and Isabella Weger (ECMWF) on the TAA Selection Committee, and approved Ben Dieterink as the committee chair; all terms run 2018 – 2021. (Votes: 9:0:0).

9.3. EMS Media Awards

The Chair of the Media and Communication Team reported on the selected winners of the 2018 EMS Media Awards (paper *C39_09_Awards*, section 3). The awardees will receive their awards (certificates and trophies) during the Communication and Media Session of EMS2018, and time has been reserved for all of them to present their projects and talk about their experiences.

The issue was raised about how the selection committees can cope with the different languages of submissions for the media awards, and whether non-English submissions are in a disadvantage. It was concluded, that the selection committees should be allowed to co-opt someone with the required language competencies to the committee for the understanding of a specific issue.

9.4. EMS Tromp Awards

The Chair of the EMS Tromp Award Selection Committees reported on the awardees for the EMS Tromp Award and the Tromp Foundation Travel Awards for Young Scientists. These awards have been highlighted in the programme book and the online programme. Wop Rietveld, representative of the Tromp Foundation, would present the awards during the Awards Session of EMS2018.

The Tromp Foundation is happy with this collaboration with the EMS, noting that this is an advantage for both organisations.

The Council thanked the Tromp Foundation for funding the awards.

10. Europhotometeo

In paper C39_10 a summary was given about the background to and possibility of having another Europhotometeo competition. Costs for the implementation of all tools for registration, submission, voting, selection and display in galleries was also provided. The Council was requested to make a decision in principle about whether to:

- Continue with the Europhotometeo.
- Commission *vektorrausch* to set-up on-line tools to conduct the photo competition on the EMS website, and also foresee the resources for any associated administrative arrangements.

It was noted that AME, Spain, would be happy to continue to be centrally involved in the organisation of the competition, but to tie in with their own competitions they would prefer to organise the next Europhotometeo in 2020.

C39.07 Europhotometeo competition: The Council decided to continue with the Europhotometeo competition. The next competition would be in 2020, but any technical implementation would take place in 2019. (Votes 9:0:0)

Action 3: The Executive will investigate other options for the technical side of the Europhotometeo competition, in collaboration with Liz Bentley. Based on the outcome, the Bureau has the mandate to decide on the specific solution.

Action 4: The Executive Secretary will inform the Spanish Society, AME, on the decisions concerning the Europhotometeo competition; a timeline for the competition will be agreed with AME in 2019.

11. Monitoring the implementation of the strategic plan

A progress report on the actions was provided (paper *C39_11_Progress with strategy implementation*) as a basis for Council to monitor the implementation of the strategic plan. All the actions were reviewed: no further specific points were mentioned.

It was agreed that the monitoring of the implementation of the strategic plan would only be conducted once a year, at each spring Council meeting.

12. Budget 2019

A budget proposal was provided (paper *C39_12_Budget2019*). During the session the Treasurer provided updates related to the Europhotometeo (following Council's decision C39.07) and salaries of the staff.

It was suggested that having the Annual Meeting at the same location each year would allow for a better planning of the budget in future, but it was agreed that this possibility will not be pursued at this time.

C39.08 Budget 2019: The Council approved the EMS Budget for 2019 as presented by the Treasurer during the session (see Annex B of the minutes of C39). (Votes 9:0:0)

13. EMS Membership

The Secretariat reported that due to non-payment of membership fees for 2017 the status of the Member Society IMS (Israel) and the Associate Member Saab Aerotech (Sweden) is *dormant* from 1 September 2018.

An application by the Asociația Română de Meteorologie Aplicată și Educație (ARMAE) (Romanian Association for Applied Meteorology and Education), for EMS Membership was provided to Council for decision. The decision on this application was postponed.

Action 6: The President will contact both ARMAE and the Romanian Meteorological Society (SMR) to try to resolve SMR's concerns about ARMAE becoming a member of EMS.

14. Council Composition 2018 – 2019

Based on conclusions of the Council discussions at C38, Member Societies were invited by the Executive Secretary to nominate a representative for Council for the term 2018 – 2021. A proposal was submitted to the General Assembly (2 September 2018) that SGM (Switzerland) and HMM (Greece) have representatives elected to the Council.

The President thanked both Svante Bodin and Fritz Neuwirth who are both leaving the Council after this session for their contributions, queries and critical interventions during the last three years.

15. Election EMS Officers 2018 - 2021

The term of office of the Vice-President and Treasurer is three years and ends with the election of a new Vice-President and Treasurer. The terms of the current incumbents end in autumn 2018. Consequently, a proposal for the election of a Vice-President and a Treasurer has been submitted to Council in paper *C39_15_Election-officers*.

C39.09 Election Vice-President: The EMS Council elects Jean-Pierre Chalon (Météo et Climat, France) as Vice-President for the term autumn 2018 – autumn 2021. (Votes 9:0:0)

Jean-Pierre Chalon accepted the Office.

C39.10 Election Treasurer: The EMS Council elects K. Heinke Schlünzen (DMG, Germany) as Treasurer for the term autumn 2018 – autumn 2021. (Votes 9:0:0)

K. Heinke Schlünzen accepted the Office.

16. AOB

The AMS President, Roger Wakimoto, summarised the activities and issues that are discussed within the AMS; these included the AMS Centennial in 2020, the engagement with young scientists, diversity, international collaboration, the implications of moving to open access publication, open data and archiving, protecting radio frequency and sexual harassment.

The President informed Council that Fritz Neuwirth will represent the EMS at the IFMS General Meeting on 5 and 6 September 2018 in Budapest.

17. Council Session 40

C39.11 Venue for 40th Council Session: The Council agreed that the 40th Session will be held in Lyngby, Denmark, 27-28 March 2019. (Votes: 9:0:0).

The RMetS has offered to host the Council Meeting in spring 2020 at its Headquarters in Reading.

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: Budget 2019 as agreed by Council

Annex C: List of Decisions

Annex A: Agenda agreed by the EMS Council

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17. Time and place of the 39th Council Session: 40th Council Session: March/April 2019, place to be determined

Annex B: Budget 2019 as agreed by Council

Carried forward from previous year:	159.096,29
	Budget 2019: - Europhotometeo in 2020, - web pages set up 2019, - secretariat
Income	
Income from Members	19.000,00
Income from Associate Members	38.000,00
Annual Meeting	52.000,00
VAT Annual Meeting	3.640,00
Interest	40,00
Total	112.680,00
Expenditure	
Salaries	93.100,00
Committees, Project Teams	500,00
Awards	10.700,00
Europhotometeo	-
Workshops	650,00
Publications	9.592,00
Honoraries, Fees, Insurances	4.500,00
Travelling	9.500,00
Support for topical meetings	150,00
Banking charges	150,00
Office costs	1.000,00
Other costs	50,00
VAT	3.640,00
VAT other	
Total Expenditure	133.532,00
Income – Expenditure	-20.852,00
Account Balance at/anticipated for 31 Dec	138.244,29

Annex C: List of Decisions of the EMS Council at its 39th Session, 2 September 2018

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