

22nd EMS General Assembly

9 September 2020

Virtual

Minutes, 15 October 2020

adopted

Participants: (voting representatives underlined)

Rune Carbuhn Anders (DMI, Denmark)

Media Andrei (SMR, Romania)

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

Tanja Cegnar (SMD, Slovenia)

Sorin Cheval (ARMAE, Romania) - SMR voting for Romania

Vladimir Chukin (MeteoLab, Russian Federation)

Renato R. Colucci (UMFVG, Italy) – from 16:15

Zoltan Dunkel (MMT, Hungary)

Sven-Erik Gryning (DaMS, Denmark)

Paul Halton (IMS, Ireland)

Bert Holtslag (from 11 Sept 2020: President)

Sylvain Joffre (Chair EMS Committee on Meetings)

Martina Junge (EMS)

Sven Kotlarski (SGM, Switzerland)

Jean-Yves Lojou (I2S, France)

Antun Marki (HMD, Croatia)

Dominique Marbouty (Météo et Climat, France)

Akos Nemeth_ (MMT, Hungary)

Fritz Neuwirth (ÖGM, Austria)

Andrea Oestreich (EMS)

Manuel Palomares (AME, Spain) – ACAM voting for Spain

Piia Post (EstMS, Estonia)

Marc Prohom (ACAM, Spain; meteo.cat) – ACAM voting for Spain

Bob Riddaway (EMS President)

Gert-Jan Steeneveld (NVBM, The Netherlands)

Irene Suomi (GS, Finland)

Insa Thiele-Eich (DMG, Germany)

Paulína Valová (SMS, Slovakia)

Francesca Ventura (AIAM, Italy)

Dino Zardi (AISAM, Italy) – voting on behalf of the Italian Societies

30 participants

Chair of the Session: Robert Riddaway, President

Minutes: Martina Junge, Executive Secretary

1. Opening of session

The President as the presiding officer opened the 22nd General Assembly and thanked all participants of this very first assembly that was held virtually.

The presence of 17 nominated representatives of EMS Member Societies was verified by calling each by name; the quorum is 10. The presiding officer declared that the quorum is fulfilled. Votes are given as (acceptance : abstention : rejection).

2. Acceptance of Agenda, including early announcement of AOB

The Agenda was accepted as proposed (**Annex A**).

3. Minutes of the 21st EMS General Assembly

The minutes of the 21st session of the EMS General Assembly were distributed in October 2019 to all participants. Revisions and corrections that were received within four weeks were included in the final minutes. The minutes are held adopted.

4. Report of the President and the Bureau

The President reported on his activities since the last General Assembly and the activities of the Bureau and the Committees of Council (Minutes part II – Annexes: paper *GA22_04*).

In particular, he drew attention to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Harry Otten Foundation that had been signed, and the online events that were organised for 8 & 9 September 2020 and were appreciated by the community. The President indicated that letters of thanks will be sent to the people involved in preparing and running the online events.

The EMS Annual Report 2019 that details activities of the EMS in the previous year has been prepared by Council and was published on the website in July 2020 and issued to all Member Societies and Associate Members as part of the documents for the General Assembly. The Annual Report 2019 was presented to the EMS General Assembly by the EMS Council. The President thanked everyone who provided contributions to the Annual Report, in particular the Executive Secretary for preparing and publishing the final report. Also he urged Member Societies and Associate Members to make the Annual Report available to their members and employees.

GA22.01 Approval of Bureau Report September 2019 – September 2020 (Entlastung): The General Assembly approved the Report of the Bureau for the period *September 2019 – September 2020*. (Votes 17:0:0)

5. Verbal report about the outcome of the 44th session of Council held on 3 September 2020

The President reported on the following outcomes of the Council meeting; it was agreed to:

- Take advantage of the flexibility given by the constitution that allows physical, virtual and hybrid meetings of Council.
- Retain the ability to have secret votes at Council sessions.
- Amend its Rules of Procedure concerning the format of Council sessions and electronic voting arrangements.
- Take up the offer of AME to investigate the practicalities and costs of running a meteovideo competition.

- Not to change the fees of permanent members of Council.
- Have a special meeting in early 2021 to decide the format and fee structure of EMS2021.
- Expand the membership of the Committee on Meetings: an early career scientist for a three-year non-renewable term of office, and someone with expertise in the technology for virtual meetings.
- Include in the new Strategic Plan ways in which the EMS can further support the Global Weather Enterprise.
- Not to accept the proposal of the IFMS for the EMS to co-organise a World Weather Conference together with the EMS Annual Meeting, but to offer EMS support if the IFMS does organise such an event.
- To offer to investigate with IFMS how to support the establishment of an African Meteorological Society as a regional association like the EMS.

6. Report of the EMS Secretariat

The EMS Executive Secretary reported on the activities of the secretariat since the last General Assembly (Minutes part II – Annexes: paper *GA22_06*). These activities included:

- Overseeing the implementation of decisions and actions agreed by Council and General Assembly,
- Coordinating preparations for EMS2020 and contributing to the setting up of the replacement on-line event.
- Supporting the activities of the President, Bureau, Committee on Meetings, Awards Committee and Media & Communications Committee.
- Managing the finances and Membership administration of the EMS.
- With the Coordinator of the Europhotometeo competition, managing the competition and the associated activities.
- In collaboration with the President, continuing the regular publication of the *ems-message*.

The President thanked Martina Junge and Andrea Oestreich for the continuing excellence of their work and the vital role they play in supporting the activities of the EMS.

7. Finance

7.1. Report of the Treasurer

The Report of the Treasurer was provided to the EMS General Assembly in paper *GA22_06_Report-Treasurer*, including the Audit Report on the financial accounts 2019 (Minutes part II – Annexes: paper *GA22_07-01*).

On behalf of the Treasurer, the President:

- Drew attention to the opening of the GSL bank account and the reasons for making the change.
- Highlighted the financial success of EMS2019, the end-of-year balance for 2019 of about 257,000€ (an increase of about 77,000€), and the positive audit of the 2019 accounts.
- Explained that the early cancellation of the Annual Meeting 2020 saved a lot of money but there was still expenditure of 13,399€ with no income from the license fee. Hence there is a negative income from the Annual Meeting. It is expected that in 2020 expenditure will exceed income by

about 78,000€. Due to the good results in 2019, but also 2018 and 2017, the finance is available to accommodate the deficit for 2020.

- Indicated that the 2021 budget, as set out in the GA document, has been approved by Council. The budget included provision for a media assistant and communications advisor. Also it is assumed that there will be an income of at least 52,000€ from the Annual Meeting, irrespective of the format of the conference.

GA22.02 Approval of the Report of the Treasurer (Entlastung): The General Assembly approved the Report of the Treasurer. (Votes: 17:0:0)

7.2. Appointment of the Auditor

The Council proposed to the EMS General Assembly that the Sozietät Dr. Broll Schmitt Kaufmann & Partner, Berlin/ Dipl.-Finw. Matthias Keil, Germany is contracted to conduct the audit of the EMS accounts 2020.

GA22.03 Auditor appointment: The General Assembly appointed the Sozietät Dr. Broll Schmitt Kaufmann & Partner, Berlin/ Dipl.-Finw. Matthias Keil, Germany, as the auditor for the accounts of the year 2020. (Votes: 17:0:0)

8. New strategic plan

Paper *GA22_08* reported on the progress that has been made to develop the new strategic plan for the EMS: four strategic objectives had been agreed by Council at its 43rd session and the Strategy Working Group has prepared a draft of the context, role of the EMS and activities for the four strategic objectives.

The process for completing the plan will be as follows.

- At the 44th Session of Council, it was agreed that each member of Council (including chairs of committee/teams) will join one of four groups that will deal with each of the objectives. Each group would be led by a member of the Strategy Working Group.
- Each group will identify the priorities (i.e. what the EMS should do that is different or new in the future) for their objective by correspondence and/or an on-line meeting.
- Once the priorities have been identified, the members of Council will be invited to comment upon the completed plan by correspondence with the final version to be endorsed by Council at its meeting in the spring of 2021.

The version of the strategic plan endorsed by Council will be presented to the General Assembly at its meeting in the autumn of 2021.

9. Council Composition

As reported in paper *GA22_09*, after this session of the General Assembly, the term of two rotating Members on the EMS Council will end. The President thanked Sven-Erik Gryning (DaMS, Denmark) and Zoltan Dunkel (MMT, Hungary) for their contributions and critical interventions during the last three years. In particular, their commitment to make the two recent EMS Annual Meetings in Budapest and Copenhagen outstanding successes are highly appreciated by the EMS.

In spring, Jean-Pierre Chalon stood down as the Météo et Climat representative on Council. The President thanked him for his contributions to the work of the Bureau work and Council Sessions over many years and his commitment to the further development of the EMS. Dominique Marbouty has taken on the representation of Météo et Climat on the Council, and had also been elected Vice-President in spring 2020.

The Council proposed to the General Assembly that two new Members to be elected for three years.

GA22.04 New Council members starting in 2020: This General Assembly decides to invite representatives of the Societies in Romania: Societatea Meteorologică Română(SMR) and Asociația Română de Meteorologie Aplicată și Educație(ARMAE) to be represented on the EMS Council for the term autumn 2020–autumn 2023. In the first half of the term Sorin Cheval(ARMAE) will be the Representative and Meda Georgescu (SMR) the Deputy Representative; in the second half of this term the roles will be reversed. This General Assembly decides to invite Gert-Jan Steeneveld to represent the Nederlandse Vereniging ter bevordering van de Meteorologie (NVBM) on the EMS Council for the term autumn 2020–autumn 2023. (Votes: 16:1:0)

The President indicated that Bert Holtslag from The Netherlands will succeed him as the next President of the EMS on 11 September 2020. The President explained that the Council chose the new President at its 42nd session. This allowed the new President to be fully involved in the activities of the Bureau and Council before formally taking up office. The President also indicated that he was delighted that Bert Holtslag will be his successor, and that his appointment will enhance links between the EMS and the academic community.

10. EMS Membership

EUMETNET, EIG, the collaborative framework for National Meteorological/Hydrometeorological Services in Europe, and Meteoblue, Switzerland, a Swiss specialist company producing and supplying high precision weather and environmental data, had both applied for Associate Membership in the EMS in February 2020. The EMS Council accepted both applications at the 42nd Session of Council on 24 March 2020.

GA22.05 EMS Membership: The General Assembly welcomed the EUMETNET, EIG as new EMS Associate Member. (Votes: 17:0:0).

GA22.06 EMS Membership: The General Assembly welcomed the Meteoblue as new EMS Associate Member. (Votes: 17:0:0).

The Executive Secretary also informed that the Associate Member Azeraeronavigation (AZANS), Azerbaijan, is cancelling its Associate Membership from 2020.

11. Amend the Constitution

a. Amending the constitution

The Membership of the EMS was informed on 7 July 2020, in a letter from the President, about the Bureau's proposal to amend the constitution. The main reason for amending the constitution is that in the wording of the present version is the implicit expectation that participants in the Council and

General Assembly will attend in person. Though the constitution does not exclude remote participation in these events, it would be appropriate to amend the constitution to recognise that, in future, meetings of Council and the General Assembly may be held as a physical meeting, as a virtual meeting, or as a hybrid meeting involving both a virtual and physical presence. At the same time as making changes associated with participation in meetings, there was also an opportunity to make some other changes that clarify a few issues and recognise current practice. Through the consultation process, a revised version was developed which had been submitted to the General Assembly in paper *GA22_11_Amend-Constitution*.

GA22.07 Amendment of the EMS Constitution: The General Assembly decided to amend the Constitution of the EMS in the paragraphs §2, §3, §4, §5, §6 and §9 and to delete the transition arrangements for the period 2014 to 2016; the changes are detailed in **Annex C** which forms part of this decision. (Votes: 17:0:0).

b. Amending the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly

According to the Rules of Procedure there is a secret vote if it is requested by two representatives at the General Assembly, though nobody can remember such a vote ever being requested. Having secret votes at virtual meetings or physical meetings with some remote participants would require the use of some kind of on-line anonymous voting tool. Such tools exist, but using them for a secret vote at a General Assembly would be rather cumbersome. Consequently, the General Assembly was invited to consider whether allowing secret votes should still be included in the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly.

GA22.08 Amendment of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly: The General Assembly decided to remove the option allowing secret votes from the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly (Votes: 17:0:0).

Action 1: The Council will propose changes to the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly for consideration at GA23; the changes will take account of the amendments to the constitution and removal of the option to hold secret votes at General Assemblies.

12. Agenda items for the 23rd General Assembly in 2021

The following items have been suggested as agenda items for the General Assembly 2021.

- The Strategic Plan.
- The changes to the Rules of Procedure for the General Assembly.
- Possible initiatives of the EMS related to meteorological education across Europe.

13. AOB

a. Educational activities

It was suggested that the EMS might be more involved in coordinating or sharing information about educational activities across Europe that are concerned with meteorology and related sciences.

Action 2: A working group will be formed that develops a survey to investigate with the EMS Members what educational activities exist across the membership and what the EMS might do to support such activities; the group will be supported by the Executive Secretary. Members of the working group: Dino Zardi (chair, Italy), Paul Halton (Ireland), a person from Météo et

Climat, France (Dominique Marbouty responsible) and a person from the RMetS, UK (Bob Riddaway responsible).

b. New activities of Member Societies

The President invited contributions about any new or innovative activities of Member Societies.

- Insa Thile-Eich reported that DMG has an initiative of Young Researchers (JungeDMG) who want to reach out to Early Career sections of other Societies, and ask that they get in touch with the chairs, also if societies feel it would be a good initiative to create such a section in their Society. Contact: carola.detring@dmg-ev.de. See also: <https://www.emetsoc.org/young-german-meteorologists/>.
- Dominique Marbouty reported that 150 randomly selected citizens of France were tasked to propose initiatives and actions how to mitigate climate change and adapt – Convention Citoyenne pour le Climat (CCC); this led to involvement and much work for Météo et Climat. The French President had promised to put the individual proposals to a vote in parliament or have a public referendum on some of them. No English version of the CCC report is available, but there is a short description at <https://www.conventioncitoyennepourleclimat.fr/en/>. The CCC report and a summary of the propositions can be found at: <https://propositions.conventioncitoyennepourleclimat.fr/pdf/CCC-propositions-synthese.pdf> <https://propositions.conventioncitoyennepourleclimat.fr/pdf/ccr-rapport-final.pdf>
- Paul Halton reported that the virtual talks organised by IMS drew a wider audience – geographically but also sectorially – than onsite lectures, and remarked that we should seek the opportunities that open up during the pandemic situation.

c. Change of President

This was the last General Assembly that was chaired by Bob Riddaway as President of the EMS. His term will come to an end on 10 September 2020.

On behalf of the EMS Members, the Vice-President Dominique Marbouty expressed the gratitude for Bob's relentless work and efforts to further develop the EMS activities and most of all put in place a strategy that clearly identifies the priorities.

Dominique highlighted a few of Bob's outstanding characteristics; to mention two: His conviction that it is important to involve everybody in the discussions and work to achieve the best for the development of the EMS, and as a chair to always carefully summarize the discussions and show a way forward. Thank you Bob, in the name of all!

Bob Riddaway thanked the members of Council for their commitment to the EMS during his period of office. He also expressed his appreciation of the work of the committees/teams and the outstanding leadership provided by their chairs – it is the committees/teams that make things happen and provide benefits to the EMS membership and the meteorological community. In addition, he drew attention to the important role played by the Bureau in providing support and advice to the Secretariat. Finally, he expressed his gratitude to the Secretariat for the outstanding contribution it makes to the running and development of the EMS. In particular, he indicated that working in partnership with the Executive Secretary has been a great pleasure both professionally and personally.

14. Time and place 23rd General Assembly in 2021

No decision about the time and place of 23rd EMS General Assembly has been taken at this stage. In case a physical meeting will be possible, it will be arranged in Barcelona, Spain, on Sunday, 5 September 2021. Should the pandemic COVID-19 still persist, the meeting will be held either online or as a hybrid meeting. (Votes: 17:0:0).

The meeting opened at 15:30 and closed at 17:30.

ANNEX A: Accepted Agenda of the 22nd EMS General Assembly

1. Opening
2. Acceptance of the Agenda and declaration of AOB
3. Minutes of the 21st EMS General Assembly
4. Report of the President on the activities of the Bureau
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 - 7.2. Appointment of the Auditor for the accounts 2020
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ANNEX B: List of decision and actions by the 22nd EMS General Assembly

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Annex C: Amended Constitution – changes detailed

Constitution of the European Meteorological Society

with amendments of 30 September 2007, 12 September 2010, 5 October 2014 and 9 September 2020.

Definitive version: English

Preamble

In the nations of Europe, Societies of professional meteorologists, weather and climate scientists, users of applied meteorology and dedicated weather amateurs have encouraged and enabled the advance of meteorology for many years.

On the eve of the 21st century, these Meteorological Societies have established a permanent organization for their cooperation, particularly to deal with those aspects of meteorology which can be solved only on a Europe-wide basis or are best approached on that scale. This organization is based on the following Constitution.

The Constitution

1 Name

The name of the Society shall be European Meteorological Society e.V., abbreviated as EMS.

2 Seat

2.1 The seat of the Society shall be the seat of the Secretariat of the Society.

2.2 The seat of the Secretariat is ~~at present~~ in Berlin, Germany.

3 Membership

3.1 The Society shall be an Association of European Societies, mostly at the national level, which shall be scientifically based Societies in the fields of meteorology and related sciences, and their applications. Europe is defined as the area of WMO Regional Association Six.

3.2 New Members shall be elected by vote of at least two-thirds of the Council of the Society. Any ~~national~~ Society fitting the description set down in par. 3.1 shall be eligible as a candidate for election as a new Member.

3.3 Members may leave voluntarily at any time.

3.4 Membership may otherwise be terminated only by vote of at least two-thirds of the Members ~~present~~ participating at a General Assembly of Members, called by the President, with at least four weeks' notice.

3.5 In addition to Societies defined in par. 3.1 above, other bodies with an interest in the aims of EMS may be eligible for Associate Membership. Such bodies include non-European Meteorological Societies, National Meteorological and Hydrological Services, research and education institutes and departments and companies with interests in meteorology, related sciences and their applications, and Europe-wide bodies with similar interests.

4 Purpose

4.1 ~~The objectives of the Society are to advance meteorology (and sciences related to it) at a European-wide level, and to assist the development of applications of these subjects for the public welfare and benefit of the peoples of Europe and elsewhere.~~ The aim of the Society is to promote the advancement of the science, profession and application of meteorology and related sciences within Europe for the benefit of the whole population.

4.2 To these ends, the Society will concentrate its efforts into activities which can only be carried out at the European level, or which are carried out more effectively at that level than by a single member Society. Among other activities, the Society organizes scientific meetings and lecture series and supports scientific publications and research for the public welfare. The Council may establish groups which have special interests at the European level.

4.3. The Society pursues only activities directly intended to promote public welfare in the sense meant by taxation regulations. ~~It is to be registered at the Vereinsregister.~~ It is to be recorded in the register of associations in the country that is the seat of the Society.

4.4. The Society acts disinterestedly, in the sense that it does not pursue primarily its own economic gain.

4.5. The assets and income of the Society may be used only for purposes set out in this Constitution. No Member shall derive financial benefit from the assets or income of the Society. Any person or party incurring expenses on behalf of the Society, and for the purposes set out in this Constitution, shall not be reimbursed excessively.

5 Organization

5.1 General Assemblies

5.1.1 There shall be a General Assembly of Members, ~~called by the President in written form~~ at least once a year ~~in the State of a Member,~~ based on an invitation issued to all Members by the President. The General Assembly may be held as a physical meeting in the country of a Member, as a virtual meeting using video or telephone conferencing tools, or as a hybrid meeting involving both a virtual and physical presence. The General Assembly shall be chaired by one of the Officers (see par. 5.3), normally the President. The General Assembly's responsibilities include deciding on constitutional and financial matters, providing strategic direction, and electing representative Members to the Council (detailed in par. 5.2.2). At a General Assembly, financial matters and matters ruled by par. 5.5.1 and par. 9 shall be decided by a two-thirds majority of Members ~~present~~ participating in the event. The presiding Officer shall have a deciding vote and shall also decide which matters are financial. Other matters shall be decided by a simple majority. The voting, either in person and/or electronically, shall comply with good practice and the arrangements specified in the Rules of Procedure for the General Assembly (par. 5.1.3). Minutes have to be prepared about the content of the meeting. The chairperson is to sign them.

5.1.2 At General Assemblies, ten Members participating in the event shall constitute a quorum. Members may send any number of representatives to a General Assembly, but only one shall be designated by the Member to speak and vote on behalf of the Member in any particular discussion.

5.1.3 The General Assembly shall establish and adopt its own Rules of Procedure.

5.1.4 The General Assembly, having heard the report of the Council and Bureau, including a financial report and a statement (written or otherwise) by the Society's Auditors, shall ~~consider~~ **decide whether to approve** the accounts of the Society for the past year. **The General Assembly shall** ~~and elect~~ **appoint two auditors** ~~an auditor~~ for the forthcoming year.

5.1.5 The General Assembly shall decide about other tasks according to the Constitution and the law.

5.1.6 All Associate Members shall be eligible to attend General Assemblies as observers.

5.2 Council

5.2.1 There shall be a Council. It shall meet at least once between any two sessions of the General Assembly and is chaired by one of the Officers, normally the President. **The Council Session may be held as a physical meeting in the country of a Member, as a virtual meeting using video or telephone conferencing tools, or as a hybrid meeting involving both a virtual and physical presence.** The Council plans and directs the activities, and manages the properties and affairs, of the Society, in accordance with this constitution and decisions of the General Assembly of the Society.

5.2.2 The Council shall consist of representatives appointed by the governing bodies of the National Meteorological Societies of three permanent Members (France, Germany and the United Kingdom), plus six representatives of other Members elected by the annual General Assembly who shall each normally serve for a period of three years. The Council shall include one additional member in case the elected President is not already a representative (see par. 5.3.1).

5.2.3 Voting at the Council shall be by two-thirds majority on financial matters and by a simple majority on other matters. The presiding Officer shall have a deciding vote. The presiding Officer shall also decide which matters are financial matters. **The voting, either in person and/or electronically, shall comply with good practice and the arrangements specified in the Rules of Procedure for the Council (par. 5.2.5).**

5.2.4 At Council, seven Members **participating in the session** shall constitute a quorum.

5.2.5 The Council shall prepare its own Rules of Procedure, in accordance with rules under par. 5.2.2 and par. 5.2.3, for approval by a General Assembly.

5.2.6 The Council shall approve Rules of Procedure for the Secretariat, including rules on financial matters.

5.2.7 Associate Members shall be represented at Council in one of two ways. Associate Members which are Europe-wide institutions shall be eligible for permanent observer status on the Council and ~~pay an annual contribution in cash and kind~~ **provide an annual contribution as a fee or in kind** agreed with the Council. Other Associate Members shall also ~~pay an annual contribution in cash or kind~~ **provide an annual contribution as a fee or in kind** agreed with the Council, but shall choose from amongst themselves one Associate Member to represent each of the categories of Associate Members which Council may designate from time to time. Associate Members elected to attend sessions of Council may, like other Representatives at Council, speak when invited by the Presiding Officer.

5.3 Officers

5.3.1 Bureau

The Bureau consists of the **Officers**: President, Vice-President and Treasurer.

5.3.2 President

The Council shall appoint as President an individual who is a member of one of the Member Societies. The appointed President will automatically become a member of the Council if that person is not

already a representative. The appointment shall normally be for a term of three years and ends with the election of a new President. Presidents shall not be eligible for re-election.

5.3.3 Vice-President

The Council shall elect a Vice-President from amongst its members. The appointment of the Vice-President shall normally be for a term of three years and ends with the election of a new Vice-President. **The Vice-President shall be eligible for re-election.**

5.3.4 The President acts as representative of the Society.

5.3.5 If the President resigns or is unable to carry out the presidential functions through to the end of the period of office the Vice-President shall have the same powers and duties as the President till the election of a new President. In those circumstances the election of a new President shall take place as soon as possible.

5.3.6 Treasurer

The Council shall elect a Treasurer from amongst its members. The appointment of the Treasurer shall normally be for a term of three years and ends with the election of a new Treasurer. **The Treasurer shall be eligible for re-election.**

5.4 Cross-membership of Member Societies

The President of each Member Society shall ex-officio be a member, free of charge, of all other Member Societies.

5.5 Secretariat matters

5.5.1 Secretariat

There shall be a Secretariat of appropriate size, composition and location. These shall be decided by a two-thirds vote of the Members **present participating** and voting at a General Assembly, having heard a recommendation by the Council. The Secretariat shall coordinate and assist the work of the Officers, **the Council** and the General Assembly.

5.5.2 Executive Secretary

5.5.2.1 The Executive Secretary shall be the senior official employed by the Society.

5.5.2.2 The Executive Secretary shall report to the Council, act as its Secretary and direct the work of the Secretariat.

5.5.2.3 The Executive Secretary shall be appointed by the Council, for such period as it may decide and on terms which accord with the law of the country in which the Secretariat is located. Other staff, if any, shall be appointed by the Executive Secretary, within a complement agreed by the Council and on terms agreed by the Council which accord with the law in the country of employment.

5.5.2.4 The terms of appointments shall be agreed by Council by simple majority vote.

5.5.3 Bank account.

There shall be a bank account in the currency of the country in which the Secretariat is located. On the decision of Council, accounts may be set up elsewhere and in other currencies. Orders and payments up to an amount which shall be decided by Council from time to time shall be valid on the signature of any one of the Officers of the Society or that of the Executive Secretary or a named deputy, if any. Orders and payments exceeding that amount shall be valid on the signatures of either an Officer and

the Executive Secretary (or nominated deputy), or on the signature of the Executive Secretary alone following written authorization for each occasion by an Officer of the Society.

6 Funding

The Society shall be a non-profit-making body funding its activities by revenues raised from those activities, as well as by annual membership fees from Member Societies, **contributions from Associate Members**, donations and other income.

7 Communications

7.1 Communications within the Society, and between the Society and its Members, shall be in English. However, important documents, such as contractual documents, may, upon request to the Executive Secretary by one or more Members, be in either the English, French or German languages. Documents to be used in litigation or for other legal purposes in the country in which the seat of the Society is located shall be in a language of that country.

7.2 Each document appearing in more than one language shall state which language version is definitive.

8 Applicable law

In case of a legal dispute, the applicable law shall be that of the country in which the seat of the Society is located.

9 Changes in this Constitution

This Constitution may be amended at a General Assembly by a two-thirds vote of the Members **present participating in the event**, if at least eight weeks' notice is given for the Assembly and for the proposed amendments. Such an Assembly may be either an annual General Assembly or one called for the purpose, either by the Council or by at least six Members of the Society.

10 Arrangements for dissolving the Society

The Society shall be dissolved only by a decision of a General Assembly. Arrangements shall be made according to the law of the country in which the seat of the Society is located. Assets, which remain after dissolution of the EMS, can only be transferred to another geo-scientific Society acting for the public welfare. If the Society is dissolved, or if the Society changes its Constitution in such a way that the Society's purposes would no longer be tax-favoured, then its assets shall pass either to a charity recognized as a corporate body under the public law or to another corporate body which has tax-favoured status for the purpose of promoting geo-science.

Transition arrangements for paragraph 5.2.2.: 2014 to 2016

~~The six elected Members of Council referred to in paragraph 5.2.2, will normally serve for three years (from 2014 on). However, initially, in order to ensure later continuity, the term of only one Member serving until 2014 shall be extended until 2015 and the term of only two Members serving until 2015 shall be extended until 2016: those members will be designated by the General Assembly.~~

Anhang C: Geänderte Satzung

Satzung der Europäischen Meteorologischen Gesellschaft

(European Meteorological Society, EMS)

- geändert am 30.09.2007 auf der 9. ordentlichen Hauptversammlung -
- geändert am 12.09.2010 auf der 12. ordentlichen Hauptversammlung -
- geändert am 05.10.2014 auf der 16. ordentlichen Hauptversammlung -
- geändert am 09.09.2020 auf der 22. Ordentlichen Hauptversammlung -

Präambel

Seit vielen Jahren haben in den Ländern Europas Gesellschaften von Berufsmeteorologen, Wetter- und Klimaforschern sowie Nutzer der angewandten Meteorologie und engagierte Amateure den Fortschritt der Meteorologie unterstützt und ermöglicht.

Am Vorabend des 21. Jahrhunderts haben diese Meteorologischen Gesellschaften, eine dauerhafte Organisation für ihre Zusammenarbeit gegründet. Insbesondere will sie sich mit denjenigen Aspekten der Meteorologie befassen, die ausschließlich auf gesamteuropäischer Grundlage eine Lösung finden oder am besten auf dieser Ebene angeschnitten werden können. Diese Organisation ist auf der folgenden Satzung begründet.

Die Satzung

1 Name der Gesellschaft

Der Name der Gesellschaft ist Europäische Meteorologischen Gesellschaft e.V., abgekürzt EMS (European Meteorological Society).

2 Sitz der Gesellschaft

2.1 Der Sitz der Gesellschaft ist dort, wo sich der Sitz des Sekretariats befindet.

2.2 Der Sitz des Sekretariats befindet sich in Berlin, Deutschland.

3 Mitgliedschaft

3.1 Die Gesellschaft ist eine Verbindung Europäischer Gesellschaften, zumeist auf nationaler Ebene, in der sich wissenschaftlich orientierte Gesellschaften aus dem Bereich der Meteorologie und verwandter Wissenschaften sowie deren Anwendungen zusammengefunden haben. Europa ist als das Gebiet der WMO-Region VI definiert.

3.2 Neue Mitglieder werden mit einer Mehrheit von mindestens zwei Dritteln des Rates in die EMS aufgenommen. Neues Mitglied kann jede Gesellschaft im Sinne von §3.1 werden.

3.3 Mitglieder können jederzeit freiwillig ausscheiden.

3.4 Die Mitgliedschaft in der EMS kann außerdem nur durch eine Abstimmung mit einer Mehrheit von mindestens zwei Dritteln der teilnehmenden Mitglieder bei einer Hauptversammlung der EMS beendet werden. Diese ist vom Präsidenten mindestens vier Wochen im Voraus einzuberufen.

3.5 Zusätzlich zu Gesellschaften, wie sie in 3.1 definiert sind, können andere Körperschaften mit einem Interesse den Zielen der EMS als Assoziierte Mitglieder aufgenommen werden. Diese Körperschaften umfassen nicht-europäische Meteorologische Gesellschaften, Nationale Meteorologische und Hydrologische Dienste, Forschungs- und Bildungseinrichtungen, Firmen mit einem Interesse an Meteorologie und verwandten Wissenschaften und deren Anwendungen sowie europaweite Körperschaften mit ähnlichen Interessen.

4 Zweck

Die Ziele der Gesellschaft bestehen darin die Weiterentwicklung meteorologischer und verwandter Wissenschaften, von professioneller Ausbildung und Training, sowie die Entwicklung von gemeinnützigen Anwendungen in diesen Bereichen auf Europäischer Ebene zum Nutzen der Menschen zu unterstützen und zu befördern.

4.2 Dazu wird die Gesellschaft ihre Bemühungen konzentrieren auf Aktivitäten, die nur auf europäischer Ebene durchgeführt werden können oder die auf europäischer Ebene wirksamer durchgeführt werden können, als es eine einzelne Mitgliedsgesellschaft vermag. Die Gesellschaft führt unter anderem wissenschaftliche Tagungen durch, organisiert Vortragsreihen und unterstützt wissenschaftliche Publikationen sowie gemeinnützige Forschungsaktivitäten. Der Rat der Gesellschaft kann Gremien mit speziellen Interessenbereichen auf der europäischen Ebene einsetzen.

4.3 Die Gesellschaft verfolgt ausschließlich und unmittelbar gemeinnützige Zwecke im Sinne des Abschnitts „steuerbegünstigte Zwecke“ der Abgabenordnung. Sie ist im Vereinsregister einzutragen.

4.4 Die Gesellschaft ist selbstlos tätig; sie verfolgt nicht in erster Linie eigenwirtschaftliche Zwecke.

4.5 Mittel der Gesellschaft dürfen nur für satzungsgemäße Zwecke verwendet werden. Die Mitglieder erhalten keine Zuwendungen aus Mitteln der Gesellschaft. Es darf keine Person oder Gesellschaft durch Ausgaben, die dem Zweck der Gesellschaft fremd sind, oder durch unverhältnismäßig hohe Vergütungen begünstigt werden.

5 Organisation

5.1 Hauptversammlung

5.1.1 Die ordentliche Hauptversammlung der Mitglieder findet, basierend auf einer Einladung des Präsidenten an alle Mitglieder, mindestens einmal jährlich, statt. Die Hauptversammlung kann als physikalische Präsenzveranstaltung im Land eines Mitglieds, virtuelle Versammlung unter zu Hilfenahme von Video- oder Telefonkonferenzsoftware, sowie als Mischform zwischen virtueller und physischer Teilnahme abgehalten werden. Die Hauptversammlung wird vom einem Mitglied des Vorstands (s. §5.3), normalerweise vom Präsidenten geleitet.

Die Aufgaben der Hauptversammlung umfassen Satzungsänderungen und finanzielle Fragen, die Vorgabe von Leitlinien für die strategische Ausrichtung, sowie die Ernennung nicht-ständiger Repräsentanten des Rates (wie in §5.2.2 geregelt).

Entscheidungen zu finanziellen Fragen, sowie zu Angelegenheiten, die in §5.5.1 und 9 geregelt sind, werden bei einer Hauptversammlung mit einer Mehrheit von zwei Dritteln der teilnehmenden Mitglieder getroffen. Der Sitzungsleiter befindet darüber, welche Fragen finanzieller Natur sind. Alle anderen zur Abstimmung anstehenden Themen bedürfen der einfachen Mehrheit. Bei Stimmgleichheit entscheidet die Stimme des Sitzungsleiters. Die Ausübung des Stimmrechts ist sowohl elektronisch als auch persönlich möglich und muss sich an allgemein anerkannten Regeln orientieren; Einzelheiten werden in der Geschäftsordnung für die Hauptversammlung geregelt (siehe §5.1.3.) Über den Sitzungsinhalt wird ein Protokoll erstellt, das der Sitzungsleiter unterschreibt.

5.1.2 Bei einer Hauptversammlung gibt es ein Quorum von zehn teilnehmenden Mitgliedern. Die einzelnen Gesellschaften können eine nicht begrenzte Zahl von Teilnehmern zu einer Hauptversammlung entsenden. Rede- und Stimmrecht in einzelnen Diskussionen hat jedoch nur ein durch das Mitglied benannter Vertreter.

5.1.3 Die Hauptversammlung berät und übernimmt ihre eigene Geschäftsordnung.

5.1.4 Die Hauptversammlung nimmt den Bericht des Vorstands und des Rates unter Einschluss des Kassenberichtes und einer Stellungnahme des Kassenprüfers (schriftlich oder in anderer Form) entgegen und befindet über die Entlastung des Vorstandes für das vergangene Jahr. Sie beruft einen Kassenprüfer für das folgende Jahr.

5.1.5 Die Hauptversammlung befindet über weitere Aufgaben, so weit sich diese aus der Satzung oder nach Gesetz ergeben.

5.1.6 Alle Assoziierten Mitglieder können an Hauptversammlungen als Beobachter teilnehmen.

5.2 Rat

5.2.1 Ein Rat der Gesellschaft tritt mindestens einmal jährlich zwischen zwei Hauptversammlungen zusammen und wird von einem der Vorstandsmitglieder, in der Regel dem Präsidenten geleitet. Die Ratssitzung kann als physikalische Präsenzveranstaltung im Land eines Mitglieds, virtuelle Versammlung unter zu Hilfenahme von Video- oder Telefonkonferenzsoftware, sowie als Mischform zwischen virtueller und physischer Teilnahme abgehalten werden. In Einklang mit der Satzung und den Vorgaben der Hauptversammlung plant und steuert der Rat die Aktivitäten der EMS und verwaltet den Besitz und die Angelegenheiten der Gesellschaft.

5.2.2 Der Rat besteht aus Repräsentanten, die von den Leitungsgremien der Meteorologischen Gesellschaften dreier ständiger Mitglieder (Frankreich, Deutschland, Vereinigtes Königreich) ernannt werden sowie aus sechs Repräsentanten anderer Mitglieder, die von der jährlichen Hauptversammlung für eine Periode von - im Regelfall - drei Jahren gewählt werden. Für den Fall, dass der/die gewählte Präsident/in nicht bereits als Repräsentant im Rat vertreten ist, soll der Rat diese/n als ein zusätzliches Mitglied einschließen.

5.2.3 Abstimmungen beim Rat erfordern bei finanziellen Angelegenheiten eine Mehrheit von zwei Dritteln, in allen anderen Fällen bedarf es der einfachen Mehrheit. Das Votum des Vorsitzenden der Ratsversammlung entscheidet bei Stimmgleichheit. Der Vorsitzende der Ratsversammlung bestimmt außerdem, welche Fragen finanzieller Natur sind. Die Ausübung des Stimmrechts ist sowohl elektronisch als auch persönlich möglich und orientiert sich an allgemein anerkannten Regeln; Einzelheiten werden in der Geschäftsordnung des Rates geregelt (§5.2.5).

5.2.4 Bei einer Ratssitzung besteht ein Quorum aus sieben teilnehmenden Mitgliedern.

5.2.5 Der Rat entwirft seine eigene Geschäftsordnung in Abstimmung mit §5.2.2 und §5.2.3 dieser Satzung und legt sie der Hauptversammlung zur Zustimmung vor.

5.2.6 Der Rat erstellt eine Geschäftsordnung für das Sekretariat, in der auch Regeln für Fragen der Finanzen enthalten sind.

5.2.7 Assoziierte Mitglieder sind im Rat auf eine von zwei Weisen vertreten. Assoziierte Mitglieder, die europaweite Institutionen sind können permanenten Beobachterstatus beim Rat erlangen und entrichten einen Jahresbeitrag, dessen Art und Höhe mit dem Rat vereinbart wird. Andere Assoziierte Mitglieder entrichten gleichfalls einen Jahresbeitrag, dessen Art und Höhe mit dem Rat vereinbart wird, aber wählen unter ihnen ein Assoziiertes Mitglied aus, dass eine Kategorie von Assoziierten repräsentiert. Diese Kategorien werden vom Rat von Zeit zu Zeit zugeordnet. Assoziierte Mitglieder, die an Treffen des Rats teilnehmen haben, wie andere Vertreter beim Rat, das Rederecht auf Aufforderung des Sitzungsleiters.

5.3 Vorstand im Sinne des §26 BGB

5.3.1 Vorstand

Der Vorstand besteht aus Präsident, Vizepräsident und Schatzmeister.

5.3.2 Präsident/in

Aus dem Kreis der Mitglieder der Mitgliedsgesellschaften wählt der Rat den/die Präsidenten/Präsidentin der Gesellschaft. Der/die gewählte Präsident/in ist mit der Wahl automatisch Mitglied des Rates. Die Amtsperiode beträgt normalerweise drei Jahre und endet mit der Wahl eines/einer neuen Präsidenten/Präsidentin. Eine Wiederwahl ist nicht möglich.

5.3.3 Vize-Präsident/in

Der Rat wählt aus seinem Kreis eine/n Vize-Präsidenten/Präsidentin. Die Amtsperiode beträgt normalerweise drei Jahre und endet mit der Wahl eines/einer neuen Vize-Präsidenten/Präsidentin. Eine Wiederwahl ist möglich. Für den Fall dass der/die Vize-Präsident/Präsidentin kein Repräsentant eines der drei ständigen Mitglieder ist, wird seine/ihre Repräsentanz im Rat auf die volle Amtsperiode verlängert.

5.3.4 Der/Die Präsident/in ist einzeln vertretungsberechtigt.

5.3.5 Sollte der/die Präsident/in zurücktreten oder nicht in der Lage sein, die Aufgaben des Amtes bis zum Ende der Amtszeit wahrzunehmen, gehen die Rechte und Pflichten bis zur Wahl eines/r neuen Präsidenten/Präsidentin an den/die Vize-Präsident/in über. In diesem Fall soll die Wahl eines/r neuen Präsidenten/Präsidentin zum frühestmöglichen Zeitpunkt stattfinden.

5.3.6 Schatzmeister/in

Der Rat wählt aus seinem Kreis eine/n Schatzmeister/in. Die Amtsperiode beträgt normalerweise drei Jahre und endet mit der Wahl eines/einer neuen Schatzmeister/in. Eine Wiederwahl ist möglich. Für den Fall dass der/die Schatzmeister/in kein Repräsentant eines der drei ständigen Mitglieder ist, wird seine/ihre Repräsentanz im Rat auf die volle Amtsperiode verlängert.

5.4 Wechselseitige Mitgliedschaft

Der Präsident jeder Mitgliedsgesellschaft wird zum beitragsfreien ex-officio-Mitglied aller anderen Mitgliedsgesellschaften.

5.5 Angelegenheiten des Sekretariats

5.5.1 Sekretariat

Ein ständiges Sekretariat, das hinsichtlich Größe, Zusammensetzung und Ort angemessen ist, wird eingerichtet. Die Entscheidung darüber trifft eine Hauptversammlung mit einer Mehrheit von zwei Drittel der teilnehmenden Mitglieder unter Berücksichtigung von Empfehlungen des Rats. Das Sekretariat koordiniert und unterstützt die Arbeit des Vorstands, des Rats und der Hauptversammlung.

5.5.2 Leitender Sekretär

5.5.2.1 Der Leitende Sekretär ist der ranghöchste von der Gesellschaft eingestellte Repräsentant.

5.5.2.2 Der Leitende Sekretär ist dem Rat der Gesellschaft gegenüber berichtspflichtig. Er fungiert als dessen Sekretär und leitet die Arbeit des Sekretariats.

5.5.2.3 Der Leitende Sekretär wird vom Rat ernannt. Die Amtszeit liegt in dessen Ermessen. Weitere Bedingungen richten sich nach den rechtlichen Grundsätzen des Landes, in dem das Sekretariat angesiedelt ist. Weitere Sekretariatsangestellte werden gegebenenfalls vom Leitenden Sekretär eingestellt. Dies geschieht innerhalb eines Rahmens, dem der Rat der Gesellschaft zustimmen muß und zu Bedingungen, denen ebenfalls der Rat zustimmt und die im Land der Einstellung rechtens sind.

5.5.2.4 Die Bedingungen der Beschäftigungsverhältnisse werden vom Rat mit einfacher Abstimmungs Mehrheit festgelegt.

5.5.3 Bankkonto

Es besteht ein Bankkonto in der Währung des Landes, in dem die Gesellschaft ihren Sitz hat. Auf Beschluss des Rats können Bankkonten auch anderenorts und in anderen Währungen eingerichtet werden. Überweisungen und Zahlungen bis zu einer Höhe, die vom Rat von Zeit zu Zeit festgelegt wird, können nur erfolgen, wenn sie entweder die Unterschrift eines Vorstandsmitglieds oder des Leitenden Sekretärs oder eines benannten Vertreters, falls es diesen geben sollte, tragen.

Überweisungen und Zahlungen, die diesen Betrag übersteigen, sind nur gültig, wenn sie die Unterschriften entweder eines Vorstandsmitglieds und des Leitenden Sekretärs (oder eines benannten Vertreters) oder die Unterschrift des Leitenden Sekretärs allein, in Verbindung mit einer schriftlichen Vollmacht (zu jedem Anlass erneut anzufertigen) eines Vorstandsmitglieds der Gesellschaft tragen.

6 Finanzierung

Die Gesellschaft ist eine Non-Profit-Organisation. Sie finanziert ihre Aktivitäten aus eigenen Einnahmen. Die Einnahmen setzen sich zusammen aus den jährlichen Mitgliedsbeiträgen der Mitgliedsgesellschaften, Beiträgen der Assoziierten Mitglieder, Spenden und sonstigen Einnahmen.

7 Kommunikation

7.1 Die Kommunikation innerhalb der Gesellschaft sowie zwischen der Gesellschaft und ihren Mitgliedern findet in Englisch statt. Wichtige Dokumente, wie z.B. Verträge, können jedoch, auf Anfrage eines oder mehrerer Mitglieder in Englisch, Französisch oder Deutsch sein. Dokumente, die in einem Rechtsstreit benutzt werden, sind in der Sprache desjenigen Landes zu formulieren, in dem die Gesellschaft ihren Sitz hat.

7.2 In jedem Dokument, das in mehr als einer Sprache herausgegeben wird, ist festzulegen, welche Sprachversion die bindende ist.

8 Anwendbares Recht

Sollte ein Rechtsstreit entstehen, so kommt das Recht desjenigen Landes zur Anwendung, in dem sich der Sitz der Gesellschaft befindet.

9 Veränderungen dieser Satzung

Diese Satzung kann durch Abstimmung bei der Hauptversammlung mit einer Mehrheit von zwei Dritteln der an der Versammlung Teilnehmenden verändert werden. Die zu diesem Zweck einberufene Hauptversammlung kann eine reguläre Hauptversammlung oder eine speziell aus diesem Grund stattfindende Versammlung sein, einberufen durch mindestens 6 Mitglieder. Die Mitteilung der vorgeschlagenen Satzungsänderungen muss den Mitgliedern mindestens acht Wochen im Voraus mitgeteilt werden.

10 Regelungen bei der Auflösung der Gesellschaft

Die EMS kann nur durch einen Beschluss der Hauptversammlung aufgelöst werden. Diese Versammlung beschließt, wie verbleibende Beiträge, Guthaben oder Schulden aufzuteilen sind. Regelungen werden nach dem Recht desjenigen Landes vorgenommen, in dem sich der Sitz der Gesellschaft befindet. Bei Auflösung des Vereins oder bei Wegfall steuerbegünstigter Zwecke infolge Satzungsänderung fällt sein Vermögen an eine juristische Person des öffentlichen Rechts oder an eine andere steuerbegünstigte Körperschaft zwecks Verwendung für die Förderung der Geowissenschaften.

Die Richtigkeit und Vollständigkeit der Satzung gem. §71 Abs.1 S.4 BGB wird versichert.