

48th EMS Council Session

29 & 30 March 2022

Virtual Meeting

Minutes of 04 May 2022

adopted

Participants: (voting councillors underlined)

Bert Holtslag (EMS President)

Sylvain Joffre (Chair EMS Committee on Meetings)

Martina Junge (EMS Executive Secretary)

Andrej Kranic (SMD, Slovenia)

Shanti Majithia (RMetS, United Kingdom)

Dominique Marbouty (Météo et Climat, France)

Jordi Mazon (ACAM, Spain) – 29 Mar 14:00 – 15:00 and 30 Mar: 10:00 – 11:30 and 14:00 – 15:30

Robert Mureau (Chair EMS Technology Achievement Award Committee) – afternoon 29 and 30 Mar

Buruhani Nyenzi (President of the African Meteorological Society, AfMS; guest)

Heleen ter Pelkwijk (KNMI, Observer for NMHSs)

Guðrún Nína Petersen (VeF, Iceland)

Patricia de Rosnay (Chair EMS Awards Committee)

Paolo Ruti (EUMETSAT, Permanent Observer) – 30 Mar 10:30 – 12:00

Heinke Schlünzen (DMG, Germany)

Dennis Schulze (MeteoIQ, Observer for Service Providers)

Gert-Jan Steeneveld (NVBM, The Netherlands) – on 29 Mar; 30 Mar 14:00 – 16:00

Paulína Valová (SMS, Slovakia)

Meda Andrei (RMS, Romania)

Not present: Tanja Cegnar (excused; representation of SMD by Andrej Kranic), Sorin Cheval (ARMAE, Romania)

The Session was held on 29 March 2022, 14:00 – 16:00h, on 30 March 2022, 10:00 – 12:00 and 14:00 to 15:30h.

Chair: Bert Holtslag, EMS President

Minutes: Martina Junge

1. Opening of the 48th Session

The EMS President opened the 48th Session of the EMS Council by welcoming all participants. In particular, he welcomed our guest, the President of the newly formed African Meteorological Society (AfMS), Buruhani Nyenzi from Tanzania.

With 10 Council representatives present on 29 March 2022 (9 representatives from 15:00h), the necessary quorum of seven was attained. On 30 March 2022, 9 representatives were present at the morning session and 10 at the afternoon session. Votes are given as (acceptance: rejection: abstention).

2. Acceptance of Agenda and declaration of AOB items

A proposal for the agenda was distributed with the invitation to attend the Council meeting. The agenda was accepted as provided in **Annex A**.

3. Presentation on the establishment of the African Meteorological Society

The President of the newly formed African Meteorological Society (AfMS), Buruhani Nyenzi, had been invited to attend this Council Session. He gave a presentation on the development of the AfMS, the objectives, the status of becoming operational, and the issues and challenges to develop the activities. The presentation is available at https://www.emetsoc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/AfMS-102-EMS-Conf-Presentation-230322_Buruhani.pdf.

The presentation was very much appreciated by Council, and more information on activities exchanged. Support in kind by EMS and its Members was offered. High priority would be to advise on training, holding workshops, approaches to communication with the community, and on organising meetings. Buruhani Nyenzi attended the remainder of the session and more information on items on the agenda were exchanged.

4. Implementation of decisions taken at the 47th Session of the EMS Council

The draft minutes of the 47th Session of the EMS Council have been distributed to all participants of those meetings. Revisions that were submitted to the Executive Secretary have been implemented after review by the President. The minutes were subsequently held adopted (Rules of procedure 57). They are available at <https://www.emetsoc.org/about-ems/council/council-meetings/>.

The implementation of decisions and short-term actions recorded in the minutes has been detailed in paper *C48_04_implementation-of-C47-decisions-and-actions*, provided in part II of the minutes – Annexes. All decisions as well as actions agreed at the meeting have been implemented; earlier actions from C46 had been finalized since the last council session, however two actions tasked by the C45 Session were still open, namely the development of a communication strategy and measures to secure a wider field of applications for the TAA; these were taken up under the agenda 12 – Implementation of the strategic plan and item 10 – Awards, respectively.

5. Report of the President and Bureau

The EMS President reported on the activities since the last Council Session as well as on initiatives taken by the EMS Bureau (part II – Annexes: paper *C48_05_Report-Bureau*).

The Bureau proposed to amend the Rules of Procedure to formally implement procedures agreed earlier by the Council, namely on public statements that are supported by the EMS and its Members, and on rules for representation on Council by countries that have more than one Member Society.

C48.01 Rules of Procedure for Council: The Council approved the revision of the Rules of Procedure for Council as provided in **Annex C**. (Votes: 10:0:0)

Support for Ukraine: Implications for EMS Annual Meeting, awards and publications

A paper on support for Ukraine had been prepared at short notice by the Bureau, asking the Council to consider the measures proposed by the Bureau, and decide whether a statement on this should be published. Following further discussions and exchange with other organisations in preparation of the Council session a much shorter statement was proposed at the session, which found the support of all Council members.

C48.02 EMS Notice on support for Ukraine: The Council approved the following notice to be published:
EMS Special notice: To show our support for Ukraine and in accordance with current European sanctions, EMS will not accept any payment of EMS2022 registration or abstract submission fees from Russian or Belarusian institutions paid on behalf of researchers based at or affiliated with them. (Votes: 10:0:0)

Action 1: The Bureau was tasked to formulate equally succinct statements regarding the EMS awards and publications.

The Bureau is suggesting the following formulation:

Awards and prizes: To show our support for Ukraine and in accordance with current European sanctions, individuals suggested by or affiliated with Russian or Belarusian institutions are currently not considered for application of any EMS award or competition.

An EMS Special notice regarding publications is not suggested as any production and payment for ASR is in the hands of the publisher, Copernicus Publications; the procedure in place is that the review process is carried out, but no production started for papers for which the contact or corresponding author is affiliated with Russian institutions. That is in line with the view of the EMS Council.

More widely, it was discussed how the meteorological community in the Ukraine could be supported. For example, the option to provide waivers for registration fees for a number of participants from the Ukraine should be investigated. In addition, attempts to connect to the community should be made.

Regarding the Annual Meeting, the concern was raised that the meeting could be taken as a platform for political statements. The rules of conduct for the meeting need to clearly state that no political statement is allowed at any event of the meeting and that the meeting should stick to science, cooperation and networking; session convenors need to be informed on this; the task of a conduct committee for the EMS Annual Meeting (first in place in 2021) should be extended to take action on the breach of these rules when needed.

Action 2: The CoM is tasked to update the rules of conduct for EMS2022.

Action 3: The Bureau is tasked to establish a conduct committee again for EMS2022.

6. Report of the Treasurer

The financial report (part II – Annexes: paper *C48_06_Report-Treasurer*) was presented by the Treasurer. The balance as of 31 December 2021 was 203,769.44€ and has increased by 19,230.17€ as compared to 31 December 2020. She highlighted the important role of the license fee income from the Annual Meeting for the health of the accounts.

Free Reserves

The Treasurer also reported that despite the current Free Reserves are higher than the amount on the bank accounts by 31 December 2021, the taxable 2021 surplus of 16,378.17€ is suggested to be allocated to the Free Reserves.

C48.03 Free Reserves: The Council decides to allocate 16,378.17€ of the income 2021 to the Free Reserve (Freie Rücklage). (Votes: 9:0:0)

Membership Fees

The Treasurer also reported on the Membership Fees applicable for 2022, based on an earlier decision of Council to increase the amount annually based on an inflation index: The fees for Member Societies are based on the 1.315€/individual member of a Member Society.

In autumn 2021 the Council in principle agreed to raise contributions by the permanent members of Council and fees by Associate Members; feedback on communication with permanent and Associate Members on this issue was reported and based on this it was proposed to approve the suggested increases.

C48.04 Fees EMS Permanent Members: The Council decides to set the extra fees for permanent members of Council to 3000€ annually. (Votes: 9:0:0)

C48.05 EMS Associate Member Fees: The Council decides to set the fees for Associate Members at the following rates:

Size/type of organisation	Fees from 2022 (€)
< 10 employees	250
11-20 employees	500
21-30 employees	750
31-40 employees	1,000
> 41 employees	1,250
Permanent observers	6,000

(Votes: 9:0:0)

Action 4: The invoices in 2022 will be accompanied by a letter explaining the increase and explaining the advantages of EMS Associate Membership.

Budget 2022

The Treasurer explained the reasons for updated figures in the Budget 2022 compared to the version agreed by Council in September 2021.

C48.06 Budget 2022 The Council approved the revised Budget for 2022 as tabled in **Annex B**. (Votes: 9:0:0)

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

7. Approval of the Report of the Bureau, including Financial Report

On behalf of the Council, Gert-Jan Steeneveld thanked the Bureau for their important work and proposed to approve the Report of the Bureau including the Financial Report.

C48.07 Report of the President and Bureau, including the Financial Report: The Council approved the Report of the President and Bureau, including the Financial Report. (Votes: 9:0:0)

8. 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 *C48_08_Report-secretariat*), which essentially consists in support for the work of all EMS bodies, i.e. committees and the Bureau. In the first months of 2022 a major part of the Assistant's working hours went into managing the EMS photo competition.

From March 2022, Ge Cheng, Hamburg, is employed as media assistant for one year.

End of Tuesday-29 March session at 16:00; the session resumed on Wednesday 30 March at 10:00am CEST with the Report of the Committee on Meetings by its Chair.

9. Report Committee on Meetings

The Chair of the Committee on Meetings (CoM) reported on the feedback received from participants of the virtual vEMS2021, including conclusions drawn for the planning for 2022; the main items concerned the challenges and preparations for the EMS Annual Meeting 2022 that is planned mainly as an onsite meeting in Bonn, but is foreseen as a hybrid event (part II – Annexes: paper *C48_09_Report-CoM*). He also reported on the status of exploration of venues for future events; proposals for the future membership and chair of the CoM were made.

The Council noted that the planning of the meeting is surrounded by many unknowns that will influence the success of the meeting. Heinke Schlünzen reported from the recent D-A-CH conference for which the hybrid component was implemented in gather.town and worked amazingly well, something to be considered by EMS as well.

C48.08 CoM Membership: The Council approved Carlo Buontempo, ECMWF, as member of the Committee on Meetings for a second 3-year term from autumn 2022 to 2025. (Votes: 9:0:0)

C48.09 CoM Chair: The Council approved Dick Blaauboer as member and Chair of the Committee on Meetings for a term of three years from autumn 2022. (Votes: 9:0:0)

The Council thanked the whole CoM for their successful work in always developing the meeting further, reflecting new developments, and coping with all the new challenges constantly evolving. In particular the thanks go to the outgoing chair, Sylvain Joffre, who has led this committee for many years, with an amazing commitment and verve!

10. Report Awards

a. Report of the Awards Committee

C48.10 EMS Silver Medal 2022: The Council selected Elena Mateescu, Romania, as the recipient of the EMS Silver Medal 2022 to honour her for her lifelong scientific contribution to the field of agrometeorology, her outstanding services to the European meteorological community, and her leading and coordinating research at national and European levels.

Silver Medal Nominations

The chair of the awards committee reported on concerns of the Awards Committee related to the regulation introduced last year that two nominations need to be submitted, namely one female and one male. After exchange of many pros and cons the Council agreed that this rule will be taken back. Instead, until further notice there will be a call for nominations for female candidates in uneven years, and a call for nominations for male candidates in even years. As the rule to forward unsuccessful nominations from one year to the next will remain in place, this does not imply that male and female Silver Medallists will alternate; the alternating years only refer to nominations in specific years.

C48.11 Terms for the EMS Silver Medal: The Council decided to

- delete "Each organisation or body submitting a nomination needs to propose a female and a male nominee at the same submission."

- and to include “Nominations of female candidates are accepted in uneven years, nominations of male candidates in even years.”

(Votes: 9:0:0)

b. Technology Achievement Award

This item was discussed and decided in the afternoon session on Wednesday 30 Mar, at 14:00, with 10 Council representatives present:

C48.12 EMS Technology Achievement Award 2022: The Council selected the *Weather Observation Website (WOW)* Project as the recipient of the EMS Technology Achievement Award 2022 for the open accessibility of near real time weather observations and photographs that stimulates involvement of the public to take part in weather and climate sciences.

The accessibility to near real time weather observations and photographs assists forecasters in providing more accurate and timely warning systems and enables first responders to prepare for extreme events in good time – thereby lessening the impacts on lives and property. It also stimulates the public to take part in weather and climate science because of its open data policy. It has the potential to increase the general interest in and knowledge about weather factors and how forecasts and warnings are issued: not just by welcoming private weather station observations, but also, for instance, WOW for Schools could offer an important contribution to such knowledge if spread to more countries. In other words: It is really “citizen science”.

Increasing the number of nominations for the TAA

Action 5: One action planned to increase awareness for the award is that the chair would give a presentation at the Annual Meeting in Bonn, and highlight the content, the relevance and explain the nomination process.

It may also be an option to give the award biennially, but for the time being the annual cycle is kept.

The Council thanked Patricia de Rosnay and Robert Mureau and the other members of both, the Awards Committee and the Technology Achievement Award Committee, for their thorough work and discussions that supports Council in its decisions.

11. Report Media and Communication Committee

On behalf of the chair of the Media and Communication Committee, the Executive Secretary reported on the MCC activities and proposals.

- The Council appreciated the proposal and implementation of the event for/by Members around World Meteorological Day: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zMdUKREcrNg>
- The Council did welcome the workshop Effective communication of agrometeorological services at the EMS2022 and supported the EMS being the co-organiser of the workshop; the support of the Tromp Foundation was appreciated.
- The development of the ES Programme Stream with many new sessions was positively noted.

C48.13 Select committees for Media Awards 2022: The Council approved the membership of the selection committees for the three Media Awards in 2022. (Votes 10:0:0)

The EMS Outreach & Communication Award Selection committee: Tanja Cegnar, Slovenia – MCC (chair); Anisoara Irimescu, Romania – member of the Awards Committee; Tomas Halenka, Czech Republic; Rasmus Benestad, Norway; Liz Bentley, United Kingdom; Gerald Fleming, Ireland; Inge Niedek, Germany.

The EMS Media Weather Forecast Award Selection committee Jay Trobec, AMS – Chair; Tanja Cegnar, Slovenia; Karsten Schwanke, Germany; Panos Giannopoulos, Greece; Claire Martin, Canada – Vice Chairman IABM; Haleh Kootval, Switzerland; Stanislava Tsalova, Bulgaria;

The EMS Broadcast Meteorologist Award Selection committee: Rasmus Benestad, Norway – chair; Inge Niedek, Germany; Tanja Cegnar, Slovenia; Anisoara Irimescu, Romania; Gerald Fleming, Ireland.

The Council thanked Tanja Cegnar and all members of the Media and Communication Committee for their many initiatives and important contributions to the EMS activities.

12. Strategic implementation plan

The Vice-President Dominique Marbouty gave an overview of where we stand with the implementation of the Strategic Plan (paper C48_12_ Review-implementation-Strategic-Plan).

The method proposed for the way forward:

- Concentrate on priorities C (critical) and H (high);
- Consider some priority modifications were appropriate;
- Consider proposed modifications of responsible actors.

Status of development activities (Priority C or H) listed in the implementation plan 2021-2024



	Objective (summary)	Priority	Responsibility	Status
1.a	Hybrid meeting	C	CoM + PSC	Good progress
1.b	More attractive meetings	H	CoM + PSC	Good progress
1.c	ECS	M → H	CoM + PSC + Ind.	Some progress
2.a	JEMS	M → H	WG A → WG JEMS	Good progress
2.b	MS Webinars	M/H	WG B + Sec	Some progress
4.a	EMS IT infrastructure	H	Bureau + Sec	Little progress
4.b	Communication strategy	H	WG D + MCC	No progress
4.d	Diversity & inclusion	H	C + CoM	No progress



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Actions proposed



- Consider proposed modifications to IP
- Consider possible contributions to activities
- Create missing working groups (A, B and D)

Council discussed the proposals and concluded:

- The change in priorities as suggested by the Vice-President have been approved; also, the proposed change of responsible actors for the development of JEMS (Working Group JEMS) has been accepted.
- Keeping the development of a communication strategy as H priority has been questioned, though it is clear that this is a cross-cutting issue and requirement relating to all objectives and activities.
- At this stage no commitments of Council members not yet involved in any of the working groups have been made;
- Efforts to involve individuals from Member Societies in any of the working groups should be increased; however, it was acknowledged that just sending a message to Members will not be enough.

One of the priorities, namely *Develop ways to increase involvement of early-career scientists and students in the Annual Meeting* by facilitating their organisation of their own sessions and debates on their selected topics, has been discussed in more detail. Paolo Ruti, EUMETSAT, reported on recent the EUMETSAT Early Career Initiative: During the E. Satellite conference ECS Champions are given the opportunity to organise their own session, being free as to the format and content; this worked well in 2021 (virtual) and the EMS was invited to name an *EMS Champion* as co-organiser of such a session in 2022. Given the resources of EMS, such an action relies heavily on commitment of Members; at this stage it will be investigated if ECMWF would be interested to nominate such an ECS from their staff as session co-organiser. Another option could be to get one of the recent winners of the EMS Young Scientist Awardees interested/involved.

In general, to further develop the ECS networks, it was also suggested to attract existing networks like YESS (Young Earth System Scientists – Community: <https://www.yess-community.org/aboutus/>)

One action suggested for the EMS2022, is to offer to ECS to organise their own session in which they debate what they would expect from EMS. This will be explored by the CoM with the ECS members.

The President thanked Dominique Marbouty for the review of the Strategic Plan and noted the progress that has been made since the last Council Session. He also thanked Paolo Ruti for attending the session and offering these collaboration opportunities.

13. Collaboration

a. Extension of Memoranda of Understanding.

Three Memoranda of Understanding are up for renewal in 2022 (C48_13_collaboration)

C48.14 Extension of Memoranda of Understanding: The Council approved the extension of the Agreement of Understanding Selco W. Tromp Foundation – EMS, the Agreement of Understanding ESSL – EMS, and the Agreement of Understanding AMS – EMS. (Votes 10:0:0)

The Council saw no need to suggest any modifications to any of these.

Action 6: Signing of the extension letters either in person at the EMS2022 or through electronic exchange of letters, will be prepared by the Secretariat and the President.

Formal approval of Memoranda of Understanding

At the recent General Assembly, the question has been raised whether the General Assembly should not only be informed about new/extended MoUs, but should also approve this. The constitution and rules of procedure do not regulate this specifically and up to this stage MoUs have been approved by

Council. The general view was that the procedure should be kept as is, but the item will be put to the General Assembly in September for discussion.

Action 7: The General Assembly will be given the opportunity to discuss whether the formal approval of MoUs should be done as up to now by Council, or the responsibility to be transferred to the General Assembly.

14. Topics to be discussed at the General Assembly

In addition to standard items such as the Reports of the President and Bureau, the Treasurer and from the Secretariat, a presentation on “Where we stand with the Strategic Plan” would be important, accompanied by a 2-page executive summary of the Plan:

It was also suggested that for a round-table on new initiatives of Members setting a topic could be good; however, this was not felt practical.

15. EMS Membership

The cancellation of MeteoLab’s Associate Membership was noted.

16. Council composition term 2022 – 2023

Based on the information on which Member Societies have so far never or not for many years been represented on Council, considering that a wide geographical spread of Member countries should be reflected in the composition, and also hosts of forthcoming EMS Annual Meetings should be involved in the run-up of the conference, Council agreed that the Societies from Poland and Spain should be invited to nominate Representatives for election at the 24th General Assembly.

Council did also follow the Bureau’s proposal to invite the representative of the Slovak Met. Society (host of EMS2023) whose term just ends 2022 after three years, as observer to the Council Sessions until September 2023.

17. AOB

No point was raised under this item.

18. Next Session of Council and General Assembly

The 49th Session of Council will be held:

- if physical: Sat, 3 Sep 2022 (half-day: 14:00-17:00)
- if virtual: Tue, 30 Aug 2022 (half-day: 14:00-17:00)

The 23rd General Assembly will be held:

- if physical: Sun, 4 Sep 2022 (half-day: 14:00-16:00)
- if virtual: Thu, 1 Sep 2022 (half-day: 14:00-16:00)

All times CEST. For the time being both sessions are planned as physical meetings. It is envisaged to make a final decision by the end of June, if possible.

In closing, the President thanked all Council representatives, committee chairs and guests for their contributions and active participation in this session.

Annexes:

Annex A: Agenda

Annex B: Accounts 2021 and Budget 2022

Annex C: RoP Council

Annex D: List of Decisions and Actions

Annex A: C48 Agenda agreed by the EMS Council

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2. Acceptance of the Agenda and declaration of AOB
3. Presentation by an African Met. Society
4. Implementation of decisions and actions agreed at the 47th Sessions
5. Report of the Bureau
6. Report of the Treasurer
7. Approval Report of the Bureau including the Financial Report
8. Report of the Secretariat
9. Report Committee on Meetings
10. Awards
11. Report Media and Communication Committee
12. Review implementation of EMS Strategic Plan
13. Collaboration: Extension of Memoranda of Understanding with AMS, ESSL and Tromp Foundation
14. Topics to be discussed at the General Assembly
15. EMS Membership
16. Council composition term 2022 – 2023
17. AOB
18. Time and place of the 49th Council Session

Annex B: Accounts 2021 and Budget 2022 (Column E)

A	B	C	D	E	
Carried forward from previous year:	184.539,27	184.539,27	203.769,44	203.769,44	
	BUDGET 2021 agreed at C46	Accounts 2021	BUDGET 2022 agreed at C47	BUDGET 2022	
Income					
Income from Members	19.500,00	19.627,99	19.000,00	20.200,00	a)
Income from Associate Members	32.600,00	31.800,00	33.000,00	31.800,00	
Annual Meeting	52.000,00	72.728,59	62.000,00	62.000,00	b)
VAT Annual Meeting	3.640,00	7.160,94	4.340,00	4.340,00	
Interest	10,00	2,48	10,00	10,00	
Total	107.750,00	131.320,00	118.350,00	118.350,00	
Expenditure					
Salaries	99.651,61	99.795,78	101.192,92	103.100,00	c),d),e)
Committees, Project Teams	5.500,00	-	5.500,00	5.500,00	f)
Awards	13.000,00	3.200,00	13.000,00	13.000,00	
Europhotometeo (EPM)	-	-	2.000,00	2.000,00	
Workshops	650,00	-	650,00	650,00	
Publications	1.500,00	1.471,62	1.500,00	1.500,00	
Honoraries, Fees, Insurances	4.500,00	4.709,88	4.500,00	4.500,00	
Travel	10.000,00	201,02	10.000,00	10.000,00	
Support for topical meetings	150,00	-	150,00	150,00	
Banking charges	290,00	247,09	250,00	250,00	
Office costs	2.000,00	1.531,56	2.000,00	2.000,00	
Other costs	50,00	-	50,00	50,00	
VAT	-	-	5.091,00	5.091,00	g)
VAT other	-	69,11			h)
Payments on fixed assets		1.001,99			
Total Expenditure	137.291,61	112.089,83	145.883,92	147.791,00	
Payments in fixed assets					
Income - Expenditure	- 29.541,61	19.230,17	- 27.533,92	- 29.441,00	
Account Balance at/anticipated for 31 Dec	154.997,66	203.769,44	176.235,52	174.328,44	

a) Increase of income from members depends on EU area (27) consumer price index.

b) The income from the annual meeting depends on the number of participants, it is difficult to know the exact value in advance. This is an

c) Increase by 1.4% according to German Civil Service (TVöD Bund) are applied for EMS salaries as of 01.01.2022 (according to Council Res. C169 at C28 in 2013, Roskilde).

d) Increase of Assistant's working hours

e) Student assistant continues in 2022 (photos, video editing, web pages, social media). 30 hours per month.

f) funds to contract a communications advisor; carried over from 2021.

g) In general, VAT on the income from the annual meeting of year N (2021) is paid in year N+1 (2022).

h) this VAT on 2021 invoices is paid in 2022

Annex C: Rules of Procedure of the Council of the European Meteorological Society e.V. (EMS)**- Changes approved by the EMS Council:****Composition of the Council****Rule 2**

Each Member Society elected at a General Assembly to provide representation on the Council shall communicate to the Executive Secretary of the Society the name of the person from that Society who will represent it at the Council. For continuity, the Representative normally shall remain ~~as long as possible, with a minimum of one year~~ **for the entire representation term**. In addition to the Representatives, the President will be a voting member of Council in case the person is not already a Representative. Members of Council are defined as either being a Representative or the EMS President; these are referred to as “member” with lower-case letter, to differentiate from Representative Member which refers to the Society represented on Council.

Rule 3

In addition to the provision of Rule 2, where a State has more than one Member Society and the Member Societies of that State have been elected by the EMS General Assembly to serve on the Council, the Member Societies in that State shall communicate to the Executive Secretary which Society (to be known as a Representative Society) shall represent all the Member Societies of that State in Council.

Should this State wish to share this representation between two Societies, the Council may agree with it, applying the following guidelines:

- **both the Representative and the Deputy need to commit to attend all Sessions during the full three-year term; and**
- **it is recommended that the changeover of representation is happening at half term, i.e. after one and half years.**

Rule 4

Member Societies which have not paid their subscription for the preceding year shall not be eligible for election to the Council, neither, if already elected, shall they continue to provide a Representative to serve on the Council, nor to nominate one of their members for election as an Officer of the EMS. However, individuals from such Member Societies already elected as Officers shall continue to serve for the period for which they were elected.

Rule 5

Membership of Council begins immediately following the General Assembly at which a Member is elected.

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Voting by Correspondence**Rule 50**

A vote by correspondence is a ballot in which votes are cast through electronic communication means; it can be called by the President at any time between sessions of the Council at the request of at least two Council Members. The invitation to vote can be sent around to the Council Members at once upon receipt of the request, if it concerns (a) an urgent matter, (b) a matter which has been described earlier

by the EMS Council in session as something which should be settled in this fashion or (c) an uncontroversial or procedural matter for which a prompt decision will enhance the effectiveness or efficiency of EMS's activities. For other matters, sending out an invitation to vote by correspondence must be preceded by sending around adequate information on the matter to be voted upon not less than ~~30 days~~ **10 days** earlier, so that members who wish to exchange views on the matter can do so before the invitation to vote is sent out.

Rule 51

In case that EMS is contacted for urgently supporting a statement on behalf of its Members, the Bureau will assess the statement as to its potential relevance and importance, as well as to issues being critical, and decide whether Council needs to be consulted (vote by correspondence) or the Bureau can take such a decision. In the latter case, Council members will be informed about the support provided on their behalf.

Rule 51+1

Voting by correspondence shall be conducted by the Executive Secretary. Any proposal submitted to a vote by correspondence shall be arranged so that independent questions are voted upon separately.

Rule 52+1

Votes by correspondence must be received exclusively by the Executive Secretary within 30 days of the date on which the invitation to vote was sent to Council Members. Votes received after that date, and votes circulated to others than the Executive Secretary alone, shall be considered invalid.

Rule 53+1

The quorum for voting by correspondence shall be the same as that required during a session of Council. If the number of replies received by the Executive Secretary during the period specified in Rule 53 does not reach the required quorum, the proposal shall be considered to be rejected; in that case it may, however, be re-submitted at the next session of Council.

Rule 54+1

A statement certifying the results of the voting by correspondence shall be established by the Executive Secretary. Unless instructed otherwise by the Council, the Executive Secretary shall retain the votes in the form they were cast until the end of the subsequent General Assembly or session of Council, whichever is the later.

Rule 55+1

The Executive Secretary shall communicate the results of a vote by correspondence to all members in the form of numbers of votes cast for and against and the number of abstentions, and a list showing the votes of individual members. Voting by correspondence shall not be secret and Rule 49 shall not apply to votes by correspondence.

Annex D: List of Decisions and Actions of the EMS Council at, 48th Session, 29-20 March 2022

C48.01 Rules of Procedure for Council: The Council approved the revision of the Rules of Procedure for Council as provided in **Annex C**.

C48.02 EMS Notice on support for Ukraine: The Council approved the following notice to be published:
EMS Special notice: To show our support for Ukraine and in accordance with current European sanctions, EMS will not accept any payment of EMS2022 registration or abstract submission fees from Russian or Belarusian institutions paid on behalf of researchers based at or affiliated with them.

C48.03 Free Reserves: The Council decides to allocate 16,378.17€ of the income 2021 to the Free Reserve (Freie Rücklage).

C48.04 Fees EMS Permanent Members: The Council decides to set the extra fees for permanent members of Council to 3000€ annually.

C48.05 EMS Associate Member Fees: The Council decides to set the fees for Associate Members at the following rates:

Size/type of organisation	Fees from 2022 (€)
< 10 employees	250
11-20 employees	500
21-30 employees	750
31-40 employees	1,000
> 41 employees	1,250
Permanent observers	6,000

C48.06 Budget 2022 The Council approved the revised Budget for 2022 as tabled in **Annex B**.

C48.07 Report of the President and Bureau, including the Financial Report: The Council approved the Report of the President and Bureau, including the Financial Report. (Votes: 9:0:0)

C48.08 CoM Membership: The Council approved Carlo Buontempo, ECMWF, as member of the Committee on Meetings for a second 3-year term from autumn 2022 to 2025.

C48.09 CoM Chair: The Council approved Dick Blaauboer as member and Chair of the Committee on Meetings for a term of three years from autumn 2022.

C48.10 EMS Silver Medal 2022: The Council selected Elena Mateescu, Romania, as the recipient of the EMS Silver Medal 2022 to honour her for her lifelong scientific contribution to the field of agrometeorology, her outstanding services to the European meteorological community, and her leading and coordinating research at national and European levels.

C48.11 Terms for the EMS Silver Medal: The Council decided to

- delete "Each organisation or body submitting a nomination needs to propose a female and a male nominee at the same submission."
- and to include "Nominations of female candidates are accepted in uneven years, nominations of male candidates in even years."

C48.12 EMS Technology Achievement Award 2022: The Council selected the *Weather Observation Website (WOW)* Project as the recipient of the EMS Technology Achievement Award 2022 for the open accessibility of near real time weather observations and photographs that stimulates involvement of the public to take part in weather and climate sciences.

C48.13 Select committees for Media Awards 2022: The Council approved the membership of the selection committees for the three Media Awards in 2022.

The EMS Outreach & Communication Award Selection committee: Tanja Cegnar, Slovenia – MCC (chair); Anisoara Irimescu, Romania – member of the Awards Committee; Tomas Halenka, Czech Republic; Rasmus Benestad, Norway; Liz Bentley, United Kingdom; Gerald Fleming, Ireland; Inge Niedek, Germany.

The EMS Media Weather Forecast Award Selection committee Jay Trobec, AMS – Chair; Tanja Cegnar, Slovenia; Karsten Schwanke, Germany; Panos Giannopoulos, Greece; Claire Martin, Canada – Vice Chairman IABM; Haleh Kootval, Switzerland; Stanislava Tsalova,

Bulgaria;

The EMS Broadcast Meteorologist Award Selection committee: Rasmus Benestad, Norway – chair; Inge Niedek, Germany; Tanja Cegnar, Slovenia; Anisoara Irimescu, Romania; Gerald Fleming, Ireland.

C48.14 Extension of Memoranda of Understanding: The Council approved the extension of the Agreement of Understanding Selco W. Tromp Foundation – EMS, the Agreement of Understanding ESSL – EMS, and the Agreement of Understanding AMS – EMS.

List of Actions

Action 1: The Bureau was tasked to formulate equally succinct statements regarding the EMS awards and publications.

Action 2: The CoM is tasked to update the rules of conduct for EMS2022.

Action 3: The Bureau is tasked to establish a conduct committee again for EMS2022.

Action 4: The invoices in 2022 will be accompanied by a letter explaining the increase and explaining the advantages of EMS Associate Membership.

Action 5: Increasing the number of nominations for the TAA: One action planned to increase awareness for the award is that the chair would give a presentation at the Annual Meeting in Bonn, and highlight the content, the relevance and explain the nomination process.

Action 6: Extension Memoranda of Understanding: Signing of the extension letters either in person at the EMS2022 or through electronic exchange of letters, will be prepared by the Secretariat and the President.

Action 7: The General Assembly will be given the opportunity to discuss whether the formal approval of MoUs should be done as up to now by Council, or the responsibility to be transferred to the General Assembly.