

**49th EMS Council Session**

Saturday, 3 September 2022

Location: University of Bonn, Campus Poppelsdorf, 53115 Bonn, Germany

Minutes of 17 September 2022

**adopted**

**Participants:** (voting councillors underlined)

Meda Andrei (SMA, Romania)

Dick Blaauboer (Chair EMS Committee on Meetings, 2022 – 2025) – online

Tanja Cegnar (SMD, Slovenia; also Chair Media and Communication Committee)

Bert Holtslag (EMS President)

Sylvain Joffre (Chair EMS Committee on Meetings until 2022) – online

Martina Junge (EMS Executive Secretary)

Shanti Majithia (RMetS, United Kingdom) – online

Dominique Marbouty (Météo et Climat, France),

Jordi Mazon (ACAM, Spain)

Umberto Modigliani (ECMWF)

Gudrun Nina Petersen (VeF, Iceland)

Heinke Schlünzen (DMG, Germany)

Gert-Jan Steeneveld (NVBM, The Netherlands)

*Excused: Paulína Valová (SMS, Slovakia)*

The Session opened at 15:00h and closed at 18:00h.

*Chair: Bert Holtslag, EMS President*

*Minutes: Martina Junge*

### **1. Opening of the 49th Session**

The EMS President opened the 49th Session of the EMS Council by welcoming all participants to this first in-person meeting after three years. With **nine** Council representatives present the necessary quorum of seven was attained. 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 (**Annex A**). No additional item was declared for the agenda item AOB.

### **3. Implementation of decisions taken at the 48th Session of the EMS Council**

The draft minutes of the 48th 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 <https://www.emetsoc.org/about-ems/council/council-meetings/>.

An update of the status of MoU extensions: the letter of extension between ESSL and EMS will be signed during this week of Annual Meeting in Bonn, the extension of the AMS – EMS MoU is still pending.

#### **4. Report of the President on the activities of the Bureau**

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 *C49\_04\_Report\_President\_Bureau*). The EMS Annual Report 2021 that details activities of the EMS in the previous year has been prepared by Council and was published on the website in August 2021 and issued to all Member Societies and Associate Members as part of the documents for the General Assembly. The President thanked everyone who provided contributions to the Annual Report.

#### **5. Report of the Treasurer**

The financial report (part II – Annexes: paper *C49\_05\_Report-Treasurer*) was presented by the Treasurer. The report of the auditor on the financial accounts 2021 testified that the revenue-and-expenses statement complies with the legal requirements as well as additional rules fixed in the Constitution of the Society.

The increase in Membership Fees as decided by Council at its recent session has been implemented. It was noted that at this stage a prediction of the end of year accounts is still difficult, as it depends to a large amount on the income from the Annual Meeting license fee (see also report of the CoM).

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

#### **6. 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.

**C49.01 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)

#### **7. 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 *C49\_07\_report-secretariat*).

The report included experience and recommendations from the recent Europhotometeo competition. In general, Council members feel the competition is a valuable activity as it draws a different audience to the EMS website than usual; the issue is that the EMS at this stage has no other activities that are of interest to that community so the interest in the EMS is a singular peak in the course of two years; how to develop such activities was also part of the discussion on the strategy (agenda item 11). Otherwise, discussion on this point concluded that:

- The rules for the use of photos should be changed to publish them according to cc-licenses; this might reduce the number of submissions somewhat, as professional photographers may not submit;

- The procedures should be simplified as much as possible so the workload on the secretariat is reduced.

**Action 1:** The secretariat is tasked to make a proposal for changes in procedures and provide a draft for revised terms of reference for the next council session.

## 8. Report Committee on Meetings

The Chair of the Committee on Meetings (CoM) reported on the activities of the committee, the preparations for the first hybrid EMS2022 and other relevant issues related to future annual meetings (part II – Annexes: paper *C49\_08\_Report-CoM*).

A few highlighted issues from the report were discussed:

- The development of contributions to the applications-oriented Programme Stream in comparison to the research-focussed ones; different views were exchanged on how to assess the growing role of the UP Stream; in any case the development should be further monitored;
- A lot of conceptual and practical work went into the development of the hybrid concept; for the oral programme this looks to be a viable approach for the coming years, for a hybrid poster programme and session there are many issues still to be dealt with, and the programme this year can only be a first step.
- Budget: at this stage the registration numbers suggest that the income is closer to the higher alternative than the lower one given in the report, but a certainty about the order of income will not be clear until the end of October. For future developments, inflation rates in Europe and concomitantly the reduction in funds for NMHSs and for research may have repercussions for attendance numbers at EMS Annual Meetings.

**C49.02 PSC 2023 membership:** The Council approved the membership of the Programme and Science Committee for the EMS Annual Meeting 2023 as provided in **Annex C** of these minutes. (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, and taking on board all the new challenges connected to the online meetings.

Big thanks were given to Sylvain for his long-standing commitment to the work of the CoM and his many initiatives and strategic thoughts on developing the meeting to what it is today.

Council did welcome Dick Blaauboer as the new chair of this important EMS Committee.

## 9. Report Awards

### a. Report of the Awards Committee

Information on the activities of the committee since the last Council Session were included in the report of the secretariat and were mainly focussed on selection of recipients for conference awards YSCAs (part II – Annexes: paper *C49\_07\_Report-Secretariat*). The pandemic situation is still reflected in the low number of applications, presumably.

### **b. EMS Tromp Awards**

The Chair of the selection committees for the EMS Tromp Award and the Tromp Foundation Conference Awards for Young Scientists (TFTAYS) reported on the awardee for the EMS Tromp Award, and the provision of six TFTAYS for attendance at the EMS2022 (part II – Annexes: paper *C49\_09\_Awards\_TrompFoundation*). All awardees will be highlighted during the EMS Annual Meeting. Also, David Schultz, the winner of the EMS Tromp Award 2020, had been invited to give a presentation onsite in Bonn and also to the Awards Ceremony, as in 2020 no in-person ceremony had been possible.

The Council thanked the Tromp Foundation for funding these awards.

## **10. Report Media and Communication Committee**

The Chair of the Media and Communication Committee reported on recent activities of the committee in times when personal interaction was not possible (part II – Annexes: paper *C49\_10\_Report-MCC*). The activities included planning for the EMS2022 ES Programme Stream, the selection of Media Awardees and contributing to a workshop on communication of agrometeorological services.

The latter workshop will take place on Wednesday during the EMS Annual Meeting with 20 participants, and the MCC was heavily involved in the development, planning and organisation.

One issue concerned the lack of nominations for two Media awards this year, and after having looked at developments over recent years and the possible reasons for the small number of nominations, the MCC proposes to merge the Weather Forecast Award and the (life achievement) Broadcast Meteorologist Award.

**Action 2:** The MCC will make a proposal for the Terms of reference for a merged media award at the next Council Session.

The Council thanked Tanja Cegnar and the other members of the Media and Communications Committee for their many initiatives and important contributions to EMS's activities.

## **11. Strategic Plan**

The Vice-President Dominique Marbouty presented a review of the implementation of the strategic plan that included a report from the existing workgroups on their activities/achievements, an assessment where we stand, and some proposals on the way forward (part II – Annexes: paper *C49\_11\_Review-implementation-Strategic-Plan*). This review of the Strategic Plan 2021 – 2024 corresponds to the end of the first year of the strategy. Half of the high-priority activities are in good shape, mainly thanks to the action of existing committees, in particular CoM, or the involvement of dedicated individuals. Also, the launch of an EMS Journal has developed well. Other activities listed in the implementation plan will only develop if individuals from Members and Associate are willing to contribute, in particular within the strategy working groups.

A number of issues were raised and discussed, and the following concluded:

- In the context of naming chairs and members of the working groups a suggestion was made that instead of 4 working groups (for 4 objectives) there should rather be one monitoring group that consists of the Vice President, the chairs of existing EMS committees

and two or three more volunteers from council or the EMS Members; this proposal was endorsed;

- It was noted that progress since the plan was approved was quite substantial and that this should be communicated to the public/the membership through a publication; A clearer definition of a goal we want to achieve with the strategy was asked for;
- One goal should be the involvement of non-professionals at the Annual Meetings.

These points were further discussed with the wider Membership at the General Assembly on the following day at which the “merging of the working groups into one group was welcomed, and interest was indicated, but it would be important to have more information on the terms for this group and in particular the time commitment that would be expected from them before nominating people”, with an action on the Vice-President to “put together short terms/information to be provided to the EMS Membership”.

**Action 3:** A more in-depth discussion of the strategy will be scheduled for the Council Session C50 in spring 2023, addressing in particular

- (i) the question of what is the long-term goal of the strategy (vision for the EMS),
- (ii) a possible extension of the period covered by the strategy and
- (iii) how should EMS develop its engagement with "lay-people" (term to be defined).

## 12. Budget 2023

The Treasurer provided a budget proposal (part II – Annexes: paper *C49\_12\_Budget-2022*), and stressed again that the financial sustainability of the EMS depends to a considerable part on income from the licence fee for the EMS Annual Meeting and that the organisation should aim at an income of 72.000€ from the Annual Meeting in 2023.

Possible effects of the high inflation in Europe on the budget were considered; as the staff salaries are the largest expenditure item for the EMS and these are already fixed for 2023, the effects appear not too problematic at least for the coming year.

**C49.03 Budget 2023:** The Council approved the EMS Budget for 2023 as provided in **Annex D** of the minutes of the 49th Council Session. (Votes 9:0:0)

## 13. EMS Membership

Council noted the cancellation of Associate Membership by MODEM, France.

## 14. Council composition 2022 – 2023

Two members are leaving the Council after this session. The President thanked Jordi Mazon (ACAM, Spain) and Paulína Valová (SMS, Slovakia) for their contributions and critical interventions during the last three years. In particular, their contributions to the development of the new Strategic Plan are highly appreciated by the EMS.

## 15. Any Other Business

No issues were raised under this agenda item.

## **16. 50th Session of Council**

The Council in principle agreed the dates 28 and 29 March 2023 for the next Council Session C48 possibly in Wageningen, The Netherlands. However, G.N. Petersen may not be able to participate due to conflicting conference dates. The meeting is planned as a hybrid meeting, i.e. onsite with an online component for those who do not want to travel. Dependent on the development of the pandemic in the autumn, the decision on the format and venue may be reconsidered by the Bureau if necessary.

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: List of Decisions and Actions**

### **Annex C: PSC for EMS2023**

### **Annex D: Budget 2023 as agreed by Council**

### **Annex A: Agenda agreed by the EMS Council 49th Session of the EMS Council**

1. Opening
2. Acceptance of the Agenda and declaration of AOB
3. Implementation of decisions and actions agreed at the 48th Session
4. Report of the President on the activities of the Bureau
5. Report of the Treasurer
6. Approval of the Report of the Bureau, including the Financial Report
7. Report of the Secretariat
8. Report Committee on Meetings
9. Report Awards
10. Report Media and Communication Committee
11. Strategic Plan
12. Budget 2023
13. EMS Membership
14. Council composition term 2022 – 2023
15. AOB
16. Time and place of the 50th Council Session: *proposed dates are 28 & 29 Mar 2023*

**Annex B: List of Decisions and Actions of the EMS Council at 49th Session, 3 September 2022**

**C49.01 Report of the President and Bureau, including the Financial Report:** The Council approved the Report of the President and Bureau, including the Financial Report.

**C49.02 PSC 2023 membership:** The Council approved the membership of the Programme and Science Committee for the EMS Annual Meeting 2023 as provided in **Annex C** of the minutes.

**C49.03 Budget 2023:** The Council approved the EMS Budget for 2023 as provided in **Annex D** of the minutes of the 49th Council Session.

**List of Actions**

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**Annex C: PSC2023 – Programme and Science Committee (PSC) for the EMS Annual Meeting 2023, to be held 4 – 8 September 2023 in Bratislava, Slovakia**

Chair: Dick Blaauboer: EMS Committee on Meetings  
Martin Benko, Slovak Hydrometeorological Institute  
Eric Bazile: Météo France  
Frank Beyrich: Moderator UP Programme Stream (DWD)  
Carlo Buontempo: EMS Committee on Meetings (ECMWF)  
Tanja Cegnar: Moderator ES Programme Stream (EAS)  
Barbara Chimani: EUMETNET Climate Programme – Deputy Moderator UP Programme Stream (ZAMG)  
Carola Detring: EMS Committee on Meetings (DWD)  
Marie Doutriaux-Boucher: EUMETSAT, chair OPA committee  
Christian Csekits: EUMETNET WGCEF (ZAMG)  
Gerald Fleming: Deputy Moderator ES Programme Stream  
Tim Hewson: European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts  
Martina Junge: European Meteorological Society  
Peter Kalverla: EMS Committee on Meetings (Netherlands eScienceCenter)  
Frank Kaspar: Deutscher Wetterdienst  
Haleh Kootval: EMS Committee on Meetings (Worldbank)  
Marc Korevaar: Hydrometeorological Equipment Industry – HMEI (Kipp & Zonen/OTT HydroMet)  
Aline Kraai: EUMETNET (KNMI)  
Blaž Kurnik: European Environment Agency  
Antti Mäkelä: Deputy Moderator OSA Programme Stream (FMI)  
Andrea Montani: Moderator OSA Programme Stream (ECMWF; ARPA)  
Jaakko Nuottokari: EMS Committee on Meetings (FMI)  
Dennis Schulze: PRIMET (MeteoIQ)  
Clemens Simmer: German Meteorological Society  
Victoria Sinclair: EMS Committee on Meetings (University of Helsinki)  
Dan Suri: MetOffice  
Paulína Valova, Slovak Meteorological Society  
Vicente Vasquez: World Meteorological Organisation  
*representatives of 2024-host :*  
Catalan Association of Meteorology ACAM  
Spanish Meteorological Society AME  
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**Annex D: Budget 2023 as agreed by Council (Column E)**

Financial Accounts 2021 (column B), Accounts and Budget 2022 (column C and D) and Budget 2023 (column E)					
A	B	C	D	E	
<b>Carried forward from previous year:</b>	<b>184.539,27</b>	<b>203.769,44</b>	<b>203.769,44</b>	<b>175.528,44</b>	
	<b>Accounts 2021</b>	<b>BUDGET 2022 agreed at C48</b>	<b>Accounts 2022 status: 28 June 2022</b>	<b>Budget 2023</b>	
<b>Income</b>					
Income from Members	19.627,99	20.200,00	9.746,82	21.000,00	a)
Income from Associate Members	31.800,00	33.000,00	30.250,00	33.000,00	
Annual Meeting	72.728,59	62.000,00	-	72.000,00	b)
VAT Annual Meeting	7.160,94	4.340,00	-	5.040,00	
Interest	2,48	10,00	-	10,00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>131.320,00</b>	<b>119.550,00</b>	<b>39.996,82</b>	<b>131.050,00</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Salaries	99.795,78	103.100,00	49.738,81	108.604,57	c),d),e)
Committees, Project Teams	-	5.500,00	-	500,00	f)
Awards	3.200,00	13.000,00	-	13.000,00	
Europhotometeo (EPM)	-	2.000,00	2.250,00	-	
Workshops	-	650,00	-	650,00	
Publications	1.471,62	1.500,00	1.549,93	1.500,00	
Honoraries, Fees, Insurances	4.709,88	4.500,00	3.817,83	4.500,00	
Travel	201,02	10.000,00	1.079,12	10.000,00	
Support for topical meetings	-	150,00	-	150,00	
Banking charges	247,09	250,00	122,75	250,00	
Office costs	1.531,56	2.000,00	859,28	2.000,00	
Other costs	-	50,00	54,10	50,00	
VAT Annual Meeting	-	5.091,00	-	4.340,00	g)
VAT other	- 69,11	-	69,14	-	h)
Payments on fixed assets	1.001,99	-	-	-	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>112.089,83</b>	<b>147.791,00</b>	<b>59.540,96</b>	<b>145.544,57</b>	
<b>Income - Expenditure</b>	<b>19.230,17</b>	<b>- 28.241,00</b>	<b>- 19.544,14</b>	<b>- 14.494,57</b>	
<b>Account Balance at/anticipated for 31 Dec</b>	<b>203.769,44</b>	<b>175.528,44</b>	<b>184.225,30</b>	<b>161.033,87</b>	
a) Increase of income from members assumed for 2023: 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 estimate of the income.					
c) Increase by 1.4% according to German Civil Service (TVöD Bund) applied for EMS salaries as of 01.01.2022/ 1.8% from 01.01.2023 (according to Council Res. C169 at C28 in 2013, Roskilde)					
d) Increase of Assistant's working hours to 11/week from 2022 onwards.					
e) A student assistant to continue through 2022 and 2023 (photos, video editing, web pages, social media), 30 hours per month.					
f) funds to contract a communications advisor (5000); carried over from 2021, but not to 2023					
g) In general, VAT on income from the annual meeting year N (2022) is paid in year N+1 (2023).					
h) this VAT on 2021 invoices is paid in 2022					