

13th Meeting of the EMS Council
De Bilt, Netherlands, 11 September 2005
Minutes approved by the 14th Council session

Notes. A.: All votes are denoted as (x/y/z) wherein x is the number of votes cast in favour, y is the number cast against a point voted upon and z is the number of abstentions. These minutes follow the points of order according to the agenda.

B: The quorum of 8 Councillors present was met.

Present:

Councillors

David Axford (EMS Treasurer and Vice-President, Chair of the EMS Accreditation Committee, RMetS, Reading), Rasmus Benestad (FM, Oslo), Tanja Cegnar (Chair of EMS Media Committee, SMD, Slovenia), Raino Heino (EMS Vice President, GS, Helsinki), Asunción Pastor (Met Societies from Spain, Madrid), Heleen ter Pelkwijk (KNMI, De Bilt), René Morin (EMS Past President, SMF, Paris), Werner Wehry (EMS President, DMG, Berlin).

Apologies: Nikos Prezerakos (HMH, Athens)

Observers/Experts/Guests

David BurrIDGE (President-elect, RmetS, Reading), Tomas Halenka (Guest, Chair of the EMS Education Committee, CeMS, Praha), Rémy Pepin (Observer, MODEM for manufacturers), Bob Riddaway (Chair of EMS Publications Committee, RmetS, Reading)

In attendance: Arne Spekat (EMS Executive Secretary, Berlin)

Beginning: 09:00; End: 12:30

1. Opening

The EMS President opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. He thanked KNMI for offering its premises to have the EMS Council Meeting and General Assembly 2005 as well as co-organizing both meetings. All participants briefly introduced themselves.

2. Acceptance of the Agenda

With an addition concerning the exhibition during the EMS Annual Meetings under "Miscellaneous" the Agenda was accepted by a vote of (8/0/0).

3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the 12th Council Meeting

The Minutes of the 12th Council Meeting in Athens were accepted with minor modifications by a vote of (8/0/0).

*Note to all authors of reports: In order to add to the efficiency of producing the working documents well ahead of the appropriate meetings, the reports for each Council Meeting and General Assembly should be prepared and submitted **about 6-8 weeks in advance**. Each report of a Committee should include the current Committee membership.*

4. Reports of Bureau and Secretariat

The President, Werner Wehry, reported about his steering, consulting and representing activities. The Past President, René Morin, reported, among other activities, about his ongoing contacts with the new Director of the Italian Weather Service. The Vice President and Treasurer, David Axford pointed out that his activities are mostly in conjunction with the Accreditation Committee (cf. Section 5.1) and the EMS finances (cf. Section 6).

As in the previous year, the EMS Annual Meeting Series is drawing much of the attention and activity of all Bureau Members, e.g., as conveners of sessions, assisting in the identification of lecturers and exhibitors or by giving (resp. planning to give) lectures.

The EMS Executive Secretary had been active in scientific as well as in administrative matters. This encompasses running the EMS Secretariat, its bookkeeping and its correspondence. He reported about a visit to Helsinki in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary celebrations of the Geofysikkojen liitto (GFL) which included an excursion, a lecture at the Finnish Met Institute, a meeting with Pekka Ketonen the Vaisala CEO and a greeting address on behalf of EMS at GFL commemorative dinner. He is furthermore the Secretary for several EMS committees. He remains highly involved in the programmatic and organizational matters of the EMS Annual Meetings, including the selection of venues, some

of which is done in co-operation with the Copernicus Organization, KNMI and the COST Secretariat. He attended preparatory meetings towards the 5th EMS Annual Meeting in Utrecht and kept close contact with the local co-organizers in the Netherlands. Furthermore he was active in contents matters, particularly for the EMS Education, Meetings and Media Committee. In Utrecht during the 5th EMS Annual Meeting he will be chairing a session on Instruments and Observations and give a lecture in the Education Session. Other activities included work for the Advisory Board of the ECAC-Conference (EAB) concerning the climatology-related sessions at the EMS/ECAM in Utrecht and the preparations for the next ECAC conference, held as part and partner of the 6th EMS Annual Meeting in Ljubljana, Slovenia. Council thanked the Executive Secretary for his activities.

5. EMS Committees

In order to comply with the rules of the EMS Committees, its Chairs should be elected or re-confirmed every two years. Furthermore, it was pointed out by Council that additional Committee Chairpersons can only be introduced by a vote of the EMS Council. The EMS Executive Secretary apologized for the omission. The necessary elections will be made in votes by correspondence in the period before the next EMS Council Meeting.

5.1 Accreditation

The Chair of the Accreditation Committee, David Axford described his activities. An Accreditation Meeting was planned and announced – held during the 5th EMS Annual Meeting in Utrecht, four days after the 13th Council Meeting. There are currently a number of vacancies in the Accreditation Committee. With respect to DMG, a new Committee Member will come. For the Netherlands, Heleen ter Pelkwijk is in the Accreditation Committee for NVBM and Janneke Ottens on behalf of KNMI; in practise Heleen ter Pelkwijk will be representing both. Raino Heino was asked to attract at least one Committee Member from the Nordic Countries.

5.2 Awards

The Chair of the EMS Awards Committee, Werner Wehry, reported that the visibility of EMS through its Awards continues. The planned costs for the 2005 Awards are higher than the actual ones: So far, in 2005, not all the available Awards have been given. Furthermore, the Young Scientist Award will be given to a Dutch scientists, so no travel costs need to be taken into account. For the EMS Annual Meeting/ECAM Conference a number of Awards were launched, i.e., the Meteo Consult Award, the KNMI Award, and the Kipp and Zonen Award, each including prize money of about 1000 €. Yet, only for the latter a winner could be identified. In the future, the Vaisala Award could be given during the EMS Annual Meetings, as the Executive Secretary reported from his visit in Finland earlier this year; correspondence between the Chair of the Awards Committee and the Vaisala CEO is needed for further developing this idea.

The conferences at which EMS Awards shall be given in 2006 were then discussed and the related amounts assigned. The foreseen sum is in the same order as in the year 2005. The supported overseas conference is the EWOC (Education, Weather, Ocean, Climate) which is held tri-annually and will take place 2006 in Boulder.

It was requested that at the next EMS Council Meeting an Awards policy paper shall be presented. Council furthermore discussed if the number of Awards themselves should be reduced but the amounts made larger. Furthermore it was suggested that each EMS President, for the duration of her/his term, shall be an ex-officio Member of the Awards Committee.

5.3 Education

The Committee Chair Tomas Halenka reported about the activities of the Education Committee. He was pleased that, as in 2004, the Education Session of the Annual Meeting will be well filled. A side meeting of the Education Committee was announced to be held in the evening of 15 September. He explained the concept of ECTOM and also gave a description of MetLinkInternational and GLOBE.

As to the composition of the Education Committee it was noted with regret that Carola Sundius from Finland cannot participate anymore and it was welcomed that a new Member from France, Marc Payem, will join the EMS Education Committee.

5.4 Media

The Media Committee Chair, reported about her activities. She explained that adding Gerald Fleming as a co-chair would be an excellent step forward and apologized for not having announced this plan to the EMS Council more clearly. She had put together, and brought copies to the EMS Annual Meeting, a CD with all the presentations from the Media Session at the EMS Annual Meeting 2004 in Nice. Fur-

thermore, she described the rationale and the ambitions for the Media Session at the Annual Meeting 2005.

There are plans to add more Members to the EMS Media Committee to increase its activities. One future activity might be concerning an accreditation scheme for media meteorologists, to be discussed as well at the Accreditation Meeting on 15 September during the EMS Annual Meeting.

5.5 Meetings

Werner Wehry, Arne Spekat and Heleen ter Pelkwijk reported about the last stages of the preparations for the EMS Annual Meeting/ECAM Conference in Utrecht. The attendance was assumed to be higher than 2004 in Nice; another clear indicator was the higher number of exhibitors. Unfortunately the EMS Annual Meeting 2005 is held at the same time as the RmetS Conference and other large conferences (e.g., on biometeorology, on computation or on data management) are held at about the same time, too. Despite the fact that EMS Annual Meeting establishes itself as a major conference in Europe, these overlaps should be minimized and efforts to announce the Annual Meetings widely should be intensified.

Concerning the next ECAM in 2007 there has been an offer by the Spanish National Meteorological Institute to have this conference in Madrid. The EMS, being aware of that proposal, would gladly organize its 2007 Annual Meeting in Spain with the ECAM, again, as part-and-partner.

5.6 Publications

The Publications Committee is currently in a state of flux. The Chair of the Publications Committee, Bob Riddaway, had in the past year not the all the necessary amount of time available but the situation has improved.

Council discussed the most important fields of activity of the Publications Committee.

Journal: A clear identification of a specialization for an EMS journal is highly needed. There are plenty of examples of successful journals, but normally it takes many years for them to establish their position. Furthermore it needs to be discussed whether this journal should be published as open access and how the editorial work should be organized. One of his tasks should be to work on the Annual Report that EMS is going to publish. A survey of the contributions to the EMS Annual Meeting and contacts with the conveners of its sessions might be helpful in identifying good papers for a publication.

Newsletter: This information medium was foreseen to be edited by the Executive Secretary who was unfortunately involved in so many other EMS matters that the necessary time was not available. It needs to be added that for rapid response and information the Newsletters is the ideal medium. The Publications Committee would be responsible for its editorial work or for identifying an editor. In order to have real *news* in the newsletter a good supply of timely information from the Members and Associates is needed. Yet, experience shows that oftentimes the information gathering will need to be carried out by the editor her/himself. Further topics to be covered could include informations about the Annual Meetings, the awards and the award winners. An editorial, e.g., by the President should be produced as well. The Newsletter should be at first four pages long; it should appear twice a year. The primary medium for its publication is the web, although it cannot be overlooked that paper copies would add to its visibility and to the overall visibility of EMS. It was proposed to add a copy of the Newsletter to the EMS' Season's Greetings.

Website: The Executive Secretary has been giving some thought to the update of the EMS web site. He pointed out that he is able to supply concepts and visual ideas but in order to have a state-of-the-art solution it is recommended to invoke a commercial web design company.

A publication policy should be presented at the next EMS Council Meeting. A discussion, e.g., of the EMS Bureau and the Chair of the Publications Committee is therefore needed.

5.7 Strategic Development Group

With the Mission Statement for the next years in place since the 12th Council Meeting in Athens it was proposed that its the update should be organized in Council. It was confirmed that RA VI is considered as "Europe" in the EMS context.

6. Finances

6.1 Financial Report

The EMS Treasurer reported about the state of the EMS finances and presented the budget projection for the remainder of 2005, as well as the proposals for 2006. The audit results for 2004 were not available, because this audit will take place in early October 2005. It was requested that any audit

should be carried out definitely earlier in the year, perhaps in February or March, so its results could be presented at the spring Council Meeting.

The Treasurer was thanked for his work and Resolution C80 was voted (7/0/1).

6.2 Financial Planning

Based on the financial tables and the cash flow diagram it was pointed out that the situation for EMS remains in principle unchanged: EMS needs to improve its income side to avoid a deficit. There is potential for an income from the conference; it remains to be seen if a development is possible with respect to publications as well.

Council thanked the EMS Treasurer for the financial planning document and Resolution C81 was voted (7/0/1).

7. Membership

No discussion. It needs to be added that a discussion on individual membership, which was postponed from the 12th to the 13th Council needs to be put onto the agenda of the 14th Council Meeting in spring 2006.

8. Agreements

8.1 EMS-EGU

Werner Wehry reported that, according to discussions with the EGU Executive Secretary, Arne Richter, a written agreement might be made concerning fact that reduced rates for the registration at EGU or at EMS conferences shall apply. The EGU Council will discuss this matter in early 2006.

8.2 EMS-ICHM

Werner Wehry reported that the ICHM position is that there is maybe no firm agreement needed.

8.3 EMS-IABM

There are good chances for advancing the development of an agreement with the IABM, also in light of an emerging accreditation scheme for media meteorologists and strengthened contacts of IABM with the International Weather Forum.

8.4 EMS-TORRO

TORRO has had a discussion about the draft of the agreement at its Council Meeting. So far there has been no further response.

8.5 Others

No discussion.

9. Composition of Bureau

9.1 Election of a new EMS President

According to the EMS Constitution, the term of an EMS President lasts for three years and cannot be repeated. The EMS President for the time autumn 2002- autumn 2005, Werner Wehry, thanked RmetS and David Burridge to take the responsibility for the next presidency.

Council agreed that the election would not need to be carried out as a secret ballot. The new EMS President, David Burridge, was elected and Resolution C82 was passed by a vote of (8/0/0). The new President gratefully accepted the vote. The chairing of the Council Meeting was formally transferred into the responsibility of the newly elected President, who assigned it to Werner Wehry for the remainder of the Council Meeting and the subsequent General Assembly.

9.2 Election of EMS Vice Presidents

According to the EMS Constitution, the term of an EMS Vice President lasts for one year, from autumn to autumn, and can be renewed. As of this Council Meeting, two Vice Presidents withdrew from Bureau: David Axford (additionally the EMS Treasurer, RmetS) and René Morin (bearing the honorary title of EMS Past President, SMF). As successor for David Axford, Tomas Halenka (CeMS, Czech Republic) and as successor for René Morin, Werner Wehry (DMG, Germany) were proposed. It was furthermore proposed that the term of Raino Heino (Societies from Finland, Helsinki) would be renewed. Resolution C83 was passed by a vote of (8/0/0). All elected Vice Presidents accepted this vote. Thus the Bureau in its composition was completed.

10. Miscellaneous

It was discussed whether the exhibition that is taking place during an EMS Annual Meeting should encompass the full time of the conference. EMS underlined that it would be understanding such a wish and would act accordingly if this is something from which all exhibitors would benefit. Experience from the EGU shows that there, too, are requests for this kind of arrangement but that the majority of exhibitors would prefer to have an exhibition booth for as long as possible time. This issue was not fully resolved and needs further discussion.

11. Time and place of the next Council Session

The 14th EMS Council will convene on 9-10 March 2006 at FMI in Helsinki. Local arrangements will be made by Raino Heino.

Werner Wehry closed the 13th EMS Council Meeting at 12:30.

Arne Spekat, 23 October 2005

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APPENDIX A



European Meteorological Society

TO : Members, observers and
guests of the 13th EMS Council
Meeting

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Friday, 29 July 2005

Ref: Invitation to the EMS Council, 13th Session, de Bilt

Dear colleague,

herewith, I most cordially invite you to participate in the next EMS Council Meeting.

Date and time: 11 September 2005, 09:00-12:30

Place: Meeting Room, KNMI, Wilhelminalaan 10, 3732 GK De Bilt, The Netherlands

Looking forward to welcoming you in de Bilt

Sincerely

(Werner Wehry, EMS President)

APPENDIX B

13th EMS Council KNMI, De Bilt, 11 September 2005, 09:00 – 12:30

Agenda

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APPENDIX C

Awards 2006	Amount	Number	Total
Eumetsat 2006	300	1	300
EWOC Boulder	350	2	700
ECMWF Annual Seminar	300	1	300
Boundary Garmisch	300	1	300
EMS6, Ljubljana	300	4	1200
EMS6 Media	300	1	300
ESA Frascati	300	1	300
ESA Venice	300	1	300
WMO	300	1	300
EMS YSA	1000	1	1000
EMS YSA TRAVEL+Regist	600	1	600
Forum Media	300	1	300
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APPENDIX D

Resolutions:

C80 Approval of Treasurer's report

C81 Approval of financial planning

C82 Election of a new EMS President

C83 Election of the EMS Vice Presidents and the EMS Treasurer.

C80

This Council approves the Report of the Treasurer.

C81

This Council approves the projected EMS budget for 2006.

C82

The EMS Council herewith elects Dr. David Burridge, Royal Meteorological Society (RMets) as the next EMS President.

C83

The new EMS Bureau will henceforth consist of Werner Wehry (DMG-Germany) as Past President, Tomas Halenka (CeMS-Czech Republic) as Vice President and Treasurer and Raino Heino (GS-Finland) as Vice President.

APPENDIX E

EMS MEMBER SOCIETIES:

1. *Asociación Española de Biometeorología, Spain*
2. *Asociación Meteorológica Española, Spain*
3. *Associação Portuguesa de Meteorologia e Geofísica, Portugal*
4. *Associazione Geofisica Italiana, Italy (as part of UNIMET)*
5. *Associazione Italiana di AgroMeteorologia, Italy (as part of UNIMET)*
6. *Aviometeorological Club (AMC), Bulgaria*
7. *Ceska Meteorologicka Spolecnost, Czech Republic*
8. *Cyprus Meteorological Association, Cyprus*
9. *Dansk Meteorologisk Selskab, Denmark*
10. *Deutsche Meteorologische Gesellschaft, Germany*
11. *Helliniki Meteorologiki Hetairia, Greece*
12. *Félag íslenskra veðurfræðinga, Iceland*
13. *Forskerforbundets meteorologiforening, Norway*
14. *Geofysiikan Seura, Finland*
15. *Geofysikkojen Liitto, Finland*
16. *Hrvatsko Meteorolosko Društvo, Croatia*
17. *Irish Meteorological Society, Ireland*
18. *Magyar Meteorológiai Társaság, Hungary*
19. *Meteo Mak, Meteorological Association of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM)*
20. *Meteorolosko društvo Srbija, Serbia and Montenegro*
21. *Nederlandse Vereniging voor Beroeps Meteorologen, The Netherlands*
22. *Österreichische Gesellschaft für Meteorologie, Austria*
23. *Royal Meteorological Society, United Kingdom*
24. *Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Meteorologie, Switzerland*
25. *Slovenska Meteorologicka Spolocnost, Slovakia*
26. *Slovensko Meteorolosko Društvo, Slovenia*
27. *Società Italiana di Meteorologia Applicata, Italy (as part of UNIMET)*
28. *Società Meteorologica Italiana, Italy (as part of UNIMET)*
29. *Societa Meteorologica Romana, Romania*
30. *Société Météorologique de France, France*
31. *Société Royale Belge d'Astronomie, de Météorologie et de Physique du Globe, Belgium*
32. *Svenska Meteorologiska Sällskapet, Sweden*
33. *Unione Meteorologica del Friuli Venezia Giulia, Italy (as part of UNIMET)*

ASSOCIATE EMS MEMBERS:

Permanent observer status

1. ECMWF
2. ESA
3. EUMETSAT

Group observer status – National Weather Services

4. Austria: ZAMG
5. Belgium: Royal Belgian Meteorological Institute
6. Czech Republic: Czech Hydrometeorological Institute
7. France: Météo France
8. Germany: Deutscher Wetterdienst
9. Netherlands: KNMI
10. Sweden: SMHI
11. Switzerland: MeteoSwiss
12. United Kingdom: The MetOffice

Group observer status – Manufacturers

13. AerotechTelub AB
14. GEMATRONIK
15. VAISALA
16. VCS Engineering
17. Dégreane Horizon
18. MODEM
19. Campbell Scientific

Group observer status – Service providers, regional services

20. Meteo Consult B.V.
21. Meteognosis
22. OSMER: Regional Meteorological Observatory of ARPA Friuli Venezia Giulia
23. Weather News International – Oceanroutes