

18th EMS General Assembly
11 September 2016
Trieste, Italy

Minutes, 10 November 2016

Participants: (voting representatives underlined)

Marina Baldi (AGI, Italy) - voting on behalf of Italy (AGI and UMFVG)

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

Svante Bodin (SMS, Sweden)

Constanta Boroneant (SMR, Romania)

Horst Böttger (EMS President)

Fred Carr (AMS President)

Tanja Cegnar (SMD, Slovenia)

Renato R. Colucci (UMFVG, Italy) – voting together with AGI/AISAM, Italy

Sven-Erik Gryning (DaMS, Denmark)

Tomáš Halenka (CMeS, Czech Republic)

Paul Halton (IMS, Ireland)

Sylvain Joffre (Chair EMS Committee on Meetings)

Panagiotis Nastos (HMS, Greece)

Ákos Németh (MMT, Hungary)

Fritz Neuwirth (ÖGM, Austria)

Pertti Nurmi (GS and GFL, Finland)

Ewen McCallum (RMetS, UK)

Marc Prohom (ACAM, Spain)

Olavo Rasguhino (APMG, Portugal)

Heinke Schlünzen (DMG, Germany)

Alen Saiko (HMD, Croatia)

Pavel Štátný (SMS, Slovakia)

Paulina Valtchvanova (AMC, Bulgaria) – voting together with BMS, Bulgaria

Joanna Wibig (PTG – Meteorol. Section, Poland)

Saskia Willemse (SGM, Switzerland)

Minutes: Martina Junge, Executive Secretary

26 participants

1. Opening of session

Horst Böttger opened the 18th General Assembly, and Roberto Colucci warmly welcomed all participants to Trieste on behalf of all hosts of the EMS Annual Meeting and ECAC 2016.

The presence of **20 nominated representatives of EMS Member Societies** was verified; the quorum is 10. The presiding officer declared that the quorum is fulfilled. Votes are given as (acceptance : rejection : abstention).

2. Acceptance of Agenda, including early announcement of AOB

The Agenda was accepted as proposed. No items were announced for the agenda point 11. AOB.

3. Minutes of the 17th EMS General Assembly

The minutes of the 17th session of the EMS General Assembly were distributed in October 2015 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

Horst Böttger reported on his activities as EMS President since the last General Assembly and the activities of the Bureau and the Committees of Council (Minutes part II – Annexes: paper GA18_04).

His main activity constitutes communication with the Executive Secretary, the Chair of the Committee on Meetings and the Treasurer on the day-to-day business of the EMS.
The EMS Bureau conducts quarterly reviews of actions and activities. The main issues the EMS Bureau dealt with were planning the sessions of the EMS Council and the General Assembly.

The EMS Annual Report 2015, detailing activities of the EMS in the previous year, was published online, distributed through the website in August 2015 and to all Member Societies and Associate Members as part of the documents for the General Assembly. The Annual Report 2015 was presented to the EMS General Assembly by the EMS Council.

The President also informed the General Assembly that the 35th Council Session on 11 September 2016 agreed that documents for Council Sessions should be provided to all EMS Members ahead of the meeting, so suggestions or comments for the meeting can be provided to Council.

GA18.01 Approval of Bureau Report September 2015 – September 2016 (Entlastung): The General Assembly approved the Report of the Bureau for the period September 2015 – September 2016. (votes 20:0:0)

5. 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 GA18_05).

6. Finance

6.1. Report of the Treasurer

The Report of the Treasurer was provided to the EMS General Assembly in paper *GA18_06-1_Report-Treasurer*, including the Audit Report on the financial accounts 2015 (Minutes part II – Annexes).

Accounts and Forecast 2016

A change in the forecast for the accounts 2016 was noted.

Budget 2017

A proposal for the EMS Budget 2017 had been provided for the 35th EMS Council Session (11 Sept. 2016). The Treasurer informed the General Assembly that since the financial situation depended on the outcome of the Annual Meeting, Council requested the Bureau to prepare a new proposal for the spring 2017 Council Session, taking into account the outcome of the EMS & ECAC 2016.

GA18.02 Approval of the Report of the Treasurer (Entlastung): The General Assembly approved the Report of the Treasurer. (votes: 20:0:0).

6.2. Appointment of the Auditor

The Council proposed to the EMS General Assembly that BSKP, Dr. Broll Schmitt Kaufmann & Partner Steuerberater – Wirtschaftsprüfer – Rechtsanwälte, Berlin, Germany shall be commissioned as the auditor.

<http://bskp.de>

GA18.03 Auditor appointment: The General Assembly appointed BSKP, Dr. Broll Schmitt Kaufmann & Partner Steuerberater – Wirtschaftsprüfer – Rechtsanwälte, Berlin, Germany, as the auditor for the accounts of the year 2016. (votes: 20:0:0).

7. Adoption of the Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan has been presented to the General Assembly for adoption (Minutes part II – Annexes: paper GA18_07).

GA18.04 The General Assembly adopted the EMS Strategic Plan as presented in paper GA18_07_EMS-Strategic-Plan. (votes: 20:0:0).

8. Council Composition

After this session of the General Assembly the term of two rotating Members on the EMS Council will end: **Tomáš Halenka** as representative of ČMeS, Czech Republic, and **Luís Pessanha** as representative of APMG, Portugal.

Election of Council Members

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

GA18.05 The General Assembly elected the Irish Meteorological Society (IMS), represented by Paul Halton, and the Association for Meteorology and Atmospheric Sciences, Andorra (AMACA), represented by Josep Tomas i Bosch, as Members of the EMS Council for the term autumn 2016 – autumn 2019. (votes: 20:0:0).

The President thanked the outgoing Council representatives for their commitment to the EMS and the important contributions they had made to the work of the EMS Council during their years of duty.

9. EMS Membership

The General Assembly was informed about the status of AEMet, Spain, as full Associate Member, and the cancellation of Associate Membership by IMGW, Poland (Minutes part II – Annexes: paper GA18_09).

10. Activities of Member Societies and Associate Members

The Member Societies and Associate Members present reported on their activities in recent months as well as planned actions. One recurrent issue was certification and accreditation of meteorologists in the various countries.

In summary the EMS President concluded that this meeting provided a good exchange, not only on the various activities but also on problems and discussions of the EMS Members. He encouraged all to provide such information regularly to the Editorial Board for publication on the EMS website.

11. AOB

No issues were discussed under this item.

12. Time and Place of next General Assembly

The 19th EMS General Assembly will be held in Dublin, Ireland, on Sunday, 03 September 2017.

The meeting opened at 15:00 and closed at 17:00.

ANNEX A: Decision by the 18th EMS General Assembly

GA18.01 Approval of Bureau Report October 2015 – September 2016 (Entlastung): The General Assembly approved the Report of the Bureau for the period September 2015 – September 2016.

GA18.02 Approval of the Report of the Treasurer (Entlastung): The General Assembly approved the Report of the Treasurer.

GA18.03 Auditor appointment: The General Assembly appointed BSKP, Dr. Broll Schmitt Kaufmann & Partner Steuerberater – Wirtschaftsprüfer – Rechtsanwälte, Berlin, Germany, as the auditor for the accounts of the year 2016.

GA18.04 EMS Strategic Plan: The General Assembly adopted the EMS Strategic Plan as presented in paper GA18_07_EMS-Strategic-Plan.

GA18.05 Council composition 2016– 2017: The General Assembly elected the Irish Meteorological Society (IMS), represented by Paul Halton, and the Association for Meteorology and Atmospheric Sciences, Andorra (AMACA), represented by Josep Tomas i Bosch, as Members of the EMS Council for the term autumn 2016 – autumn 2019.