

37th EMS Council Session
3 September 2017, Dublin, Ireland

Minutes of 18 October 2017
– adopted –

Participants: (voting councillors underlined)

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Svante Bodin (SMS, Sweden)
Horst Böttger (EMS President)
Tanja Cegnar (Chair Media and Communication Team)
Jean-Pierre Chalon (Météo et Climat, France)
Renato R. Colucci (UMFVG, Italy)
Gerald Fleming (Met Éireann)
Patrick Fournet (Met Éireann)
Tomáš Halenka (Chair EMS Education Team)
Paul Halton (IMS, Ireland)
Sylvain Joffre (Chair EMS Committee on Meetings)
Martina Junge (EMS Executive Secretary)
Ewen McCallum (RMetS, UK)
Fritz Neuwirth (ÖMG, Austria)
Robert Riddaway (RMetS, UK)
Heinke Schlünzen (DMG, Germany)
Dennis Schulze (MeteoGroup)
Keith Seitter (AMS Executive Director)

Excused: Josep Tomas í Bosch (AMACA, Andorra) could not attend.

9 Council representatives were present. The quorum is 7.

The Session opened at 9:00h and closed at 13:00h.

Minutes: Martina Junge

1. Opening of the 37th Session

The EMS President opened the 37th Session of the EMS Council by welcoming all participants. This was followed by Paul Halton, chair of the IMS local organising committee, welcoming the EMS Council on behalf of the hosts and wishing best of success for the Council Session. The EMS President thanked the Irish hosts, in particular IMS and Met Éireann for their commitment and work in preparing the impending conference and a very interesting fringe programme. The AMS Executive Director, Keith Seitter, was welcomed.

With nine councillors present the necessary quorum was attained. Votes are given as (acceptance: rejection: abstention).

2. Acceptance of Agenda and early announcement of additional AOB

A proposal for the agenda was distributed with the invitation to attend the Council meeting. With these changes the agenda was accepted (Annex A).

Two items were announced by Horst Böttger for the agenda under AOB.

3. Implementation of decisions taken at the 36th Session of the EMS Council

The draft minutes of the 36th 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. The minutes were then distributed to EMS Members. The minutes were subsequently held adopted (Rules of procedure 57) and are available from <http://www.emetsoc.org/governance-structure/council/council-meetings>.

The implementation of decisions recorded in the minutes has been detailed in paper *C37_03_Implementation-of-Decisions-C36*, provided in part II of the minutes – Annexes. All decisions have been implemented.

In addition to recording decisions, the minutes also identify short-term actions: those not mentioned in *C37_03* are related to the Conference TV and venues for future EMS Annual Meetings (-> see paper *C37_07*), awards (-> see paper *C37_08*) and various issues related to the workings of the Council's committees and teams (-> see papers *C37_09*).

4. Report of the President

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 *C37_04_Report-President-Bureau*).

Specifically he explained that the Bureau recommends not to change the Associate Membership fees of the permanent observers on Council, but rather invite them to support the Annual Meeting in kind through exhibiting, organising sessions and delegating staff to the meetings. The Council agreed with this view.

The information in the report on the legal incorporation of the IFMS was complemented by information provided by Keith Seitter who is also the Vice President for Finance of IFMS. Specifically, it became clear that introducing membership fees is being given serious consideration by the IFMS Council. The next IFMS Meeting will be held in September 2018 in Budapest.

C37.01 Report of the President and Bureau: The Council approved the Report of the President and Bureau. (Votes: 9:0:0)

5. Report of the Executive Secretary

The Executive Secretary reported on the activities and actions of the Secretariat since the last Council Session (part II – Annexes: paper *C37_05_Report-Secretariat*). These included preparing the programme and organisation of the EMS Annual Meeting 2017 and supporting all committees and project teams.

6. Report of the Treasurer

The financial report, as given by the Treasurer to the EMS Council, is provided in part II – Annexes: paper *C37_06_Report-Treasurer*.

The accounts of 2016 had been audited. The audit report, provided in the Report of the Treasurer, certifies that the revenue and expenses statement complies with the legal requirements as well as any additional rules fixed in the Constitution of the Society. Payments made by the Society are supported by invoices or other vouchers, related to the association's purpose.

The forecast of the accounts for the end of 2017 has been presented; however the result depends to a large amount on the outcome of the EMS Annual Meeting 2017. Based on the number of submitted abstracts and pre-registrations some 700 participants may be expected, resulting in a net income from the license fee of 50 000 €, which would mean a negative balance of the accounts by 6 000 Euro. The

Treasurer thanked all who are involved in preparing the very interesting and attractive programme of this meeting.

The increase in fees for local organising, as set out in the license contract with Copernicus GmbH, from 2019 onwards have been noted and considered reasonable given the long period of constant fees and no rise in fees for abstract management and registration.

C37.02 Report of the Treasurer: The Council approved the Report of the Treasurer. (Votes: 9:0:0)

The Treasurer presented the proposal for the EMS Budget 2018 (part II – Annexes: paper C37_06_Report-Treasurer).

C37.03 Budget 2018: The Council approved the Budget for 2018 as presented in paper C37_06. (Votes: 9:0:0)

The Bureau is tasked to reconsider the budget after the income from license fees for the EMS2017 is known and to report any changes to Council. (**Action**)

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

7. EMS Meetings: CoM report

The Chair of the EMS Committee on Meetings (CoM) reported on the activities of the committee, the preparations for the EMS Annual Meeting 2017, the recommendation of the CoM regarding venues for the EMS Annual Meeting in 2020 and 2021, the change in membership of the committee and a number of strategic issues (part II – Annexes: paper C37_07_Report-CoM).

a. EMS Annual Meeting 2017

The preparations for the EMS Annual Meeting 2017 have been reported (part II – Annexes: C37_07, item 2). Specifically it was noted that only one third of authors requested a programme book and the ems2017-app is now used widely to access the programme, so the book may become a smaller brochure in future.

The number of side meetings has again increased, with the breadth of stakeholders represented, covering a wide spectrum of the meteorological community in Europe; it was noted positively that the PRIMET-ECOMET meeting is held alongside the EMS and that PRIMET has booked an exhibition booth to be available for discussions.

With 700 participants expected the budget looked solid.

b. EMS Annual Meeting 2018

An update on the proposal for the theme of the EMS Annual Meeting 2018 in Budapest was reported (part II – Annexes: C37_07, item 3): From global change to local hazards; what does climate change mean for the local weather?, including an abstract that elaborates on this title. Specific issues and possible changes were discussed, and the chair was tasked with reporting this to the meeting of the PSC later that week (**Action**).

C37.04 Theme for EMS Annual Meeting 2018: The Council approved in principle a theme for the EMS Annual Meeting 2018 around the topic: *From global change to local hazards: what does climate change mean for the local weather?* (Votes: 9:0:0)

The theme will be further discussed and agreed by the PSC meeting during the EMS2017.

c. Future venues

Council took note of the new situation with respect to the venue in Barcelona and considered the information on the proposed venue for 2021, as well as the detailed report on the proposed venue in Bratislava, including the recommendations by the CoM (part II – Annexes: C37_07, section 4).

C37.05 Venue for the EMS Annual Meeting 2020: The Council agreed to hold the EMS Annual Meeting 2020 at the University of Economics in Bratislava, Slovakia. The dates will be 7 – 11 September 2020. (Votes: 9:0:0)

Council thanks SMS and SMHS for the proposal, invitation and the support offered for the planning of the conference.

C37.06 Venue for the EMS Annual Meeting 2021: The Council agreed to hold the EMS Annual Meeting 2021 at the Historical University Barcelona, Spain. The dates will be 6 – 10 September 2021. (Votes: 9:0:0)

Council thanks ACAM, AME, meteo.cat and AEMet for the proposal, invitation and the support offered for the planning of the conference.

Council welcomed the proposal by DMG and DWD (Germany) to host the EMS 2022 in Germany. It would be co-organised with the final conference of the HERZ- Project and mark the 70-year anniversary of DWD. The CoM was tasked to work with DMG and DWD to choose the best venue and make a detailed proposal and recommendation for the next Council Session. (**Action**).

d. Strategic Issues

Restructuring: Council noted the positive effect of the restructured programme and the CoM's effort to further develop this. However, the consideration to move to more (longer) keynote presentation at the cost of more posters and also more poster changes was met with caution. In particular, the advantage of offering many young scientists first opportunities to present their work to the community should not be underestimated as an attractive aspect of the conference.

Collaboration with manufacturers: Council noted the initiatives proposed by CoM.

European landscape of conferences: CoM's plans for developing a communication concept for the raison d'être, goals and mechanisms of the conference in coherence with EMS strategy was welcome by Council. Support by the new Liaison Committee should be considered for the communication.

Committee membership: A proposal for a new member will be presented in spring, also taking into account any proposals that may be received from Members.

The President thanked the chair of the CoM for the report and the entire CoM for the good work being done to develop the Annual Meetings.

8. Awards & Prizes

8.1. Report of the Awards Committee

On behalf of the Chair of the Awards Committee the Executive Secretary reported on the activities of the committee since the last Council Session (part II – Annexes: paper C37_08_Awards, section 1.)

In 2017, the EMS assigned 10 Young Scientist Travel Awards for participation in five events. The awardees come from Germany (1), Italy (2), Russian Federation (2), Romania (1), Spain (2), UK (1), and Ukraine (1). EUMETSAT funds one YSTA for the EUMETSAT conference.

The Council thanked the members of the Awards Committee for their work, in particular for that related to the evaluation of the many YSTA applications that are submitted each year.

8.2. Outstanding Contribution Award

The Bureau proposed to revise the Terms of Reference for the EMS Outstanding Contribution Award to include eligibility for all EMS Council bodies.

C37.07 Terms of Reference EMS Outstanding Contribution Award: The Council agreed the following Terms of Reference EMS Outstanding Contribution Award:

The EMS Outstanding Contribution Award is granted to individuals in recognition of important contributions to the European Meteorological Society over a period of several years.

The Award is normally awarded biennially in the form of a certificate presented to the recipient during the EMS Annual Meeting. The EMS Bureau, representatives on the EMS Council, all EMS committees, teams and boards via the respective chairs, and the EMS Executive Secretary are eligible to make proposals. The EMS Bureau makes a recommendation, with the final decision being taken by Council. (Votes: 9:0:0)

8.3. Technology Achievement Award (TAA)

At the 36th Session of Council it was proposed that the application process for the TAA should become a two-phase procedure: one page initial proposals with selected candidates then being invited to submit a detailed application.

The views of individual members of the Technology Achievement Award Committee were reported at the Council Session; they largely agreed with the Council's view that such a procedure might help to solicit more applications in the first instance.

The Council tasked the TAA committee to launch the call for nominations, revise the award announcement as required and adjust the time line accordingly to reflect this two-phase approach. Should the committee see any need to revise the terms of reference for the award, a proposal to change the terms should be presented to the next Council in spring. (**Action**)

8.4. EMS Media Awards

The Media & Communication Team reported about the selected awardees for the EMS Journalist Award, Outreach and Communication Award and TV Weather Forecast Award. In general the response to the calls for nominations for the Media Awards was quite good.

Considering the substantial number of submissions for the TV Weather Forecast Award from outside Europe, the chair of the respective selection committee made a proposal to reflect this in a modified award, also to make the EMS more visible (part II – Annexes: paper C37_08_Awards, Annex II). The main aim of the Award is to get examples of good practice; however this is very country-/continent-specific. The Council agreed to leave the award as it is. The global part may be developed together with the IFMS and the IABM. The chair of the Media and Communications Team will discuss this with the relevant institutions (**Action**).

In this context it was raised whether the mandate of the EMS remit is confined to Europe (WMO RAVI definition) or can be global. The Council will discuss this at its next meeting in spring. (**Action**)

8.5. EMS Tromp Awards

Tanja Cegnar, Chair of the EMS Tromp Award Selection Committees, reported on the announcements and selection process of the EMS Tromp Award 2017 and the newly established Tromp Foundation Travel Awards for Young Scientists (TFTAYS) for presentations specifically of papers in biometeorology at the EMS Annual Meetings (part II - Annexes: C37_08_Awards, section 5).

The EMS is grateful for the support of the Tromp Foundation for these awards; the TFTAYS are a valuable addition to the awards programme and tremendous support for the EMS Conferences and young scientists. Council also acknowledged the work and commitment of Tanja Cegnar to establish the collaboration with the Tromp Foundation and initiate these awards.

9. Review of Project Teams, boards and committees

9.1. *Length of terms of chairs of all Council bodies (committees, teams and boards)*

The Bureau proposed that the length of a term for all chairs and members of all Council bodies are set to three years, consistent with procedures for membership on Council bodies (decision C31.12).

A review of the work of the Teams on Media and Communication, the Editorial Board and Education was presented (part II – Annexes: paper C37_09_Review-Project-Teams).

C37.08 Length of terms for Council body membership and chairs: The Council agreed that the term for membership and the chairs of all Council bodies is three years, with the option for renewal. (Votes: 9:0:0)

9.2. *Editorial Board*

Activities of the Editorial Board have been reported at the Council Session (see paper C37_09, section B).

Following Council tasking the Editorial Board to consider the inclusion of improving the relationship with the EMS Membership in its objectives and review its terms of reference accordingly, the board made a proposal for revised terms (see paper C37_09, section B), including a working title for a new name for this Council body: liaison committee.

The draft had been distributed to the EMS Membership for comments, including the invitation to make proposals as to the membership.

The chair of the committee had announced that he would not be available for this office, however be happy to further contribute as a member. The Council was also informed that Emily Gleeson (IMS, Ireland), who is already a member of the Editorial Board, agreed to lead the committee to develop the new activities.

Council welcomed the proposals by the committee and discussed specific formulations and actions.

C37.09 Liaison Committee: The Council approved revised terms of reference including the new name for the EMS Liaison Committee:

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- Support the secretariat by providing advice about communications, and contributing to eliciting and preparing material to be included in communications.
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(Votes: 9:0:0)

The Council tasked the committee to submit a proposal for the membership and an action plan to the next Council Session in spring. (**Action**)

The Council thanked the committee members for their work to set up this new committee which constitutes an important activity to further develop the EMS as a Member organisation.

9.3. *Media and Communication Team*

The chair of the Media and Communication Team reported on recent activities and preparations for the EMS Annual Meeting 2017 in Dublin (see paper C37_09, section C).

C37.10 Membership and Chair Media and Communication Team: The Council approved the membership of the Media and Communication Team: T. Cegnar, I. Niedek, R. Benestad, G. Fleming, J. Trobec (AMS-liaison) for three years. The chair is Tanja Cegnar (for three years). (Votes: 9:0:0)

The Council thanked the Media and Communications Team and its chair for its very efficient and important activities and collaborations.

9.4. Education Team

The proposal for an ePoster-trial was considered. The EMS Bureau recommended to not pursue this project any further because of concerns about its viability and how it might impact on the outstanding poster award given at the Annual Meeting.

C37.11 ePoster trial: The Council decided to not pursue an ePoster trial project. (Votes 9:0:0)

10. Election EMS President 2017 – 2020

According to the constitution the term of the President ends with this Council Session. Presidents are not eligible for re-election. A proposal by the Bureau was put to Council (part II – Annexes: paper C37_10_Election-EMS-President).

C37.12 Election EMS President: The Council elected Robert Riddaway (RMetS, UK) as EMS President for the term autumn 2017 – autumn 2020.

Robert Riddaway accepted the election as President. He thanked the Council for the trust placed in him. According to the constitution, the elected President automatically becomes a member of the Council if not already a representative.

The Bureau is tasked to suggest new regulations with respect to the transition phase between two presidencies. (**Action**)

11. Membership

The Secretariat reported that payments by the Associate Member AEMet, Spain, for 2016 have not yet been contributed. The regulations foresee that by non-payment until 1 September of the year following the issuing of an invoice/fee being due, the membership status “dormant” is invoked. AEMet is a Dormant Member from 1 September 2017. As soon as the Membership fees are paid the status will be reverted to Associate Membership.

12. Council Composition 2017 – 2018

The terms of two representatives on the EMS Council ended after this C37 Session: BMS, represented by Ekaterina Batchvarova, and UMFVG, represented by Renato R. Colucci. The President expressed the thanks of the entire Council for their important contributions to the work of the EMS over the last three years. In particular he mentioned the two successful EMS Annual Meetings that were made enjoyable events by the local hosts in Sofia (Bulgaria) and Trieste (Italy).

Based on discussions and conclusions of the Council at its 36th Session, DaMS (Denmark) and MMT (Hungary) are proposed to be represented on the EMS Council 2017 – 2020 (part II – Annexes: paper C37_12).

13. AOB

13.1. Paper on the early history of the EMS

The first part of the paper on the early history of the EMS is expected to be published in October 2017 in *Weather*, the second part likely to be published shortly afterwards. The authors had asked the EMS

to consider printed copies that could be distributed to the EMS Member organisations. The Council agreed that with the self-archiving policy of the publishing house (*Authors of articles published in Wiley journals are permitted to self-archive the submitted (preprint) version of the article at any time, and may self-archive the accepted (peer-reviewed) version after an embargo period.*) access of all Members to the article is secured and funds for printing and distribution should not be spent.

13.2. RoP General Assembly

The Council was informed that the Spanish Meteorological Society made a proposal to change the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, to clarify the voting of Members in case of more than one Member Society in one country. The Council felt, based on very different situations in such countries, there is no simple regulation and that the agreement on the voting member should be left to the Members. However, the issue was raised about why all Member Societies do not have the right to vote at the General Assembly. The EMS Bureau was tasked to consider this question and make a proposal for the next Council Session. (**Action**)

13.3. RoP Council deputy

The Council was informed that in the preparation of this Council Session, the representative from Andorra who could not attend the session, had suggested that the President of the ACAM (Spain) represented him as Deputy on the EMS Council at this session. It was agreed that this issue will be reviewed by Council at the next Council Session. (**Action**)

14. 38th Council Session

C37.13 Venue for 38th Council Session: The Council agreed that the 38th Session will be held in March/April 2018 in Norrköping, Sweden. (Votes: 9:0:0).

The dates will be agreed with the hosts.

In closing, the President thanked all council representatives and committee chairs for their attendance and active participation in this session.

Ewen McCallum thanked Horst Böttger for his tremendous work for the EMS as chair of the Committee on Meetings for many years, and as President, establishing the EMS more firmly as an important organisation in the meteorological community in Europe.

Annex A: Agenda

Annex B: List of Decisions

ANNEX A: Agenda agreed by the EMS Council

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6. Report of the Treasurer, incl. Budget 2018
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ANNEX B: List of Decisions of the EMS Council at its 37th Session, 3 September 2017

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