

**19th EMS General Assembly**  
3 September 2017  
Dublin, Ireland

Minutes, 19 October 2017  
adopted

**Participants:** (voting representatives underlined)

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

Svante Bodin (SMS, Sweden)

Horst Böttger (EMS President 2014-2017)

Tanja Cegnar (SMD, Slovenia)

Jean-Pierre Chalon (Météo et Climat, France)

Renato R. Colucci (UMFVG, Italy)

Gerald Fleming (Met Éireann)

Patrick Fournet (Met Éireann)

Sven-Erik Gryning (DaMS, Denmark)

Tomáš Halenka (CMeS, Czech Republic)

Paul Halton (IMS, Ireland)

Sylvain Joffre (GS, Finland; Chair EMS Committee on Meetings)

Jadran Jurkovic (HMD, Croatia)

Monika Lakatos (MMT, Hungary)

Ewen McCallum (RMetS, UK)

Declan Murphy (IMS, Ireland)

Jordi Mazon (ACAM, Spain) – voting together with AME

Panagiotis Nastos (HMH, Greece)

Fritz Neuwirth (ÖGM, Austria)

Inge Niedek (DMG, Germany)

Andrea Oestreich (EMS Secretariat)

Robert Riddaway (RMetS, UK; EMS President from 4 September 2017)

Heinke Schlünzen (DMG, Germany)

Dennis Schulze (Meteogroup)

Keith Seitter (AMS, USA)

Pavel Štátný (SMS, Slovakia)

Ricardo Torrijo (AME, Spain) – voting together with ACAM for Spain.

Paoulina Valtchanova (AMC, Bulgaria) – voting together with BMS, Bulgaria

Joanna Wibig (PTG – Meteorol. Section, Poland)

Minutes: Martina Junge, Executive Secretary

30 participants

## 1. Opening of session

Horst Böttger opened the 19th General Assembly. He informed the participants that the Council which convened in the morning elected Robert Riddaway as the President of the EMS for the term autumn 2017 – autumn 2020. Robert Riddaway as formal chair of the session handed the chairing of the session to Horst Böttger who was responsible for the preparation of the General Assembly session.

Declan Murphy, IMS President, Paul Halton, IMS and chair of the EMS2017 local organising committee and Gerald Fleming, Met Éireann, warmly welcomed all participants to Dublin on behalf of all hosts of the EMS Annual Meeting 2017, and wished them all an interesting and fruitful week.

The presence of 18 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.

## **3. Minutes of the 18th EMS General Assembly**

The minutes of the 18th session of the EMS General Assembly were distributed in October 2016 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 GA19\_04).

His main activity constituted 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 2016, detailing activities of the EMS in the previous year, was published online, distributed through the website in August 2017 and issued to all Member Societies and Associate Members as part of the documents for the General Assembly. The Annual Report 2016 was presented to the EMS General Assembly by the EMS Council.

Further, Horst Böttger reported on decisions of the Council related to the distribution of the publication on the early history of the EMS, the progress in the development of the Editorial Board into a Liaison Committee with interim chair and revised terms of reference, and the chain of command in case of the necessity to cancel the EMS Annual Meeting due to force majeure. The General Assembly was also informed about decisions to hold the EMS Annual Meeting 2020 in Bratislava and in 2021 in Barcelona.

The agreements on collaboration with the American Meteorological Society (AMS), the European Severe Storms Laboratory (ESSL) and the Tromp Foundation have each been renewed for another five years through exchange of letters.

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 should be further discussed. In this context the issue was raised about why there should not be a right to vote for each Member. The EMS Bureau will consider this question and make a proposal for the next Council Session and then also the next General Assembly.

It was reported that the representative of AMACA (Andorra) on the EMS Council had proposed to be represented by a member of ACAM (Spain) for the C37 Session. The Council will consider the issue of whether representation on the Council can in principle be delegated to a Society from a different country.

Documents for the 37th Council Session on 3 September 2017 had been provided to all EMS Members in order to provide them with the opportunity to make suggestions or comments ahead of the meeting. The outgoing president encouraged all Members to make use of this opportunity in future.

**GA19.01 Approval of Bureau Report September 2016 – September 2017 (Entlastung): The General Assembly approved the Report of the Bureau for the period September 2016 – September 2017. (Votes 18:0:0)**

## 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 GA19\_05).

All members were invited to attend the side meeting on education during the EMS2017.

## 6. Finance

### 6.1. Report of the Treasurer

The Report of the Treasurer was provided to the EMS General Assembly in paper *GA19\_06-1\_Report-Treasurer*, including the Audit Report on the financial accounts 2016 (Minutes part II – Annexes: paper GA19\_06).

#### ***Budget 2018***

A proposal for the EMS Budget 2018 had been provided for the 37th EMS Council Session (3 Sept. 2017). The Treasurer informed the General Assembly that since the financial situation depends on the outcome of the Annual Meeting, Council requested the Bureau to prepare a new proposal for the spring 2018 Council Session, taking into account the outcome of the EMS2017.

***GA19.02 Approval of the Report of the Treasurer (Entlastung): The General Assembly approved the Report of the Treasurer. (Votes: 18:0:0).***

### 6.2. Appointment of the Auditor

The Council proposed to the EMS General Assembly that the Kanzlei für Wirtschaftsprüfung und Steuerberatung/ Accountancy and Tax Practice Dipl.-Finw. Matthias Keil, Berlin, Germany shall be commissioned as the auditor (<http://www.keil-steuerberater.de/en/>).

***GA19.03 Auditor appointment: The General Assembly appointed Kanzlei für Wirtschaftsprüfung und Steuerberatung/ Accountancy and Tax Practice Dipl.-Finw. Matthias Keil, Berlin, Germany, as the auditor for the accounts of the year 2017. (Votes: 18:0:0).***

## 7. Council Composition

After this session of the General Assembly the term of two rotating Members on the EMS Council will end: **Ekaterina Batchvarova** as representative of BMS, Bulgaria, and **Renato R. Colucci** as representative of UMFVG, Italy. 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, in particular the hosting of two successful EMS Annual Meetings in Sofia 2015 and Trieste 2016.

#### ***Election of Council Members***

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

***GA19.04 New Council members starting in 2017: The General Assembly elected the Danish Meteorological Society (DaMS), represented by Sven-Erik Gryning, and the Hungarian Meteorological Society (MMT), represented by Zoltan Dunkel, as Members of the EMS Council for the term autumn 2017 – autumn 2020. (Votes: 18:0:0).***

## 8. EMS Membership

The acceptance of AISAM (Italy) in loco of AGI (Italy) as EMS Member Society was reported (Minutes part II – Annexes: paper GA19\_08).

The Secretariat reported that payments by the Associate Member AEMet 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.

## 9. 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 outgoing 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 for publication on the EMS website.

He also reminded the General Assembly that

- The Liaison Committee is open for additional members and that next year an extended side meeting for exchange by the EMS Members is planned;
- The Committee on Meetings is open for additional members;
- There will be an event called *Meet the President* on the next day (Monday evening, 4 Sept. 2017) to which all are invited.

## 10. AOB

No other issues were discussed under this item.

## 11. Time and Place of next General Assembly

The 20th EMS General Assembly will be held in Budapest, Hungary, on Sunday, 2 September 2018.

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

**ANNEX A: Decision by the 19th EMS General Assembly**

**GA19.01 Approval of Bureau Report September 2016 – September 2017 (Entlastung):** The General Assembly approved the Report of the Bureau for the period September 2016 – September 2017.

**GA19.02 Approval of the Report of the Treasurer (Entlastung):** The General Assembly approved the Report of the Treasurer.

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