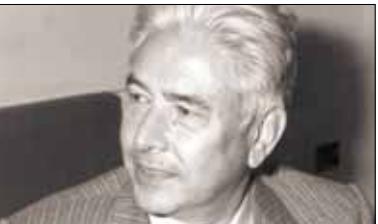
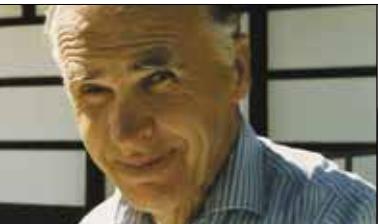
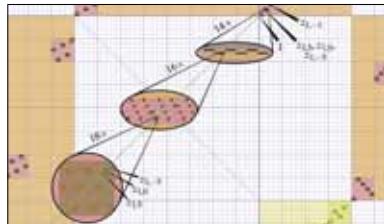


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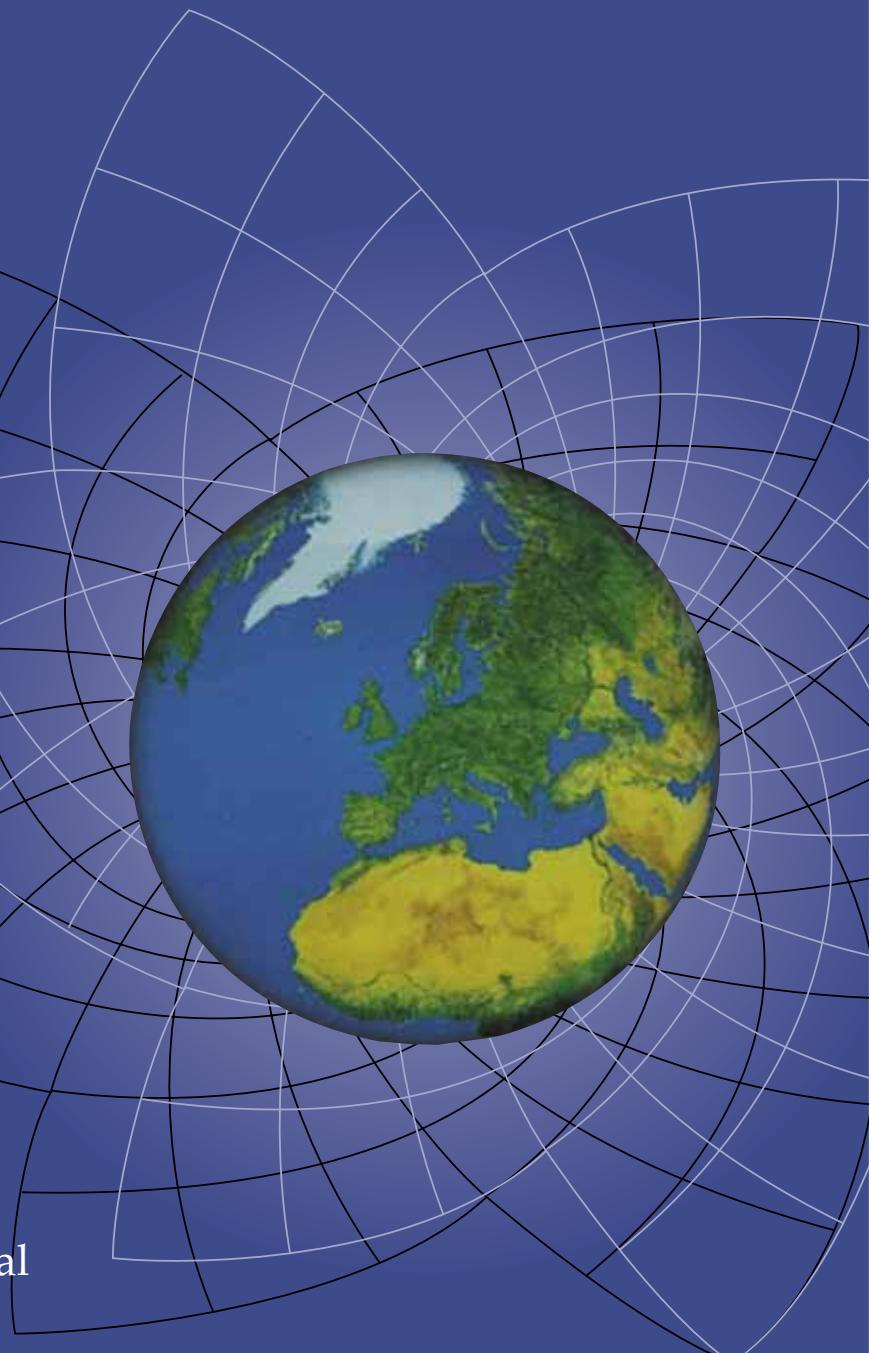
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# EMS Executive Committee meeting in Torino

Vasile Berinde, EMS Publicity Officer



EC-members and guests at the Torino meeting.

In the front row on the right: leaving secretary Tuulikki Mäkeläinen and her successor Riitta Ulmanen.

The EMS Executive Committee met on the afternoon of the 30th June 2006 at the Centro Congressi dell'Unione Industriali in Torino, a city where the traces of the recently hosted 20th Winter Olympic Games, 10th–26th February, were still clearly visible.

Committee members present were: Sir John Kingman (President, in the Chair), Pavel Exner and Luc Lemaire (Vice-Presidents), Helge Holden (Secretary), Olli Martio (Treasurer), Viktor Buchstaber, Doina Cioranescu, Olga Gil-Medrano and Klaus Schmidt. Apologies were received from Carlo Sbordone.

Also in attendance (by invitation) were: Vasile Berinde, Stephen Huggett, Ari Laptev, Tuulikki Mäkeläinen, Martin Raussen, Riitta Ulmanen (Tuulikki Mäkeläinen's successor) and Jouko Vaananen.

## EMS Council Agenda

Being an EC meeting that preceded the 2006 ordinary EMS Council meeting (held on 1st-2nd July at the same venue) its agenda was dominated by the appropriate preparatory Council matters. As most of the EC meeting issues will therefore be covered to some extent in the

material on the Council meeting, they are not reported here. Instead, in the following we shall mention some of the specific matters.

Before the committee scrutinised the EMS Council Agenda, the President welcomed the participants, in particular the Society's new Publicity Officer, Vasile Berinde, and Tuulikki Mäkeläinen's successor, Riitta Ulmanen.

## Electronic votes

The EC ratified the results of the following electronic votes that had occurred since the previous meeting:

- Vasile Berinde was voted in as the new EMS Publicity Officer;
- John Toland, Scientific Director of the ICMS in Edinburgh, was voted new Vice Chair of ERCOM for 2006–2009.

## EMS Meetings

It was reported that the Joint EMS, SMAI, SMF Mathematical Weekend in Pays de Loire, Nantes (France) was a good meeting but had attracted rather few participants:

about 100, amongst which fifty were local participants. As the first joint meeting of EMS, SMF, SMAI, and UMI, 'Mathematics and its Applications', Torino, 3rd–7th July 2006, would start just after the Council meeting closed, the EC authorized the treasurer to provide additional financing for the extra invited speakers at this conference. No new proposals for joint meetings had yet been received.

It was also decided that the next EMS Council meeting will be organized in conjunction with the 5th ECM (<http://www.5ecm.nl/>) taking place in Amsterdam in 2008.

### EMS Bank Accounts

As the authorization of Tuulikki Mäkeläinen to handle the bank accounts for the Society in Finland will cease as of 15th July 2006, the Executive Committee authorized Riitta Ulmanen to handle the EMS accounts as of 15th July 2006.

### Subcommittees

It was agreed that the EC should stagger terms of service of committee members. New active persons were needed. EC members should check the terms of the members of the committees that they are responsible for. It would be desirable that a wider variety of countries should be represented in all committees. Klaus Schmidt pointed out that in 2007 the term for several members of the Committee for Women and Mathematics will expire.

### EMS Publishing House

The Secretary reported that the European Mathematical Foundation (whose board consists of the EMS President, Secretary, Treasurer, immediate Past President if he/she wishes, and a representative from ETH) had had a good meeting in the morning. A hand-over meeting will be in December 2006 in Zurich. It was reported with satisfaction that the financial status of the Publishing House is positive. EMSPh publishes all material from ICM2006, giving considerable visibility and financially positive results. The EMSPh will also publish the ICIAM2007 proceedings. The posting of the EMS Newsletter is cheaper since the Publishing House takes care of this business. Concerning JEMS, it was noted that the Publishing house, in agreement with the JEMS Editor-in-Chief, has decided to raise the subscription price from EUR 210 to EUR 240, mainly due to the increase in the number of pages per volume from 400 three years ago to 600 pages nowadays.

### ICM2006

Sir John Kingman will attend the IMU General Assembly in Santiago de Compostela, 19th–20th August, before

the ICM starts, as an observer (the EMS is not a member but an affiliate member of the IMU) and will give a report in Krakow on it.

It was noted that during ICM2006 in Madrid, the EMS will have a booth (stand no. 5) organized by Thomas Hintermann and Manfred Karbe from the EMS Publishing House, which will also be the meeting point for EC members. Pavel Exner, Olga Gil Medrano, Ari Laptev, Luc Lemaire and Olli Martio promised to attend the booth at times. Olga Gil Medrano reported on the EMS session organized in Madrid: EMS will have a panel discussion at ICM2006 as a special activity on the topic '*Should mathematicians care about communicating to broad audiences? Theory and Practice*'. This will be moderated by Jean-Pierre Bourguignon.

### Miscellanea

The President attended the successful presentation by the Norwegian Academy of the Abel Prize to Lennart Carleson. It was also noted that the EMS succeeded in getting the following eu-domain names: euromath.eu, euromaths.eu and euro-math-soc.eu. The plan for the use of the domain names will be discussed by a committee consisting of Helge Holden, Pavel Exner and Stephen Huggett.

### Next EC meeting

After the local organizers, Alberto Conte and Marina Marchisio with their team, had been thanked by the President, the meeting closed.

The next EC meeting will be held in Krakow (Poland), on 21st–22nd October 2006.

