



All change at the top:

## The New FEMS Executive Committee for 2006

At the FEMS 2005 General Assembly in Prague on 7th September, FEMS President, Wilfried Kurz, explained that his two-year term of office would be ending on 31st December. This necessitated the appointment of a new President and Vice-President. At the same time, four new Executive Officers were elected to replace those whose terms were ending, giving an entirely new face to the Executive Committee for 2006.

The new FEMS President, Professor Dr.-Ing. Robert Singer, is Head of the Institute of Science and Technology of Metals and the Central Institute for New Materials and Processing at the University of Erlangen, Germany. He is also the Managing Director of Neue Materialien Fürth GmbH, a company which specialises in the development of innovative process technologies for the manufacture of lightweight near netshape components. As Vice-President of FEMS for the past two years, he has been responsible for international relations and, in particular,

participation by FEMS as a founder member of the European Materials Forum in which he is Vice-President for Industry.

The incoming FEMS Vice-President for 2006, Bill Clyne, is Professor of Mechanics of Materials in the Department of Materials at the University of Cambridge. His main interests include composite materials and special surface coatings. He has been a FEMS Executive Officer for four years, with responsibility for conferences, and was Chairman of the organising committee for the very successful EUROMAT 2005 event in Prague.



From left to right: new Vice President, Bill Clyne, new President, Robert Singer, and new Past-President, Wilfried Kurz

Prof. Dr. **Wilfried Kurz** of EPFL in Lausanne, will continue to serve on the Executive Committee as Past-President for the next two years. He is internationally renowned for his work on the science and technology of solidification and, as FEMS President for the past two years, he has done much to improve the service provided by FEMS to its member societies, including the recent introduction of FEMS Presidents' Day.

Newly-elected Executive Officers include: **Sture**

**Hogmark**, the Professor of Materials Science and Tribology at Uppsala University. Nominated by the Swedish Society for Materials Technology, his work is focussed on surface engineering for reduced friction and wear;

Prof. **George Kaptay** is Dean of the Faculty of Materials Science and Engineering at the University of Miskolc. He was nominated by the Hungarian Member Society, OMBKE, and has many interests, including chemical thermodynamics and surface science; Prof. **Walter Nicodemi** is Head of the Materials Sec-

tion of the Mechanics Dept. of the Politecnico di Milano. His career has been devoted to research on stainless steels and special alloys, and he also has interests in the history of metallurgy. He was nominated by the Italian society, AIM, whose president he is at present; Dr. **Pedro Portella**, is Head of the Materials Engineering Department at the Federal Institute for Materials Research and Testing in Berlin. He works on test methods for quality improvement of production processes, and was nominated by DVM, a German member society of FEMS.



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Other Executive Officers who will be serving their second term on the Executive Committee during 2006 include:

- Prof. Bart Blanpain, Belgium (BM);
- Dr. Jacques Jupille, France (SF2M)
- Prof. Aleksandra Czyska-Filemonowicz, Poland (SPM)
- Prof. Sybrand van der Zwaag, The Netherlands (BvM)

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is to be in Nuremberg on 31 March.

With 1800 papers in Prague:

## FEMS EUROMAT 2005 lives up to all expectations

**C**lose to 2,000 delegates converged on the Czech Technical University for EUROMAT 2005 on 4-8 September. This represented a substantial increase over the previous event, two years earlier, and everyone was most satisfied by the excellence of both the technical quality of the event and its organisation.

During the Opening Ceremony in the beautiful Narodni Dum on Sunday 4th September, the FEMS President, Wilfried Kurz, presented the FEMS Awards to their winners. The top award, the European Materials Medal went to Prof. Jeff Th. M. de Hosson of the De-

partment of Applied Physics, University of Groningen, in The Netherlands. He was nominated for the award by BvM, the Dutch Member Society of FEMS. The Materials Science and Technology Prize was won by Dr Britta Nestler of Karlsruhe University, Germany, the nominee of DGM. Finally, Dr Søren Fæster Nielsen of Risø National Laboratory, Denmark, who had been nominated by DMS, was presented with the FEMS Lecturer Award for Excellence in MST. Earlier in the day, for the first time at EUROMAT, three short courses had taken place, on Nanoindentation, Materials and Process Selection, and High Temperature Interfacial Forces, Energies



The Czech Technical University in Prague



The Conference Banquet in Narodni Dum



Prof. Jeff de Hosson (on left)



Dr Britta Nestler (on left)



Dr Søren Nielsen (on left)

and Phenomena. Over the rest of the week, participants had their choice of 864 oral presentations (including 6 plenary lectures, 77 keynotes, 92 highlight lectures

and 689 lectures) and 749 posters. The social side of things was not overlooked, with an opening reception on Sunday evening, the choice between a banquet

in Narodni Dum and a less formal get-together at Letensky zámacek, with its lovely views over Prague, on Wednesday, and a barbecue on the final evening.

### The First Ever

## FEMS Presidents' Day, Prague, 7th September 2005

**P**residents from FEMS member societies, in Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Spain and UK were represented at the first FEMS Presidents' Day in Prague on 7th September 2005.

This gave them the opportunity to meet each other and let the Executive Committee know how FEMS is performing and how it

could be still more useful to its members. There were no significant criticisms of FEMS and many useful views emerged. The Federation's role in the European Materials Forum was regarded as very important to ensure that the integrity of materials is maintained, that its voice is heard in Brussels, and that the public's perception of the discipline is improved.

It was felt that the FEMS Website, [www.FEMS.org](http://www.FEMS.org), has a valuable role to play in

improving mobility by hosting advertisements for both jobs and student placements. The website is also available to the member societies for publicising their own events.

Ways of strengthening interactions with industry and of attracting youngsters to materials science were also discussed. It was agreed unanimously that Presidents' Day should become an annual feature in the FEMS calendar.



Participants in FEMS' Presidents Day 2005

### Announcements

Materials Congress 2006 the 5th event in the series will take place in London on 5-7 April 2006 ([www.iom3.org](http://www.iom3.org)). FEMS Junior EUROMAT 2006, the event for young materials scientists, will take place in Lausanne on 4-8 September 2006 ([www.junior-euromat.fems.org](http://www.junior-euromat.fems.org)). FEMS EUROMAT 2007 is to be held in Nuremberg on 10-13 September 2007 ([www.euromat2007.fems.org](http://www.euromat2007.fems.org)).

### FEMS news

is available at the FEMS website ([www.FEMS.org](http://www.FEMS.org)). It can be downloaded as a PDF file in screen resolution or as a ready-to-print PDF file. Thus FEMS news can be inserted in national materials science magazines.

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