



Aims for the future:

The President Reveals his Hand

The goal of my two-year presidency, which began in January, is to improve the services that FEMS offers to its members. This concerns in particular the scientific conferences we organise as well as our lobbying activities on behalf of the materials community.

The most recent FEMS EUROMAT conferences, in Lausanne (2003) and Prague (2005), have grown in success, both in terms of the quality of the scientific programme and the atten-

tion they received. We hope to continue this trend in Nuremberg 2007 (see back page). We will aim specifically to draw more people from applied research and industry without neglecting our traditionally strong base in fundamental science. To this end, in Nuremberg the conference will be accompanied by an industrial exhibition and symposia topics will be chosen accordingly.

The activities in the European Materials Forum in recent months have in-



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cluded a presentation to the Research Committee of the European Parliament in Strasbourg and a visit to Research Commissioner Potocnik in Brussels.

Main topics were the size of the research budget and funding instruments. The now expected increase of EU research funds by 30 % is a success where we contributed. In the near future we will have intensive discussions with the research directorate about the "European Institute of Technology" and the role of materials science in this context.

We have recently embarked on a mission to pull-in other materials societies that are not yet

members of FEMS. This is in the interest of the community because it would strengthen our voice. This is also in the interest of FEMS because it helps to procure fees.

In my position as president I can build on the success of my predecessor, Professor Wilfried Kurz. He has launched the EMF activities that look very promising at present. He has also put FEMS on a better financial footing by raising income from conferences and cutting costs.

The Event for Younger Scientists and Engineers:

FEMS Junior EUROMAT 2006

FEMS prides itself on the support given to the younger members of its Member Societies. Foremost is its biannual conference for young scientists and engineers working in the materials field, Junior EUROMAT.

The brainchild of Peter Schep, Chief Executive of DGM, the larger of the two FEMS Member Societies in Germany, and a past Secretary of the Federation, it is going to be held for the eighth time this year, on 4-8 September.

As usual, the venue will be UNIL, on the banks of Lake Geneva in Lausanne.

For the third time running, the event will take place as a poster-only conference. However, the authors, most of whom are studying for masters or



Peter Schep

PhD degrees, are encouraged to give a brief oral introduction to their posters in one of the lecture theatres.

Registration fees for students range from about €190 for those from Western Europe down to €140 and €90 for those from Central and Eastern Europe, respectively. Senior academics and industrialists are also welcome to participate and in their case the fees will be in the range €150-300.

Lausanne is a beautiful venue for the meeting and



Prizewinners at Junior EUROMAT 2004

an added attraction is that youth hostel and bed-and-breakfast accommodation are available from about €50 per night, with even cheaper opportunities in the local barracks.

Junior EUROMAT will have a truly international

flavour this year. Well over 300 posters will be presented by authors from 40 different countries, including China, Japan and USA. The 13 main themes will ensure that there will be much to interest everyone.

FEMS welcomes a new Member Society:

Ukrainian Materials Research Society (U-MRS)

We are delighted to announce the election of the Ukrainian Materials Research Society (U-MRS) as the newest FEMS Member Society.

The election took place via a postal ballot in which every member of the FEMS General Assembly was invited to vote. Most members participated in the ballot and their decision was a unanimous one in favour of U-MRS, which becomes our 24th Member.

U-MRS was established two years ago and was granted legal status by the Ukraine Ministry of Justice on 24 April 2004. Since its formation, interest in U-MRS has burgeoned and it already boasts upwards of 100 members. Every autumn it helps to organise a big international conference. Last year it was MMS-2005, "Modern Materials Science: Achievements and Problems".

This year's event will be MEE-2006, "Materials and Coatings for Extreme Performance: Investigations, Applications, Ecologically Safe Technologies for their production and Utilisation", to be held in Big Yalta, Crimea, Ukraine on 18-22 September. For further information: chern@ipms.kiev.ua.

U-MRS has links with many academic institutes and scientific organisations in the Ukraine and other

countries including Belarus, France, Georgia, Germany, Poland, Russia and the USA.

The registered address of U-MRS is 3 KrzhyzhanovskySt., 03680 Kiev, Ukraine. Its President is Professor Valery V. Skorokhod, Director of the Frantsevich Institute of Problems of Materials Science (IPMS) of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, and its Executive Director is



U-MRS logo

Dr. Leonid Chernyshev, Head of the Department of Informatics and International Cooperation at the same establishment.

We wish U-MRS a long and fruitful period of membership of FEMS.

Papers now being sought for:

FEMS EUROMAT 2007

As previously announced, the next event in the EUROMAT Series will be taking place in the wonderful old City of Nuremberg on 10-13 September 2007.

The Call for Papers has just appeared on the conference website: www.euromat2007.fems.org. Intending authors should note that the deadline for the submission of abstracts not exceeding 1500 characters in length is: 31st January 2007.

The Chairman of the Organising Committee is Prof. Francis Delannay of the Université Catholique de Louvain, who is being assisted by Prof. Bill Clyne of Cambridge University, Prof. Krzysztof

Kurzydowski of Warsaw University of Technology, Dr. Ehrenfried Zschech of AMD Saxony and Prof. Sybrand van der Zwaag of the Technical University of Delft.

The six Topic Areas will be: Functional Materials; Structural Materials; Processing; Characterisation and Modelling; Applications; and Education. It is expected that as many as seventy symposia will take place.

The venue is the ultra-modern CCN Congress Centre, which offers ample accommodation on four floors linked by escalators. Members of the FEMS Executive Committee, which met recently at the Centre, were truly amazed by what they saw there!



Dürer's House in Nuremberg



CCN Congress Centre

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ASMET, the Austrian Society for Metallurgy and Materials, is holding the 2006 Congress of the International Federation for Heat Treatment and Surface Engineering and Surface Modification Technologies at the Congress Centre in Vienna on 25-29 September 2006. Online registration is available at: www.asmet.at/ifhtre2006.

ESF, the European Science Foundation is organising a conference on Bacterial Networks - Joining the Strengths of Structural- and Systems Biology to reach 'Synthetic' Biology at Sant Feliu de Guixols (Costa Brava), Spain on 14-19 October 2006. The conference website is: www.esf.org/conferences/lc06211.

AIM, Associazione Italiana di Metallurgia, is organising the International Conference & Expo Duplex 2007, which will take place in Grado and Aquileia, Italy, on 18-20 June 2007. For further information, contact Dr. Federica Bassani by E-mail (aim@aimnet.it) or visit the conference website: www.aimnet.it/duplex2007.htm.

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