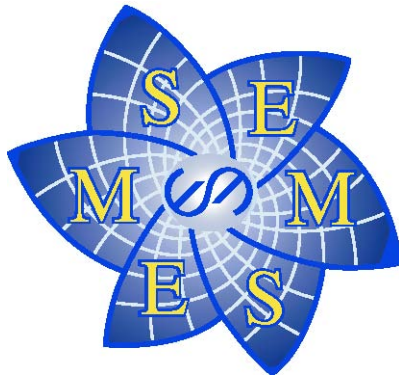


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Executive Committee

The Council is responsible for electing the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and other members of the Executive Committee. Here is the current Executive Committee.

President: Marta Sanz-Solé (2011-2014)

Vice-Presidents: Mireille Martin-Deschamps (2011-2014)
Martin Raussen (2011-2012)

Secretary: Stephen Huggett (2011-2014)

Treasurer: Jouko Väänänen (2011-2014)

Members: Zvi Artstein (2009-2012)
Franco Brezzi (2009-2012)
Igor Krichever (2009-2012)
Rui Loja Fernandes (2011-2014)
Volker Mehrmann (2011-2014)

Martin Raussen is running for re-election. Zvi Artstein and Igor Krichever are not running for re-election. Franco Brezzi is running for election as a Vice-President. Mireille Martin-Deschamps and Rui Loja Fernandes are not finishing their term, but have decided to resign. So the vacancies are as follows.

President: Marta Sanz-Solé (2011-2014)

Vice-Presidents: two vacancies

Secretary: Stephen Huggett (2011-2014)

Treasurer: Jouko Väänänen (2011-2014)

Members: Volker Mehrmann (2011-2014)
four vacancies

Members of the Executive Committee are elected for a period of four years. The President can only serve one term. Other committee members may be re-elected, provided that consecutive service shall not exceed eight years.

The Council may, at its meeting, add to the nominations received and set up a Nominations Committee, disjoint from the Executive Committee, to consider all candidates. After hearing the report by the Chair of the Nominations Committee (if one has been set up), the Council will proceed to the elections to the Executive Committee posts.



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Lisbon, May 21, 2012

Subject: Resignation from the Executive Committee of the EMS

Dear Prof. Marta Sanz-Solé
President of the European Mathematical Society

I have accepted a permanent professorship at the University of Illinois, Champagne-Urbana, USA. I will be taking up my new post on August 16, 2012. This move from my current European institution to the USA will certainly affect negatively my collaboration with the Executive Committee of the European Mathematical Society. Hence, I am forced to offer my resignation from the Executive Committee.

With my best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rui Loja Fernandes', is written over a horizontal line.

Rui Loja Fernandes
Departamento de Matemática
Instituto Superior Técnico

Candidates for the Executive Committee

Vice-Presidents:

Franco Brezzi
Martin Raussen

Members, four from:

Imre Bárány
Nils Dencker
Alice Fialowski
Gert-Martin Greuel
Laurence Halpern
Tomaž Pisanski
Armen Sergeev

Letter of intent

My name is Alice Fialowski. I work at the Eötvös Loránd University Budapest, Hungary.

My research field is Lie theory, cohomology, deformation theory, with applications in mathematical physics. Previously I have spent several years in the U.S., where I was full professor at the University of California Davis. During that time I was a member of the International Affairs Committee of the AMS for 4 years. In 1994 I moved back to my home country. I am really happy to be at home, with my two children, surrounded with European culture. I have lots of scientific contacts in different countries, regularly go to conferences to give talks, my collaborators come to visit my University. I find the international scientific network inside Europe one of the crucial points of the 21th century Europe. These days science and education can not be isolated; the strength is in fact in the common values. I can see this in the development of my home country since we entered the European Union. We all depend on each other, and – while keeping the local specialities – it is important to develop an international, European standard, a common language. Another important point in my mind to bring up less developed countries in Europe also in the scientific world. The possibilities in those countries are less, compared to other countries. Hopefully with years the situation will get better, but in the meantime multiple country grants offer a solution. Scientific exchange programs, like Erasmus etc. are more and more available and useful. May be with some experience one could simplify the application procedure for those programs. In mathematics education different countries can learn a lot from each other, by sharing positive, successful traditions.

I am looking forward to learn more about the work of the EMS, see the problems and help to find good solutions. Hungary is not represented in the Executive Committee since 1996, and I hope that I can do useful work for the mathematical community in Europe as a member of the Executive Committee of the EMS.

Prof. Alice Fialowski
Institute of Mathematics
Eötvös Loránd University
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Budapest, April 22, 2012

Scientific CV

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NATIONALITY: Hungarian

EDUCATION

- 1983 Academic degree of “Candidate of Mathematical Sciences” in Russian from Moscow State University, Moscow/USSR. Thesis title: “About cohomology and deformations of infinite dimensional nilpotent Lie algebras.”
- 1977 Ph.D. in Mathematics from Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary. Thesis title: “Generalization of basic theorems of abstract harmonic analysis - Plancherel-Godement and Bochner-Godement Theorem.”
- 1974 Diploma in Mathematics from Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2010 Visiting Scientist, Max-Planck-Institut für Mathematik, Bonn, Germany (one month)
- 2009 Visiting Scientist, Max-Planck-Institut für Mathematik, Bonn, Germany (one month)
 Visiting researcher, Alfréd Rényi Institute of Mathematics, Budapest (5 months)
- 2008 Visiting Scientist, ETH, Zürich, Switzerland (one month)
 Visiting researcher, Alfréd Rényi Institute of Mathematics, Budapest (5 months)
 Visiting Scientist, Indian Statistical Institute and Chennai University India (one month)
- 2007 Visiting Scientist, Max-Planck-Institut für Mathematik, Bonn, Germany (one month)
 Visiting Scientist, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, India (one month)
- 2006 Visiting Scientist, IHES, Paris, France (one month)
- 2005 Visiting Scientist, Max-Planck-Institut für Mathematik, Bonn, Germany (one month)
 Visiting Scientist, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, India (one month)
- 2004 Visiting Scientist, Erwin Schrödinger Institute of Mathematical Physics, Vienna (one month).
- 2003 Visiting Scientist, Max-Planck-Institut für Mathematik, Bonn, Germany (one month).
- 2002 Visiting Scientist, Max-Planck-Institut für Mathematik, Bonn, Germany (one month).
- 2001 Visiting Scientist, Max-Planck-Institut für Mathematik, Bonn, Germany (one month).
- 2000 Visiting Scientist, Schrödinger Institute, Vienna, Austria (one month).
- 1997 Visiting Scientist, Max-Planck-Institut für Mathematik, Bonn, Germany (one month).

- 1996 Visiting Scientist, Schrödinger Institute, Vienna, Austria (June).
- 1994– Associate Professor, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary.
- 1993–96 Professor, University of California Davis, USA.
- 1993 Visiting Professor, Max–Planck–Institut für Mathematik, Bonn, Germany (four months).
- 1991 Visiting Scientist, Max–Planck–Institut für Mathematik, Bonn, Germany (one month).
Visiting Scholar, Mathematical Sciences Research Center, Berkeley, CA (one month).
- 1990–93 Associate Professor at the University of California, Davis.
- 1990 Visiting Professor at IMPA, Rio de Janeiro/Brazil (one month).
- 1988–90 Visiting Professor at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.
- 1988 From January 1, Alexander von Humboldt Scholarship for 8 months at the Max–Planck–Institut für Mathematik, Bonn.
- 1987 Lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, fall 1987.
- 1986–87 Alexander von Humboldt Scholarship for one year at the Max–Planck–Institut für Mathematik, Bonn.
- 1986 NSF Visiting Scientist at MIT for three months at the invitation of Professor V. Kac. I worked on infinite dimensional Lie algebras and cohomology computations for Lie algebras of vector fields.
- 1985–86 Visiting Assistant Professor at the Geneva University in Switzerland. I worked together with professor A. Haefliger on higher order operations in cohomology, calculated the Massey products for some infinite dimensional Lie algebras.
- 1984– External Research Associate at the Institute of Mathematics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest/Hungary.
- 1984–94 “Adjunktus” at the University of Technology in Budapest/Hungary.
- 1983–84 Research Associate at the Institute of Mathematics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest/Hungary.
- 1979–83 Post-doctoral fellow at the Moscow State University, USSR. My scientific advisor in Moscow was Professor A.A. Kirillov. I studied Lie groups, Lie algebras, representation and cohomology theory, symmetric spaces, functional analysis, quantum field theory. I worked together with Professors B.L. Feigin and D.B. Fuchs.
- 1974–79 Research Associate at the Department of Mathematics of the Pedagogical Institute, Budapest/Hungary.

LANGUAGES

I am fluent in Hungarian, Russian, English, and German.

INVITED LECTURES

I am regularly invited to give talks on my results. I have been in 18 countries at Universities and Mathematical Centers.

- 1977–79 Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest
- 1983 Moscow State University/USSR
- 1984 Moscow State University/USSR
Institute of Mathematics, Budapest/Hungary
Technical University, Budapest/Hungary

- 1985 Institute of Mathematics, Budapest/Hungary
Moscow State University/USSR
Kac-Moody Conference, Oberwolfach/West Germany
University of Geneva/Switzerland
- 1986 University of Basel/Switzerland
University of Paris VII/France
MIT, Cambridge
Tufts University, Massachusetts
Conference on Deformation Theory, Il Ciocco/Italy
University of Geneva/Switzerland
Moscow State University/USSR
- 1987 Max-Planck-Institut für Mathematik, Bonn
University of Hamburg/West Germany
University of Connecticut, Connecticut
University of Washington, Seattle
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia
- 1988 University of Basel/Switzerland
Freie Universität, Berlin/West Germany
Conference on Representation Theory, Bielefeld/West Germany
Max-Planck-Institut für Mathematik, Bonn
University of Rochester, NY
Conference on Kac-Moody algebras and Physics, North Carolina State University
Pennsylvania State University, PA
- 1989 University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore
Temple University, Philadelphia
Portland State University, Oregon
University of Oregon, Eugene
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge
ETH Zürich/Switzerland
Conference on Loop Groups, Budapest/Hungary
- 1990 University of Notre Dame
University of New Mexico, Albuquerque
University of California, Davis
Haverford College
Rutgers University, Camden
Bryn Mawr College
CUNY Lehman College
Harvard University
IMPA, Rio de Janeiro/Brazil
- 1991 Weizmann Institute of Sciences, Israel
Bar-Ilan University, Israel
Hebrew University, Israel
Conference on Infinite Dimensional differential geometry, Vienna
Conference on Finite Dimensional Lie Algebras, Oberwolfach

- University of California, Berkeley
 University of California, Davis
 Stanford University
 Technical University Budapest, Hungary
- 1992 UCLA, Los Angeles
 Eötvös University, Budapest, Hungary
 Poster at the First European Congress of Mathematicians, Paris
 University of California, Davis
 Max-Planck-Institut für Mathematik, Bonn
- 1993 Technical University, Budapest, Hungary
 University of California, Davis
 University of California, Berkeley
- 1994 University of California, Riverside
 University of California, Davis
- 1995 Eötvös Loránd University Budapest
 University of California, Davis
- 1996 Schrödinger Institute for Mathematical Physics, Vienna
 Poster at the Second European Congress of Mathematicians, Budapest
- 1998 Nonassociative Algebra and its Applications: the fourth International conference, São Paulo, Brazil
 XV Escola de Álgebra, Canela, Brazil
- 1999 Utrecht University, Holland
- 2000 Schrödinger Institute for Mathematical Physics, Vienna
 Sophus Lie Seminar at the Banach Center, Bedlewo, Poland
- 2001 University Mannheim, Germany
 Moscow State University, Russia
- 2002 International Algebra Conference, Venice, Italy
 Workshop on Singularities, St. Marienthal, Germany
- 2003 Workshop on Hochschild Cohomology, Leicester, England
 International Algebra Conference, Lisboa, Portugal
- 2004 Infinite Dimensional Geometry and Representations Workshop, Oberwolfach, Germany
 Representations and Cohomology in Mathematical Physics, Erwin Schrödinger Institut, Vienna
- 2005 Diagram and Cellular Algebras, Oxford, England
 Intern. Conference on Algebra, Debrecen
 Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, India
- 2006 Deformations and Contractions in Mathematics and Physics, Oberwolfach Workshop
 Tel Aviv University, Israel
 Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel
 Operads Conference, Strasbourg, France
- 2007 Faddeev Intern. Algebra Conf., St. Petersburg, Russia
 Seminar Sophus Lie, Bielefeld, Germany
 Algebraic Aspects in Geometry, Bedlewo, Poland
 Higher Structures in Geometry and Physics, Paris, France

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- 2008 Chennai University, India
 Sophus Lie Seminar XXXV, Budapest
 Alfréd Rényi Institute of Mathematics, Budapest
 Sophus Lie Seminar XXXVI, Kolozsvár
 Leicester University, Conference, England
- 2009 AGMP Meeting, Bedlewo, Poland
 Operad Conference, Lumini, France
 Algebra Symposium, Kolozsvár, Romania
 Istanbul University, Turkey
 Alfréd Rényi Institute of Mathematics, Budapest
- 2010 Seminar Sophus Lie, Mulhouse, France
 Sfax University, Monastir, Tunisia

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member

American Mathematical Society, Bolyai Mathematical Society,
 Deutsche Mathematische Vereinigung, Ungarischer Humboldt Verein
 European Mathematical Society

Editor

Journal of Lie Theory
Journal of Generalized Lie Algebras and Applications
 Springer-Verlag, *Algebra and Applications book series*

Referee for

<i>Acta Mathematica</i>	<i>Periodica Mathematica Hungar.</i>
<i>Compositio Mathematica</i>	<i>SIGMA</i>
<i>Forum Mathematicum</i>	<i>Transactions of A.M.S.</i>
<i>Intern. Journal of Theor. Physics</i>	<i>Math. Annalen</i>
<i>Journal of Algebra</i>	<i>Results in Math.</i>
<i>Journal of Geometry and Physics</i>	<i>Annales de l'Institut Fourier</i>
<i>Journal of Lie Theory</i>	<i>Commun. in Algebra</i>
<i>Journal of Math. Physics,</i>	<i>Isvertiya RAN, Ser. Math.</i>
<i>Journal of Physics A: Mathematics,</i>	<i>p-adic Numb., Ultramet. Anal. and Appl.</i>
<i>Mathematische Nachrichten</i>	<i>Bulletin of the Malaysian Math. Sci. Soc.</i>

I am regularly asked to referee NSF (USA), Austrian, and Sapiientia proposals.

Reviewer for: *Zentralblatt* *Mathematical Reviews*

Book reviews in *Periodica Mathematica*

International Committees

AMS Committee on International Affairs 1993–96.
 Founder and Organizing Committee of University of California Intercampus Workshop on “Lie Groups, Lie Algebras, and their Representations”, 1991–95.
 Organizer of the Workshop “Deformations and Contractions in Mathematics and Physics”, Oberwolfach, 2006.
 Organizer of the Sophus Lie Seminar XXXVII in Budapest, 2008.

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Organizer of the Workshop "Deformation Methods in Mathematics and Physics", Oberwolfach, 2010.

AWARDS

Alexander-von-Humboldt Fellowship, Max-Planck-Institut für Mathematik, Bonn, 2 years

Széchenyi Professor Fellowship, 4 years (1998-2001)

Széchenyi István Scholarship, 3 years (2002-2005)

Subject: Application of Dr. Alice Fialowski as member of the executive committee - supporting letter
Date: Tue, 24 Apr 2012 15:30:48 +0200
From: Friedrich Hirzebruch <hirzebruch@mpim-bonn.mpg.de>
To: ems-office@helsinki.fi

Dear colleagues,

Dr. Alice Fialowski (Budapest, Hungary) has applied for membership in the executive committee of the EMS.

From my own experience I know the work of the executive committee. Alice Fialowski would be a very valuable member. She has a very good scientific record and a lot of international experience, e. g. she was associate professor at the University of California at Davis and visiting professor at various places as you can see from her CV. In particular, I mention her frequent visits to the Max Planck Institute for Mathematics in Bonn, Germany. For those visits she was often supported by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation as a former fellow.

Her command of four languages and her membership in several mathematical societies would be helpful for her activity in the executive committee.

I recommend her strongly.

Sincerely yours,

F. Hirzebruch

EMS Committee for Support of East European Mathematicians Report for EMS Council Kraków, June 30 and July 1, 2012

All the members of the former committee, which was chaired by Jan Kratochvíl, ended their term of service in 2010, except the liaison EC member, Igor Krichever. Carles Casacuberta, from the University of Barcelona, started acting as chair in January 2011.

The EMS Executive Committee appointed the following members for 2011-2014.

Committee Members

Lucian Beznea (Romanian Academy, Bucharest, Romania)
Matej Brešar (University of Ljubljana, Slovenia)
Carles Casacuberta (University of Barcelona, Spain), *Chair*
Andrey Dorogovtsev (National Academy of Sciences, Kiev, Ukraine)
Vladimir Dragović (Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Belgrade, Serbia)
Jiří Fiala (Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic)
Yulij Ilyashenko (Cornell University, Ithaca, USA)
Stefan Jackowski (Warsaw University, Poland)
Igor Krichever (Columbia University, New York, USA), *Liaison EC Member*
Frank Neumann (University of Leicester, UK)

Activities

Although there had been plans to change the mission of the Committee and thus redefining its aims and scope, the EMS Executive Committee decided in 2010 to keep the current name and purpose of the Committee at least until the finalisation of the 6th European Congress of Mathematics in Kraków.

Thus, the full 2011 budget of the Committee was preserved for support to 6ECM participants. This amount, together with a substantial part of the Committee's 2012 budget, was offered to the 6ECM Organizing Committee for grants, up to a total contribution of 25.000 € from EMS.

Rules for grant allocation were set up by the 6ECM Organizing Committee in coordination with representatives of the SEEM Committee. It was agreed that the same rules and priorities would apply to all sources of funding for grants, including EMS support. However, while funds from the Foundation for Polish Science could only cover waiving of congress fees, accommodation and per diem expenses of young participants, there was more flexibility with EMS funding.

6ECM Grants

In order to ensure broad participation in the 6ECM and reduce economic barriers, a limited number of grants was offered jointly by the Foundation for Polish Science and the European Mathematical Society.

1. The grants were targeted towards three groups of applicants:
 - doctoral and masters students,
 - mathematicians at an early stage of their career (post-docs),
 - senior researchers from economically less-favoured countries .
2. Applications of mathematicians from outside Europe and the countries represented in EMS were considered only in exceptional cases and had to be supported with evidence of exceptional need and merit.
3. There were three types of grants:
 - *Congress fee*: successful applicants will have their congress fees paid by the organisers.
 - *Accommodation*: successful applicants will be accommodated in a dormitory (single or double room, depending on availability) free of charge for the duration of the congress.
 - *Local expenses*: successful applicants will obtain 80 PLN (approx. 20 Euro) per diem for the duration of their stay at the Congress, but no more than 400 PLN in total.
4. Congress fee and accommodation expenses at the dormitories chosen by the organisers will be covered directly. Per diem payments will be made in cash at a bank branch situated near the conference site.
5. Decisions concerning grants were made by a committee nominated by the Executive Organizing Committee of the 6ECM in coordination with the European Mathematical Society.
6. Applicants filled an on-line application form which was available after registering for the 6ECM. Besides personal data, appropriate for registration, each applicant had to provide:
 - birth date;
 - year of PhD and name of the institution he/she received it from;
 - references to her/his research publications;
 - references to her/his talks at conferences;
 - name and address of a senior researcher with affiliation in Europe or in a country represented in the EMS.

7. The deadline for electronic submission of grant applications was February 15, 2012. Applicants were notified by e-mail about decisions concerning their applications by March 19, 2012.

Almost 300 applications were received and approximately 100 grants were awarded. Applications were evaluated by a committee consisting of four people (two from Kraków, one from Poznań, and one from Łódź), all of them with habilitation. Applicants were classified into three groups, namely doctoral students, postdoctoral researchers, and senior researchers (born before 1976). To each group slightly different evaluation procedures were applied. Applicants from less-favoured countries and women mathematicians were given favorable scores.

Forthcoming Actions

After the 6ECM, the Committee will revise its remit and mission for the coming years. Input from EMS Council members about the aim of its next actions will be very welcome. Important decisions to be taken are the following:

- a) What should be the geographical scope of the Committee's support actions?
- b) Should the Committee continue offering almost exclusively travel grants and financial support to conferences, or instead a part of its resources could be devoted to targeted initiatives? If so, with what priorities?

*Carles Casacuberta
Committee Chair
University of Barcelona
25 June 2012*



**Mathematics Institute
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12th May 2012

To: Presidents of Mathematical Societies in Europe

Dear Presidents,

We are writing once again on behalf of the European Mathematical Society Women in Mathematics Committee. Our role is to encourage and support activities for women mathematicians in Europe.

You may remember that we wrote to you in 2010 that we intended to organise a meeting whose aim was to bring together people involved in organisations and initiatives for women mathematicians to exchange ideas and build an informal network. Participants were invited in response to our letter and through other channels.

This meeting took place in September 2011 in Barcelona. In addition to members of our committee, it was attended by representatives from the African Union, Denmark, France, Germany, Spain, and the UK who reported on the varied activities and initiatives in their countries. Russia and Serbia were represented by committee members and we have also made contact with representatives from Hungary, Italy, Slovakia and Turkey.

The collated reports can be found on our committee's website

<http://www.euro-math-soc.eu/comm-women2.html>

We ask you to please pass this information on to interested parties, in particular any relevant national groups or committees.

We have also begun compiling a list of organisations engaged in similar activities. These may be either subcommittees of a national mathematical society (such as the London Mathematical Society Women in Maths Committee) or independent organisations (such as *femmes et mathématiques* in France). The list will be placed on our website where we hope it may be a useful resource. If you have updates or details of further organisations to be added, please contact either myself (C.M.Series@warwick.ac.uk) or our webpage coordinator Lisbeth Fajstrup (fajstrup@math.aau.dk)

Thank you for your help and interest.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Caroline Series
University of Warwick
Chair

Dr Lisbeth Fajstrup
Aalborg University, Denmark
Web Coordinator

European Mathematical Society Women in Mathematics Committee

Report from the Meetings Committee

2010-2012

Rui Loja Fernandes (Portugal)

According to its remit the Meetings Committee of the EMS is focus on the following activities

- *EMS Lecturers*: An EMS Lecturer, typically appointed once a year, is an honorary post, bestowed on an internationally renowned researcher. An EMS Lecturer is asked to deliver several lectures in various European places, where one of the lectures is tied to an international conference in Europe.
- *EMS Distinguished Speakers*: An EMS Distinguished Speaker is a prestigious appointment, awarded to an internationally renowned researcher. An EMS Distinguished Speaker is asked to deliver a plenary lecture in a large regional or international European conference.
- *EMS Weekends*: An EMS Weekend is a regional European conference, interdisciplinary and covering several mathematical fields; usually organized jointly with one or several corporate societies.

Moreover, the Meetings Committee offers advice to the Executive Committee in all questions related to meetings and summer school activities, such as for example the possibility of authorizing the use of the EMS logo in a meeting.

The Meetings Committee has opened calls for all these activities, which were publicized to the European mathematics community, through the EMS member's societies and through the EMS Newsletter (both in its printed and electronic editions). Also, these calls were announced at the Meetings of Presidents that were held in 2011 and 2012.

During the period 2010-12, the following activities were supported by the Meetings Committee:

- Professor Karen Vogtman (Cornell University) was nominated the 2011 EMS Lecturer. She delivered 3 sets of 3 lectures entitled "The topology and geometry of automorphism groups of free groups", at the following locations:
 - Barcelona, Spain: Centre de Recerca Matemàtica, September 5-9, 2011 (during the conference "European Women in Mathematics");
 - Oxford, UK: Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford, February 10-14, 2012;
 - Stockholm, Sweden: Institut Mittag-Leffler, March 6-8, 2012;
- EMS-RSME Joint Mathematical Weekend (Bilbao, October 7-9, 2011). For a detailed report on this meeting see the Appendix and the webpage of the meeting: <http://www.ehu.es/emsweekend/>. This meeting was given the status of EMS Weekend by the Meetings Committee.
- Gabriel Navarro, Valencia, was chosen by the Meetings Committee as an EMS Distinguished Lecturer at the EMS-RSME Joint Mathematical Weekend.

- ESMTB-EMS Summer School (Évora, Portugal, June 27 - July 2, 2011). A summer school proposed by EMSTB-European Society for Mathematical and Theoretical Biology. The Meetings Committee decided to agree to recognize the meetings as a joint EMS-EMSTB project and, consequently, the permission to use the EMS logo. Details can be found in the webpage of the meeting: <http://c3.glocos.org/ssmtb/>.
- Alan Reid (University of Texas, Austin) was chosen as an EMS Distinguished Speaker at the Conference in Honor of Peter Buser, held at the Centro Stefano Franscini, Ascona (October 31 - November 4, 2011, Ascona, Switzerland). Details can be found in the webpage of the meeting: <http://homeweb.unifr.ch/parlierh/pub/Buser/welcome2.html>
- The Seventh Congress of Romanian Mathematicians (Brasov, Romania, June 29 - July 5, 2011). The Meetings Committee decided to agree to grant the permission to use the EMS logo as well as further support. Details can be found in the webpage of the meeting: <http://imar.ro/organization/activities/standalone/congmatro2011/conf.php>
- Kristian Seip, from NTNU, Trondheim, Norway, was chosen by the Meetings Committee to be the EMS Lecturer 2012. He has accepted the invitation and lectures are scheduled for Barcelona, Tel Aviv and St. Petersburg.
- 26th Nordic Mathematical Congress (June 10-14, 2013, Lund, Sweden): the Meetings Committee decided to agree to grant the status of an EMS Conference to this meeting and, consequently, the permission to use the EMS logo.

All the discussions and decisions of this Committee in this period have occurred by electronic means, so the Committee has not had a physical meeting. We feel that such a meeting should take place soon.

The activities of the Committee have been impaired by some unforeseen events. First, during the period 2010-11, due to the sudden resignation in July 2010 of the previous chair, Fred Van Oystaeyen, the Committee had as an interim chair Zvi Artstein. This was an unusual and temporary move since the chairs of the EMS Committees are never members of the Executive Committee. However, this was necessary to keep the Committee working. The Executive Committee worked to find a replacement and in January 2012, the Executive Committee nominate as new chair for the Meetings Committee Joan Porti (Universitat de Barcelona). Unfortunately, Joan Porti has had some health problems, which have not allowed him to fulfill his role in the last two months. For this reason this report was written by Rui Loja Fernandes, member of the Meetings Committee, and the current contact point between the Executive Committee and the Meetings Committee.

Lisbon, June 25, 2012

Appendix: Report of the Joint EMS-RSME Math Weekend - held in Bilbao, October 7-9, 2012

(Report presented to the Executive Committee by Rui Loja Fernandes)

The meeting followed the usual format of the EMS Mathematical Weekends: there were 4 topics (Groups and Representations, Symplectic geometry, PDE's in Mathematics and Physics, Functional Analysis Methods in Quantum Mechanics) and for each topic there was a local organizer, a plenary speaker and a special session.

Plenary speakers were chosen by the Program Committee (which included 2 members of the EMS Meetings Committee). The local organizer and the plenary speaker of each session were responsible for the choice of speakers in special sessions. One of the plenary speakers (Gabriel Navarro, Valencia) was chosen by the Meetings Committee as an EMS Distinguished Lecturer.

The meeting had an attendance of over 150 people. Each session had around 20-25 people, although the PDE's session had a larger attendance (around 40 people). I attended all the plenary sessions, which were of a very high level. The EMS Distinguished Lecturer, a leading expert in the area of group representations, gave an outstanding presentation consisting of a beautiful survey of the area, focus on recent advances and open problems, accessible to a general audience. It certainly deserved the title of EMS Distinguished Lecturer. Each special session had 6 speakers. I attended mostly the special session on Symplectic Geometry, which was of a very good level. I talked to other participants in the Weekend, which also praised the speakers in the other sessions.

The organizers were very efficient in fitting in the program a social program consisting of a visit to the Guggenheim Museum and Conference Dinner at a gourmet restaurant.

Detailed information about the meeting, lectures and sessions, can be found in the web page of the Math Weekend at:

<http://www.ehu.es/emsweekend/>