



Minutes of the 2018 AGM of the Electron Microscopy Section of the Royal Microscopical Society which took place on Thursday 27 September 2018 in the Wolfson Room at the Royal Society, London

Present: Dr Lucy Collinson (Chair), Professor Michelle Peckham (President), Ms Natalia Alexander, Dr Trevor Almeida, Professor Susan Anderson, Dr Jacquie Bond, Professor Rik Brydson, Professor Grace Burke, Dr Ian Dobby, Dr Elizabeth Duke, Mr Paul Edwards, Mr Matthew Francis, Mr Owen Green, Dr Richard Grenfell, Dr Paul Gunning, Professor Chris Hawes Hon FRMS, Professor Beverley Inkson, Dr Lynne Joyce, Dr Roland Kröger, Professor Mark Leake, Mr Steve Metcalfe, Mr Jean-Yves Mugnier, Dr Duncan Muir, Professor Pete Nellist, Dr Peter O'Toole, Dr Dogan Ozkaya, Professor Maddy Parsons, Dr Klaus Qvortrup, Mr Peter Sainsbury, Mr Jan Soetaert, Mr Duncan Stacey, Dr Natalie Stephen, Dr Debbie Stokes, Mr Leslie Stump, Dr Steve Thomas, Dr Kerry Thompson, Dr Rebecca Thompson, Mr Ian Titley, Mr Fredrik Wallberg, Dr Theresa Ward, Dr Claire Wells, Mr Dongsheng Wu, Ms Allison Winton (RMS Chief Executive), Ms Victoria Masters (Event Director), Mr Adam Clay (Finance Director), Mrs Kate Wooding (Event Director) and Ms Sarah King (Secretary to the PA).

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Dr Thomas Walther, Dr Alex Ball, Professor Pippa Hawes and Professor Paul Verkade

2. Minutes of the 2017 AGM

The Minutes were signed and approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Report from Section Chair

“Good morning everyone and welcome to the AGM of the Electron Microscopy section of the RMS. I'd like to start by thanking the outgoing chair, Professor Paul Verkade, for his excellent work over his three years chairing the section, during which time he built up a team with broad expertise in electron and X-ray imaging technologies, in life sciences and materials research, and with good geographical and gender diversity. It is good that Paul is going to remain on the committee as an ordinary member.

We had a number of new members join the committee last year - Dr Natasha Stephen, Dr Rebecca Thompson, and Dr Lore Troalen – about whom you can read more in the last issue of InFocus. Dr Leandro Lemgruber will be joining the committee this year.

In addition, Dr Dominic Waithe will be attending to represent the new Image Analysis Focused Interest Group of the RMS, which I hope will help us to forge closer ties with the growing bioimage analysis community, who are formalising their own career structures and community with initiatives like the COST network 'NEUBIAS'.

Dr Anton Page will be attending to represent the Association of Clinical Electron Microscopists, and I hope that we will be able to bring the diagnostic and research EM communities closer together to share experiences and support each other. Finally, Dr James Perkins will be invited to attend to represent EM

Outreach, where I hope we can develop an educational programme for EM that is as successful as the light microscopy kits.

We continue to have representation of a number of more focussed EM groups on the committee including TOSCA, SEMT, the Cryo Microscopy Group, EM-UK and more. The committee has been involved in the organisation of a wide variety of courses and meetings, including the introduction of a new course in single particle cryo EM, and of course in the EM and big data sessions for mmc2019.

We are sad to say goodbye to Dave McCarthy, and I just wanted to acknowledge his great contribution to the RMS EM Committee, to the SEMT, and to the wider EM community. He has always been a friendly face and a fount of EM knowledge, and we wish him well and hope he will keep in touch.

My experience of chairing the committee this year has been great, mainly due to the dynamic and engaged group of people I am working with, and of course due to the excellent support and input from Allison and her team in the office. I look forward to a lively year, and the build up to mmc next year.”

5. Election of Officers

There being no other nominations, the following officers were duly elected:

Chair: Dr Lucy Collinson, The Francis Crick Institute

Deputy Chair: Dr Thomas Walther, University of Sheffield

6. Election of Ordinary Members

There being no other nominations, the following Ordinary Members were duly elected:

- Mr Mike Ashton, Intertek Pharmaceuticals, Manchester
- Dr Alex Ball, Natural History Museum, London
- Professor Asa Barber, London South Bank University
- Professor Roland Fleck, King's College, London
- Professor Pippa Hawes, The Pirbright Institute
- Mr Gareth Jackson, Leica Microsystems
- Dr Jeremy Rees, Thermo Fisher
- Professor Paul Verkade, University of Bristol

In addition to the nominated Committee Members, Dr Chris Parmenter, Dr Lore Troalen, Dr Leandro Lemgruber and Dr Natasha Stephen have been co-opted onto the Committee. Dr Rebecca Thomson has been co-opted as the Early Career Representative.

Professor Ursel Bangert will be invited to attend to represent the Microscopical Society of Ireland, Dr Dominic Waithe to represent IAFIG, Dr Anton Page to represent ACEM and Dr James Perkins to represent SEM Outreach.

7. Any Other Business

There was no further business.