

Statute of the European Magnetism Association (EMA)

1. Name:

The name of the Association is the “European Magnetism Association” (EMA)

2. Objectives:

The EMA aims at promoting actions related to magnetism and magnetic materials. This includes actions concerning:

- advancement in the understanding of magnetism
- education in the field of magnetism
- developments in magnetism related applications
- links with companies active in magnetic materials and devices
- lobbying actions in order to raise the impact of research on magnetism in Europe
- links with other European magnetics organizations
- interactions with the magnetism community worldwide
- dissemination of the results of magnetism research; raising awareness of the importance of magnetism and magnetic materials in fundamental science and applications
- advertising of job offers in the field of magnetism in both academia and industry
- any other actions in accordance with the above general aims

In furtherance of these aims, the EMA will also act as an umbrella organization federating associations which work towards the above described aims, thus giving European magnetism a voice. This concerns more specifically:

- European Education and training : the European School on Magnetism (ESM)
- European forum for advancement in magnetism research: Joint European Magnetic Symposia (JEMS)

3. Members

- Individuals active in magnetism research
- National magnetism societies and associations
- Research Institutions
- Companies concerned with magnetic materials and technology
- Members benefactors

4. Management

4.1 The General Council (GC)

The GC consists of representatives of the European countries* active in magnetism research (one representative per country)**.

* *European country is seen as belonging geographically (even partly) to Europe*

***A country is considered as active in magnetism if at least one paper has been published every year in the last five years.*

National magnetism societies/associations will designate their representative. In the countries where there is not a national society/association, the representative may be designated by the magnetism section of the national Physical society or by other types of existing official organization or structure on magnetism. In case such organization does not exist, the national representative will be designated by the GC. Meetings of the GC will be held during JEMS. The term of the GC members is three years, renewable once. The GC will elect the President and Vice President from among its members. The GC defines the general policy developed by the EMA. It oversees that the actions developed by the EMA, as well as those developed by associated bodies (ESM, JEMS, etc..), respect the Statute of the association.

In the transitional phase, beginning at JEMS 2016, the GC will consist of members of the International Advisory Committee (IAC) of JEMS. One third of them will be replaced in 2017, one third in 2018 and one third in 2019, thus marking the end of the transition period.

4.2 The Executive Board (EB)

The EB consists of the President, Vice President and treasurer. Both the President and the Vice President are elected by the GC among those members who have been in the GC for three years only. The election will be at a meeting provided that 50% of the members are present. Each member of GC may delegate his vote to another member of GC by an E-mail sent to the present President within one week prior the meeting. Otherwise the election shall be conducted by e-mail ballot. The term of the President and Vice President is three years not renewable. The Vice President will automatically become President and the outgoing President will serve the EMA as Past President at the maximum for one term. The treasurer is appointed by the President, after approval by the GC. The EB may nominate additional members to serve specific roles for the EMA, e.g. for contacts with European Physical Society (EPS), International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP), non European magnetism societies and companies and for fund raising.

The EB will make operational decisions for the EMA, under the supervision of the GC.

4.3 Role of the officers

4.3.1 President

The President carries out general supervision of EMA affairs, with the approval of the GC. The President will preside over GC and EB meetings, normally to be held during JEMS conferences. He / she will report every year to the GC, at GC meetings, as well as at the end of his / her term.

4.3.2 Vice President

The Vice President supports the President in every activity. He/she also plays the role of secretary, responsible for keeping a record of the activities of the EMA.

If the office of the President becomes vacant for any reason, the Vice-President will become the acting President.

4.3.3 Treasurer

The treasurer is responsible for financial management of EMA accounts.

The EMA bank account will be in Rome. The money presently in the JEMS bank account will be transferred to EMA.

4.3.4 General Assembly of Members (GAM)

The GAM will be held at JEMS conferences. During the GAM, the president will report on EMA activities and members will have the opportunity to make comments and suggestions on EMA activities and initiatives.

5. Relationship between the GC and the JEMS-IAC and the ESM Committee

The GC elects two of its members to serve on the IAC of JEMS and one to serve on the ESM Committee. The EMA will make an advance loan available to institutions organizing JEMS upon budget approval by the GC. After the JEMS conference, the loan will be repaid to the EMA, together with 50% of any budget surplus. In case of deficit EMA will share 50% of it. The EMA will support financially the ESM, upon application, to an amount to be approved by the GC. For each JEMS and ESM the GC will elect one of its members as co-treasurer.

6. Headquarters

The EMA headquarters will be in Rome at the Institute of structure of Matter of the National Research Council (CNR) of Italy.

7. Income

Income (fees, donations...) will be used solely for the promotion of the EMA's objectives. No membership fee payment will be requested in the first two years. Starting from JEMS 2018, there will be a membership fee. Members of national magnetism societies/associations will have a reduction in membership fee. The payment of the membership fee will entitle individual members to a reduction in registration fees to JEMS conferences and ESM schools.

8. Revision of the Statute

A revision of the Statute will require an absolute majority vote during a GC meeting.