
Statutes of the European Magnetism Association

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 worldwide and in particular in Europe, giving magnetism a stronger voice in Europe. This includes actions concerning:

- Advancement in the understanding of magnetism;
- Education in the field of magnetism;
- Developments in magnetism-related applications;
- Promotion of interactions between academics and companies active in magnetic materials and devices;
- Lobbying actions in order to raise the impact of research on magnetism in Europe;
- Interaction with other European, non-European and worldwide magnetics organisations;
- Dissemination of magnetism-research results; raising awareness of the importance of magnetism and magnetic materials in fundamental science and applications;
- Promotion of networking and employment opportunities in the field of magnetism, in both academia and industry;
- Any other actions in accordance with the above general aims.

3. Actions

3.1. CORE ACTIONS

The EMA implements a number of core actions, each led by an Officer (see 5.2). These may pertain to the advancement of knowledge (*e.g.*, through JEMS), higher education (*e.g.*, through ESM), dissemination of information, structuring and community life. Neither the list of such actions nor the respective Officers' actions are fixed, as described at any given time in the by-laws.

3.2. LINKS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

The EMA acts as a representative body for Magnetism in Europe, and as such maintains links with various other organisations active in the field. This implies sharing objectives, ensuring mutual promotion, without compromising the independence of any of the two parties. These organisations may send a non-voting delegate to the General Council meetings. The list of such organisations is not fixed, and described at any given time in the by-laws.

4. Members

Members may be:

- Individuals active in magnetism research;
- National magnetism societies and associations;
- Research institution;
- Companies concerned with magnetic materials and technology.

Conditions for being a member are described in the by-laws.

5. Management

5.1. THE GENERAL COUNCIL (GC)

The GC consists of representatives of the European countries¹ active in magnetism research (one representative per country)². Representatives are elected country by country by the existing GC, based on at most three nominees per country. The country representatives who are about to end their term, in connection with their national communities, are in charge of proposing these nominees. Nominations may be submitted via respective national magnetism societies/associations, the magnetism section of the national Physical society or by other types of existing official organisations or structures on magnetism. The mandate of a national representative is three years, renewable once. The election takes place from April to June every year, and the new mandate starts the day of the next meeting of the GC. The mandate of the leaving national representative ends the day before this meeting.

The GC meets at least yearly, or more often if needed. Under usual circumstances, meetings are held in Europe at JEMS, or at ICM/Intermag during those years, in which these take place in Europe and JEMS thus does not take place. The President (see 5.2) can call for an electronic meeting, if specific circumstances require it, including for voting. Members of the Executive Board (see 5.2), if not members of the GC, take part as full participants with full rights. Other participants may be invited or provide a voice for the EMA's actions, such as JEMS, ESM and others. Voting may be proposed for some decisions.

The GC is led by the President. It defines the general policy developed by the EMA. It oversees that the actions developed by the EMA and conducted on a daily basis by the Executive Board, such as ESM and JEMS, respect the Statutes of the Association.

5.2. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD (EB)

5.2.1. Composition of the Executive Board

The EB consists of the President, Vice President, the Treasurer and Officers, each dedicated to a specific task. Under the supervision of the GC, the EB makes operational decisions for the EMA on a daily basis, at its yearly meetings or its more frequent meetings, if key decisions are involved.

¹ A country within the European continent, or a country or geographical area hosting a physical society that is member of the European Physical Society (https://www.eps.org/page/membership_ms).

² A country is considered as active in magnetism, if at least one paper has been published every year within the past five years.

The GC elects the President and Vice President from among its members, both at the same time and each for a three-year period, on a non-renewable mandate. The election takes place at a meeting, if 50% of the members are present or have their vote delegated to a member present. Otherwise, the election shall be conducted by e-mail ballot. The President and Vice-President cease to act as national representatives once elected, and new representatives for the two countries need to be nominated and elected as described above. At the end of the mandate, the Vice-President is proposed to the GC for consideration as future President, and would assume his position through voting.

5.2.2. President

The President assumes the general supervision of the EMA's affairs, with the approval of the GC. The President presides over GC and EB meetings. The President reports every year at the GC meetings, or more frequently if key decisions are involved, as well as at the end of the President's term.

The President appoints the Treasurer and the Officers, subject to confirmation by the GC at the next meeting. The by-laws list the Officers and their missions. The President may freeze the mission of an Officer, subject to confirmation for dismissal by the GC at the next meeting.

The President may propose the Past President to conduct specific actions for the EMA. The outgoing President may serve the EMA as Past President for a maximum of one term.

The President may also nominate additional persons to serve specific roles for the EMA, e.g. for contacts with the European Physical Society (EPS), the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP), non-European magnetism societies, etc.

5.2.3. Vice President

The Vice President supports the President in every activity. The Vice President also assumes the role of Secretary, responsible for keeping record of the EMA activities.

If the office of the President becomes vacant for any reason, the Vice-President becomes the acting President until new elections for President and Vice President take place at the next meeting of the GC.

5.2.4. Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for the financial management of the EMA account(s). The Treasurer reports at the GC meetings, at the end of the fiscal year to the President, and at any other occasion, if circumstances require this, or at the request of General Council members. A Treasurer is appointed upon election of a new president, i.e., with a mandate of a maximum of three years. However, renewal is possible without any time restriction.

5.2.5. Officers

Officers are appointed by the President and subject to confirmation by the GC, to assume a substantial and long-term mission of the EMA. Prior to their nomination Officers may, or may not, be GC members. Officers are part of the Executive Board, and as such participate in the meetings of the GC with full rights, including voting. Officers report to the President whenever needed on actions and budget, and yearly at the GC, during a GC meeting. Officers must be confirmed upon election of a new president, i.e., have a mandate of a maximum of three years. However, renewal is possible without any time restriction.

The number of Officers and their missions are not stipulated in the Statutes, and may change over time. The by-laws list the Officers and their missions. Officers may establish side committees or nominate persons to help them support their mission.

5.2.6. General Assembly of Members (GAM)

JEMS conferences act as the General Assembly of Members (GAM) of the association through a dedicated session. During the GAM, the President reports on the EMA's activities, and members have the opportunity to make comments and suggestions on the EMA's activities and initiatives.

6. Headquarters

The EMA headquarters are 6 Rue des Frères Lumière, 68350 Mulhouse, alongside those of the European Physical Society.

7. Income

The EMA is a non-profit organisation. Any income (fees, donations, surplus of events etc.) is used solely for conducting the EMA's objectives.

8. Revision of the Statutes

A Revision of the Statutes requires an absolute majority vote during a GC meeting.