

EMA General Council Meeting 3rd July 2024 – Minutes

The meeting was held in hybrid mode from 12:45 to 14:15. These minutes are provisional and will be submitted for formal approval at the GC next meeting, scheduled to take place during JEMS 2025 (24th -29th August 2025).

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Participants

A star stands for online participants.

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- BAILLEUIL Matthieu (Treasurer) *
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- DUPE Bertrand (Officer for Officer Higher Education) *
- FERREIRA TEIXEIRA Sofia (Young Officer)
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- WEILER Mathias (Magnetometry.eu) *

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Notes:

- The questions raised are reported after each item. If none were made, no comment is inserted in the report.
- All votes held during the meeting have been made non-anonymously, although not reported nominally in the present minutes.

Welcome

The President, Olivier Fruchart, welcomes the General Council (GC) members, Officers and invited guests participating in person and online. Participants on-site introduce themselves. Olivier sends apologies from Dennis, who is on the West coast of the US and thus could not participate onsite. Olivier informs that the meeting was prepared with Dennis, Officers and representatives of associated bodies, and presents the agenda.

1. Approval of the minutes of the last GC e-meeting, August 29th, 2023

No comments are made concerning the [provisional minutes](#) from the last GC meeting on August 29th, 2023, that have been shared beforehand. The minutes are thus approved.

2. Approval of the agenda

The agenda of today's GC meeting is presented. No comments are brought up and the agenda is approved.

3. General report by the EMA President (Olivier Fruchart)

3.1. Working process

- The President, Olivier Fruchart, and Vice-President, Dennis Meier, hold monthly meetings to review the ongoing work and move forward in a coordinated manner. They both participate in important discussions and, in addition, independently drive different activities.
- Regular meetings of the Executive Board are organized to involve all Officers; meetings took place on January 17th and May 15th, 2024.

3.2. Executive Board

- The Executive Board (EB) consists of the President, the Vice-president, and Officers (<https://magnetism.eu/board>). The EB has currently 11 members.
- Changes and/or approvals to be made are:
 - Sofia Ferreira Teixeira is proposed as the first Young Officer by the President. Sofia has started to prepare her actions as Officer in December 2023. Her role as Officer is to be approved formally later in this GC meeting.
 - Christian Back wishes to step down from his role as Awards Officer, after a fantastic work since the creation of EMA awards five years ago. The search for a new officer and the outcome will be presented later in the meeting.
 - Bertrand Dupé wishes to step down from his role as Carbon Footprint Officer, after realising great work. The search for a new officer and the outcome will be presented later in the meeting.
- All other officers continue their terms,
- No additional changes.

3.3. Membership

- The implementation of supporting membership follows the 2023 survey.
- It was discussed by a dedicated committee, following a call for volunteers made to the entire GC: Agustina Asenjo, Nora Dempsey, Catherine Frandsen, Olivier Fruchart, Dennis Meier, Dieter Suess, Vojtěch Uhlíř
- The conditions proposed are the following:
 - Open to individuals but also to bodies (*i.e.*, laboratories, companies, associations, networks...).
 - Membership fees are not fixed to a given value to consider different backgrounds (belonging with other societies, senior vs. students, geography, etc.).
 - Free membership is an option.
 - Goal for EMA related to membership fees is to allow more degrees of freedom regarding the development and support of actions for the community. However, we wish to maintain the non-profit status and continue to not differentiate between members and non-members when providing services.

- The supporting membership opened on January 8th, 2024; communication and promotion via direct mailing and on the socials of EMA was made.
- To date, 29 people paid (1221€), and 393 people have declared themselves free members.
- Based on one-to-one discussions, it seems that some colleagues may have missed the information or were not aware of these changes. As such, a broader and more targeted reminder campaign is scheduled.

COMMENTS

- Andreas Michels asks if it is possible to get an invoice for the membership fee. Olivier answers that it is paid by credit card, it comes with an invoice that the system proposes to label either as a membership fee or a donation, depending on the wish of the member. Olivier mentions that EMA can ask the status of a scientific charity three years after its foundation, which would allow to get tax benefits related to the donations and membership fees in some countries. The procedure is scheduled in 2026.
- Burkard Hillebrands, Past President, suggests to offer EMA membership when registering for JEMS. The due EMA membership fee would be balanced by a reduced JEMS registration rate for EMA members. Olivier answers that a discussion has been held with JEMS IAC President Nora Dempsey about the matter. The conclusion at present is that JEMS already offers a number of different registration fee options, and that including more may lead to confusion. So far, it has been decided to not do so.
- Theo Rasing mentions that communication is very important; he has missed the information and would be happy to pay a fee.
- Riccardo Bertacco approves the suggestion by Burkard Hillebrands about offering the opportunity to ask for membership at JEMS and getting some discounts for being a member. Nora Dempsey mentions that, besides the complexity of having too many levels of registration fees, there would be a financial uncertainty for JEMS, especially considering that the fee does not have a fixed value. The solution proposed by Riccardo to not having a fixed value fee is that there would be a fixed membership fee at JEMS registration. Nora replies that then there would have to be a fixed fee in general.
- Burkard Hillebrands suggests that now that EMA is well-established, to think about a target number of supporting members we would like to achieve, e.g. 1000, and then adjust the strategy based on that.
- Olivier mentions that there was always a wish of flexibility, thus the existence of no fixed fee. He also states that we need to improve the communication. He also confirms that registration fees at JEMS 2025 will not be linked with membership. Nevertheless, it will be proposed to mention membership during the registration stage, including an external link pointing at the membership page of EMA.

3.4. EMA Young Officer

- The creation of the EMA Young Officer follows the survey in 2023.
- Eight nominations were received, three candidates were identified for an interview.
- The selection committee was led by Dennis Meier, with Diana Leitão, Nuala Caffrey and Olivier Fruchart as members.
- There was an interview with Sofia on October 26th, 2023.

- Following this process, Sofia was selected by the committee, and appointed by the President.

3.5. Link with national societies

- This action follows as well from the 2023 Survey.
- The objective is to foster communication between EMA and the national societies. An example is to try and identify new colleagues and students, with the aim of having new members and early career researchers part of and active in EMA as soon as possible.
- Work is ongoing, with the GC members having been contacted and a draft version of the list being created.
- The plan is to make a list of contacts available online in autumn 2024 and contact the different national societies.

3.6. Partial Elections to the General Council

- Regular partial GC elections have been conducted concerning Representatives whose term ended in 2024. The process was led by Dennis Meier, Vice-president. Olivier reminds everyone that the position is renewable once.
- Olivier presents current GC members, including the dates when their terms end, and he welcomes the new GC members (a complete list is presented during the GC meeting; an updated list can also be found on the EMA web page: <https://magnetism.eu/gc>).
- Olivier also notes that there are 7 national representatives, out of the 9 elected this year, who start their second term
- Concerning the definition of an EU country, EMA continues to follow the definition of the European Physical Society (i.e., “a country within the European continent, or a country or geographical area hosting a physical society that is member of the European Physical Society.”, active in the field of Magnetism)

3.7. Miscellanea

- Olivier presents other miscellanea points:
 - Proceeding of JEMS from the 2023 survey: for JEMS 2025, they will not be implemented, as such the project is on freeze
 - There have been discussions with other bodies, especially related to the 2025 TMR anniversary celebration (IEEE Mag Soc, MML, IUPAP C9 commission).
 - Discussion about an MoU with IUPAP C9 commission (Magnetism commission). Olivier informs that there is a very smooth collaboration, an example is ICM. The MoU would make this collaboration formal. The principle of a MoU was approved by IUPAP C9 on July 2nd 2024.

4. Reports by Officers and Representatives

4.1. Treasurer (Matthieu Bailleul)

- Matthieu reports the full transition of the accounting from the Italian statutes to the French statutes of the association.
- EMA currently has two saving accounts, one with 100k€ and another with 35k€, providing interests.
- There are separate web payment pages for ESM and EMA

COMMENTS

- Olivier mentions that two types of balances are of interest for us, both maintained by Matthieu. A legal balance consists of all income and spending per fiscal year, which we need to supply to the tax administration, for example. Another accountancy of interest is all income and spending related to a given action, e.g. for ESM and JEMS, which may not be visible in the former as spread over several years.
- Today, it is the legal annual balance that Matthieu has presented.
- Olivier mentions also that the balance may be harder to read this year, due to the transition from Italy to France.

4.2. Industrial Relations (Diana Leitão)

- Diana presents her team of three people who have been working for a year together
- There is now a page dedicated to the Industrial Relations on the webpage of EMA
- Industry on the Spotlight series was initiated, part of the EMA plenary lectures, with the first session having been with Silicon Austria Labs (SAL) two weeks ago, being very successful. The next session will be by Qnami. The team is looking for further nominations for the series and considers an open call. Diana mentions that any suggestions of industrial companies are welcomed, but she reminds the council that the series is not supposed to be a sales pitch, instead showing research and opportunities for its applications for industry.
- Sessions at JEMS 2025 *Academia and Industry Collaboration* is being prepared. The idea is that it is implemented at any EMA initiative.
- The team is currently reaching out to other magnetic partners that are close to industry.
- There are also MoUs being drafted, with the UK Magnetics Society for example.
- The team has supported ICM 2024, especially using social media to reach out to sponsors.
- In October 2024, there will be organization of a session at Magnetic Materials and Applications (MMA, organized by the UK Magnetics Society) at CERN.

COMMENTS

- Olivier recalls that there is only one annual meeting of the GC, but that the board tries to communicate via email to keep everyone updated on the actions and get input at special occasions. We welcome the feedback from the GC members following these requests.
- Riccardo mentions that he has relevant industry contacts; he will be in touch with Diana about it after the meeting.

4.3. JEMS (Nora Dempsey)

- Organisation for JEMS 2025 in Frankfurt is going very smoothly, with Oliver Gutfleisch as Chair.
- JEMS International Advisory Committee (IAC) renewal:
 - Open call was made for nominations of new members
 - 22 candidates (including eight self-nominations), seven women and fifteen men
 - Vote will happen at the IAC meeting to elect new members and the next vice-president, on 4th July 2024.

- Nora mentions that she is preparing supporting documents for future JEMS organisers, to ease the organization and capitalize on the expertise gained during each new JEMS.
- Request for bids for JEMS 2027 will be made in January 2025.
- A decision on JEMS proceedings will be further investigated and evaluated.
- Regarding the subject of supporting membership at JEMS, Nora wants to clarify that she is not against the idea of asking membership fees at JEMS, but she believes it would not work well with the current system of non-fixed fee.

COMMENTS

- Emmanuelle Jal asks why there is no JEMS in 2026. Nora answers that it is because there will be the InterMag conference in the UK.

4.4. Digital Networking (Daniela Petti, Olivier Fruchart presents)

- Olivier explains that while Daniela is on leave, Joo-Von Kim and Sebastian Meyer have taken over.
- There has been five Early-Career seminars and six Plenary Lectures so far, one tutorial and one Industry on the Spotlight.
- The attendance figures are reasonably good, especially for the Plenary seminars, varying from a few tens to two hundreds.
- Olivier mentions the issue about having few nominations. EMA wants to avoid bias by having only the organisers filing invitations, and as such more feedback from the community is needed. Currently, there is not enough input. He believes that the seminar committee may play a larger editorial role for the PL series than for the EC series.
- The lecture of Stuart Cavill during ESM2024 will be broadcasted as plenary lecture, following the principle already implemented during ESM2023.
- There is a possibility of having another tutorial later in the year.
- Joint work is under way with the Young Officer to gather more participation and nominations, especially taking advantage of social media.
- The idea of offering a best video abstract prize, to stimulate more creative entries and gain better visibility, is being discussed.

COMMENTS

- Theo Rasing asks what the timeline for EC seminars is in terms of age; namely, who is eligible? Olivier answers that the EC series is specifically intended to provide a platform for those who just defended their PhD. This offers opportunities that rarely exist in other places, as usually often only established scientists are invited. This said, in practice, no strict rule exists, the decision is in the hands of the committee for the seminars.
- Oliver Gutfleisch, a member of the seminars committee, comments that the committee gets a surprisingly low number of nominations. Sometimes self-nominations are received but those are not ideal, since we do not have a way to evaluate them. He also mentions that it is important to make a clear difference between plenary and EC.
- Olivier Fruchart comments that it is important to gather nominations for the EC series because we cannot know all young scientists in Europe, whereas for plenaries, we can have a more editorial point of view since we most likely know the people.

- Oliver Gutfleisch also mentions that sometimes proposals are on topics that are too far from EMA's scope.

4.5. ESM (Bertrand Dupé)

- Bertrand mentions that ESM 2024 is in the implementation phase:
 - Accommodation in Youth Hostel is paid
 - Lecture halls of first and second week will be different to account for logistics constraints in York
 - Discord server needs to be set up
 - Participants' accommodation needs to be organised.
 - 102 participants on site, one with their family, and 30 online.
 - Acceptance of online participants still ongoing.
- ESM 2025 will be in Liege and Bertrand presents several details:
 - Youth Hostel and Lecture Hall is booked, as well as five rooms for practicals.
 - Since host is mostly theoretical, collaboration with IMEC is being discussed to offer experimental practicals as well.
 - The invoice procedure will be rethought to improve it, possibly switching as much as possible to credit card payments to ease administrative aspects.
 - There is the idea of making the school carbon neutral by doing, for example, park cleaning for carbon compensation, or public lectures.
- Bertrand mentions that the call for ESM 2026 needs to be open, but that he knows of already two groups interested.

COMMENTS

- Riccardo Bertacco recommends that when choosing the place/location to try and have a room that is big enough to avoid rejecting people, namely having too many online participants.
- Bertrand replies that actually the accommodation is the biggest bottleneck, if we wish to keep costs reasonable for the two-week duration. Also, not all universities provide access for free to the lecture halls. Bertrand also explains that 100 participants is a good number to not have a lot of people in the practicals, i.e. 20-25 people per practical. A higher number of participants could make the situation complicated.
- Oliver Gutfleisch mentions that interactions between lecturers and participants are important, and thus it makes sense to set a limit to the number of participants.
- Bertrand Dupé says that only in recent years we are receiving a big demand, i.e. 180 this year.
- Olivier Fruchart mentions that online participation should not be seen as a disadvantage since they can apply for onsite participation the following year and are considered on the same footing as all other applicants.

4.6. Young Officer (Sofia Ferreira Teixeira)

- Sofia introduces herself and her team, so called the Young Working Group (WG), namely constituted by 6 members, counting with her, with 3 being PhD Students, 2 postdoctoral researchers and one an industrial scientist.
- The team meets roughly once a month and has offline discussions via Microsoft Teams.

- Six projects are undergoing:
 - JEMS 2025 Young Researchers Network Event (YORNE) proposal, WG team Elizabeth Jeffremovas and Daniel Arranz López.
 - JEMS 2025 Academia and Industry: Collaboration matters session: collaboration with the Industrial Relations team, with the WG team being Luiz Enger and Sabri Koraltan.
 - ESM 2024 Young EMA introduction session: Sofia will present the session in person and Valentina Errani is part of the team preparing the session.
 - Discord: a Young EMA section on the EMA discord has been created, so far with two channels and not yet active. The WG team behind it are Sofia, Luiz and Sabri.
 - Instagram: an EMA Instagram account has been created and it has already been used to promote the seminars (video abstract of last seminar had already reached more than 600 views by the GC meeting) and also being at a magnetism conference, with videos of ICM.
 - MoU with the International Association of Physics Students (IAPS) was drafted by Sofia and discussed with both organisations. IAPS is to vote on it during their equivalent GC meeting.
- The goals are to foster and nurture the early career researcher's community within EMA, while creating active participation in EMA initiatives, such as the EC seminars.

4.7. Gender and Diversity (Nuala Caffrey)

- Nuala explains that in her role she wishes to develop a sense of community among women but also in other underrepresented groups
- The Section Diversity in Magnetism on Discord has been created as a forum to share events, articles, etc... However, Nuala mentions that it needs regularly encouragement to participate.
- Women and Girls in Science on February 11th, 2024 was celebrated by a takeover on Twitter/LinkedIn by female scientists who were on the spotlight. The feedback was very good and there was good engagement especially from early-career members.
- In the future, Nuala wishes to have a planning and advice role to the other EMA initiatives, like Education
- She wants to increase engagement on Discord and to collaborate with the young officer on this matter.
- For future initiatives, gender data should be collected, and inclusive accommodation options should be ensured in ESM for example.
- Guidelines for big EMA initiatives are to be created:
 - Develop strategies to increase nominations from women and underrepresented groups, like for the GC
 - Nuala explains that past year, most of the work was creating guidelines for EMA-organised events (JEMS, ESM), but they were quite general.
 - In the future, the idea is to create more practical guidelines, *i.e.*, how to invite and have gender balanced lecturers.

COMMENTS

- Oliver Gutfleisch (speaking for JEMS 2025) will connect with Nuala. Nuala mentioned *Women in Magnetism* events, but he asks whether if it may not instead be *Diversity in Magnetism*. The latter could be more inclusive. Nuala offers a discussion and suggests the decision to be made offline. She mentions that it is an extremely interesting and important point.

4.8. Communication (Emmanuelle Jal)

- Emmanuelle mentions that Michal Stano is still the scientific secretary, doing a large part of the work, thus being invaluable
- She presents the status of the EMA Social channels: 1394 followers on X and 2761 on LinkedIn
- On the Website, work was done to create three sections: EMA membership, Industrial relations page, and magnetometry.eu
- An email for each officer was created to ease contact and engagement.
- Support for communication is being updated. a poster was already updated for display at ICM; flyers and slides are to come.
- The agenda of the monthly editorials for the next year are presented to the GC and there are no comments.
- Database of educational material is being discussed and it will also be discussed later in this meeting.
- The idea of a Wikipedia page for EMA is still around. Emmanuelle asks that if anyone has experience in Wikipedia to contact her.
- She reminds everyone the email contact@magnetism.eu for events, national awards, etc...

4.9. Awards (Christian Back, Olivier Fruchart presents)

- Olivier recalls that EMA has two awards: the young scientist award and Dominique Givord Award (a career award). The judging committee is organized by Christian, gathering a few persons from the GC.
- Young Scientist award
 - Awarded every year.
 - In 2024: 18 nominations, incl. 6 female and 12 male.
 - The 2024 awardee is Dr. Alvaro Gallo Cordova (Institute of Materials Science of Madrid)
- Dominique Givord Award
 - Awarded every 3 years, next in 2026.
- Calls are made in autumn, do not hesitate to consider and nominate people

4.10. Magnetometry.eu (Mathias Weiler)

Note : This item was reported at the beginning of section 4, as Mathias could not attend the full meeting.

- Following a proposal by the magnetometry network, the content of magnetometry.eu has been shifted to the EMA web pages
- It lists members and techniques, and currently updating all existing experimental techniques and adding additional techniques from new members, such as spectroscopy.
- It is a platform to find collaborators on a specific technique, etc...
- There are several applications of new members pending-

4.11. European Institute of Molecular Magnetism (Eugenio Coronado)

- Eugenio introduces EIMM and its main activities:
 - They award the OKIA prize to one emergent researcher, maximum 10 years after PhD. This year Dr. Kasper Pedersen, Denmark, was the recipient.

- The European Conference on Molecular Magnetism (ECMM) is organised every two years and it will be in Poland, Krakow, 15 to 19 July 2024, organized by Dawid Pinkowicz and Simon Chorazy.
- The European Conference on Molecular Spintronics (ECMoIS) is organized every two years alternated from ECNN and it will be in Ireland, Dublin in mid-June 2025, organized by Stefano Sanvito, Alessandro Lunghi and Andrea Droghetti.

4.12. Spintronics Factory STF (Paolo Bortolotti, Diana Leitão presents)

- Diana introduces the Spintronics factory and mentions that it coordinated several online meetings this past year
- STF has launched an update of the 2020 roadmap (a publication in Nature Electronics), to be completed by September 2024.
- There is also an ongoing discussion with and about the Horizon Europe Strategic Plan to highlight the importance of spintronics in future strategic planning. Diana explains that Paolo leads these efforts to lobby spintronics in the next European Commission calls, such as Pathfinder Challenge
- There has also been exchanges with the IEEE magnetic society to promote the uptake of spintronics by the major semiconductor industries and foundries.

4.13. Petaspin (Giovanni Finocchio, Olivier Fruchart presents)

- Olivier Fruchart introduces Petaspin, explaining that it is an Italian initiative with a European / international audience
- It organises several schools and events open to the community. A list and photos of previous schools is shown to the GC.

5. New Officers

5.1. Approval of the EMA Young Officer

- Sofia has already introduced herself during her report (sec. 4.6).
- Vote for approving Sofia as the EMA Young officer is called by Olivier.
- Sofia is unanimously approved as EMA Young Officer.

5.2. New officers: carbon footprint

- Olivier explains that Bertrand, due to the high workload as ESM officer, wishes to step back from Carbon footprint.
- EMA has been trying to identify a Carbon footprint officer, but it is short of profiles until now.
- Olivier asks if anyone has any idea of a person to contact him/EMA.

COMMENTS

- Theo Rasing says that they suggested someone who works on Energy efficiency. Olivier will discuss further with Theo and thanks for the suggestions.
- Burkard Hillebrands asks whether EMA still needs a Carbon Footprint Officer, since Bertrand Dupé has already done a good job in creating the guidelines. Olivier mentions that still indeed we need it, to assist the different event organisers and build on their experience session after session. Theo Rasing agrees with Olivier, stressing that effort is far from over to lower our carbon footprint.

5.3. New officers: Awards

- Christian wishes to step back, following five years of great work.
- Olivier explains that a ranked list of profiles had been discussed within the board of EMA. Among these, two declined and one did not reply.
- Jeffrey McCord was contacted recently. A discussion between him and Olivier happened the previous day at ICM, and Jeffrey is interested in the position and agrees in accepting it.
- Olivier asks the GC if we should approve his nominations despite the late notice. Everyone agrees that yes, we should consider it.
- Vote for approving Jeffrey as the Awards Officer is called by Olivier.
- Jeffrey is unanimously approved as Awards Officer.

6. Proposed new EMA strategies

Educational material

- Olivier introduces the topic, namely that there is a large and growing number of educational materials out there (videos etc.)
- Olivier proposes that a catalogue of such material could be maintained and made publicly available on EMA's website. Today, we wish to discuss and evaluate interest in this action.

COMMENTS

- Sofia mentions that the Young WG is already considering this for the social presence on Instagram, and that they also have a big interest in the outreach component of this type of initiatives.
- It is mentioned that one would need an editorial overview in this because not everything could be up to standards and the workload could be big for the communications officer.
- Olivier mentions that we need to create a team for this work, namely for editorial decisions, and lead the web development work.

7. Proposal of the GC for other new EMA actions

- Nothing was discussed/proposed

8. Next president and vice-president

- Olivier explains that at the next GC meeting at JEMS 2025 in Frankfurt, Dennis Meier, currently Vice-President, will be proposed for consideration as the next President of EMA. Also, we will have the election of the new Vice-President (2025-2028), who will be proposed to become the president of the association in 2028.
- From the statutes of EMA, the Vice-President should come from within the GC.
- This person is elected for a three-year period
- Search for candidate:
 - Timeline is 2024/2025
 - Traditionally the process is conducted by the past president for the sake of independence
 - Sought among national representatives, current outgoing or newly elected and the officers in power.

COMMENTS

- Theo Rasing reminds to make note of diversity in the process.

9. Agenda for next year: key dates

Olivier Fruchart presents important dates until the next meeting of the GC:

EVENTS

- Young scientist award
 - 1 November 2024: call
 - 31 January 2025: deadline
 - 1 May 2025: result
- JEMS 2025: 24 – 29 August
- ESM 2025: 30 June – 11 July

ASSOCIATION

- Partial renewal of GC
 - 01 April 2025: call
 - 01 May 2025: start voting process
 - 01 June 2025: results disclosed
- Next GC meeting: during JEMS 2025

10. Any other business

None.

Attachments

This year no specific document had been provided prior to the meeting of the GC, as no item in the agenda required such documents.