# The Simultaneous Creation of the European Microwave Week and Association 

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## In other words

the birth of EuMW<br>and<br>the Statutes of EuMA

1997-1998

An observation was made in Bologna 1995 : the European Microwave Conference (EuMC) attendance was decreasing from year to year, slowly but steadily

Roberto Sorrentino, member of Management Committee (MC), raised the point and asked André Vander Vorst to participate to meetings

Question : should we stop EuMC or renovate it?
Reply by MC : preferably renovate it
Question : how to renovate it ?
Tool : MC established a Working Group that met in London 1996
F. Landstorfer 1991, A. Madjar 1997, A. Räisänen 1992,
A. Vander Vorst 1984, A. Wilson

## Proposals from WG and decisions by MC

- Decisions taken by MC at EuMC Prague 1996
- Implementation started at EuMC Jerusalem 1997
- Transformation completed at EuMW Amsterdam 1998

First European Microwave Week in Amsterdam 1998

## Decision 1 from MC about EuMC <br> Stabilize EuMC management 1996

- Create a Steering Committee (StC) with a 3-year member term
- Tasks : working on long planning, finance, futures venues, exhibitions, industry participation, publications, liaison with organizer, urgent decisions
- On behalf of MC
- Chair of StC also Chair of MC : R. Sorrentino from 1996 on
- Six members : 5 elected by MC at EuMC TPC meeting Prague 1996 :
L. Ligthart, A. Madjar, H. Meinel, F. Meyers, R. Sorrentino

1 appointed by IEEE MTT-Society : R. Jansen
1997: 2 dismissals, replace F. Meyers by S. Nightingale, R. Jansen by A. Vander Vorst

## Decision 2 from MC about EuMC / EuMW <br> Have EuMC as centerpiece of a EuMWeek

- Involving other events of interest to microwave community

GAAS association since 1998, first GAAS then EuMIC Wireless (MTT) since 1998, then ECWT fm 2000 then EuWIT thru 2010, then discontinued
EuRAD since 2004

- Limited to France, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, United Kingdom 2018 in Spain


## Decision 2 from MC about EuMC / EuMW <br> Have EuMC as centerpiece of a EuMWeek

- Several microwave-related top Conferences
- Major European Exhibition
- Programme : components, devices, systems, and networks
- Scientific, technology and application-oriented sense
- Link between Microwaves and Wireless
- European R\&D, tutorial and workshops, awards, grants NIS and students

In 2017: 1.728 Delegates, 1884 Conf Reg, 3.348 Conf+WS/Sc Reg

## EuMW should also be profitable

## Decision 3 from MC about EuMC / EuMW

- Contract from 1998 through 2002 with Miller Freeman then CMP massive expansion of Exhibition, critical to success of 1st EuMW
- Since 2003 : Horizon House Ltd, UK

Exhibition has been stabilized, and steadily growing

In 2017 : 3.256 square meters

## And what about EuMA ? Preliminaries 1

- Still Bologna 1995 : R. Sorrentino raised in private the idea of founding a microwave association in Europe
- Discussion in restaurant of hotel IMS-TPC 1997 Denver, US
R. Sorrentino and P. Russer contacted A. Vander Vorst

Idea : founding non-profit Association in Belgium?
André checked: ok
Minutes of StC meeting, Munich January 25th 1997 :
The Chairman (NB : R. Sorrentino) reported that he had discussed the creation of a legal entity for EuMC with Prof. Vander Vorst. He intended to discuss this further and report back to the Committee at its next meeting.

## Preliminaries 2

- André proposed to Roberto to write draft Statutes

Roberto did not refuse...

- Efficient assistance of a lady lawyer at UCL R\&D management cell :
in the Statutes : put the minimum you want to see in there keep the rest as internal rules : management much more flexible !
- Example 1: $\quad \mathrm{Q}$ : how many members of BoD? A : six
$Q$ : will this number decrease? $\quad A$ : no
$Q$ : will it increase? $\quad A$ : most certainly yes
Final then enter "at least six"


## Preliminaries 3

- Example 2 :
$Q$ : is the GA international ? $\quad A$ : yes
Q : is the composition sensitive? $A$ : yes
Final put in Statutes procedure for election and keep composition as an internal rule
- For these two examples : Statutes are as suggested
- Compare our Statutes with by-laws of others (eg MTT-S) : ours concentrate on the essential

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EuMC/MC(97)5
1 August 1997
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EuMC Management Committee DRAFT STATUTES FOR A EUROPEAN MICROWAVE ASSOCIATION and final Everu

Association européenne de Micro-ondes
European Microwave Association
in short: "EuMA", international association
1348 Louvain-la-Neuve
STATUTES
SECTION I - NAME - HEADQUARTERS

## Article 1

The association named Association européenne de Micro-ondes - European Microwave Association, in short: EuMA, is an international association with a scientific, educational and technical purpose, within the framework of the law of October 25,1919 , amended by the law of December 6, 1954

## Article 2

The registered office of the association is situated at Place du Levant 3, 1348 Louvain-laNeuve, Belgium

## Creation of EuMA

- At EuMC Jerusalem 1997

The six members of the StC as Founding Members
L. Ligthart
A. Madjar
H. Meinel
S. Nightigale
R. Sorrentino
A. Vander Vorst


## Approval by King of Belgium 19 May 1998

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MINISTERE DE LA JUSTICE


DIRECTION GENERALE DE LA LEGISLATION CIVILE

ET DES CULTES
7/CDLF/14.172/S
3e Section
ALBERT II, Roi des Belges,
A tous, présents et à venir, Salut.

Vu la loi du 25 octobre 1919 accordant la personnalité civile aux associations internationales poursuivant un but philanthropique, religieux, scientifique, artistique ou pédagogique, notamment l'article 1er, modifié par la loi du 6 décembre 1954;

Vu la requête du 30 janvier 1998 par laquelle Monsieur A. Vander Vorst, agissant en qualité d'administrateur de l'association internationale "Association européenne de Micro-ondes - European Microwave Association" (EuMA), demande, pour cette association internationale, la personnalité civile;

Vu les statuts de ladite association;

## Statutes published in Belgian State Gazette 29 October 1998

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N. 19208
(54267 - 72279P)
Association européenne de Micro-ondes, "European Microwave Association», en abrégé : «EuMA», association internationale

1348 Louvain-la-Neuve
Numéro d'identification: 19208/98
STATUTS
TITRE I ${ }^{\text {er }}$. - Dénomination, stëge social
Article $1^{\text {er }}$, L'association denommée: "Association européenne de Micro-ondes - European Microwave Association», en abrégé: "EuMA n, est une association internationale à but scientifique et pédagogique et technique, régie par. la loi du 25 octobre 1919, modifiée par la loi du 6 décembre 1954.
Art. 2. Son siège social est établi place du Levant 3 . 1348 Louvain-la-Neuve.
Art. 3. Les langues de travail sont le français et l'anglais. D'autres langues pourront être utilisées dans les conditions que déterminera le règlement intérieur.

TITRE II. - Objet, durée
Art. 4. Dénuée de tout esprit de lucre, l'association a pour objet de développer de manière interdisciplinaire des activités pédagogiques, de formation et de recherche, avec entre autres objectifs:
promouvoir les micro-ondes en Europe;
réunir les scientifiques et les ingénieurs travaillant dans le domaine des micro-ondes au sein d'un réseau européen;
prévoir une voix individuelle aux scientifiques et ingénieurs travaillant dans le domaine des micro-ondes en Europe;
promouvoir la conscientisation et la reconnaissance des micro-
ndes au sein du public; ondes au sein du public;
réaliser la reconnaissance complète des micro-ondes par l'Union
Européenne; Européenne;

## Merging MC/StC structure into EuMA structure

## EuMW Milan 2002

## EuMA Minutes General Assembly 22 September

5.1 Professor Vander Vorst introduced the proposals for the merging of the EuMC MC/StC structure into the EuMA structure.
5.2 Following discussion, the Meeting approved the proposal to merge the EuMC MC/StC structure into the EuMA structure.
5.3 The Meeting approved the dissolution of the EuMC Management Committee and appointed Professor A Vander Vorst as liquidator.
5.4 It was agreed to create Internal Rules of EuMA to accommodate the constitution, procedures, policies and decisions of EuMC, and the guidelines and procedures for the EuMC prizes and awards.
5.5 It was agreed that the Internal Rules should reflect that (4.1) "the period of service in each case should be 1 January -31 December, if necessary backdated" and that (5.2) "six members at least".

## Conclusion

EuMW and EuMA have been consistent with principles :

- European focus
- Peer review
- Investing surpluses in EuMW
- Creating the best possible events for the European microwave community
- Being profitable while having drastically reduced registration fees in 2003

Many papers and presentations have been published about EuMC-EuMA-EuMC

