

## **The Federation of European Materials Societies: Networking for European Materials Scientists and Engineers**

*Information package for the organisation of the 2024 FEMS JUNIOR EUROMAT conference*

## What is FEMS?

In June 1986, The Institute of Metals in London (IOM), the German Society for Metals (DGM) and the French Society for Metallurgy (SFM) agreed the need for European metals and materials societies to act more in concert and behave in a generally more 'European' manner. After a few meetings, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed in January 1987 to form the Federation of European Materials Societies. The first FEMS General Assembly took place in Paris on 11 December 1987, with IOM, SFM and DGM as the three founder members. In the years that followed, membership of FEMS increased steadily and by 1993 there were fourteen full members in thirteen different countries.

FEMS is a non-profit association of 27 European Materials societies and associations covering science and engineering in various fields including metals, polymers, ceramics, composites, glasses, nano - and bio - materials.

The aims of the association are:

- Promote the wide dissemination of scientific, technical and other knowledge relating to materials.
- To facilitate the communication and exchange of information between its members.
- To co-ordinate the activities of member societies in order to make optimum use of resources.
- To ensure optimum visibility of materials science and engineering in governmental and non-governmental organisations, in the economy and academic environment.
- Contribute to developing links and collaboration between RTO's and industry

## FEMS Events

The two main FEMS events are the FEMS EUROMAT and FEMS JUNIOR EUROMAT conferences.

The FEMS JUNIOR EUROMAT Conference, associated industrial exhibitions and job fairs take place every two years (even years). FEMS JUNIOR EUROMAT has been traditionally held in Lausanne at mid-end July, with an average number of participants of 300. However, from 2018 it moved through different European countries. This Conference is more focused on young scientists. It covers the same areas as EUROMAT, but with a special emphasis on Tutorials and cross-disciplinary topics focused on career development, strongly demanded by the youngest members of the scientific community.

The Tutorial Program is key in FEMS JUNIOR EUROMAT. A Tutorial Program according to the Guidelines given in Annex III should therefore be included.

A Call for tender, for FEMS JUNIOR EUROMAT is launched every second year, for the conference to be held five years ahead. The FEMS Executive Secretariat sends out a Call for Tender the year before the decision takes place. All applications should be sent by e-mail to the FEMS Executive Secretariat ([secretary@fems.org](mailto:secretary@fems.org)) by the deadline mentioned in the Call for Tender. At the FEMS Executive Meeting, which takes place in June-July of the following year, the best proposals (selected by the Executive Committee) will be invited to present their ideas and the best candidate will then be ratified the General Assembly of FEMS.

Any Member Society can apply to become the organisation in charge (Managing Society) of the FEMS JUNIOR EUROMAT. To be eligible as organizer, the Member Society must have been an active member of FEMS for at least the last three years, including being up to date with FEMS membership fee payments.

## WHAT MEMBER SOCIETIES SHOULD BE AWARE OF FOR FEMS JUNIOR EUROMAT

### Structure and Scientific Organization

**Duration.** FEMS JUNIOR EUROMAT Conferences will normally be held over five days, starting on Sunday and ending on Thursday. Any other proposal for the duration should be agreed with the FEMS Executive Committee.

**Scientific Organisation.** The conference is based on a scientific programme sub-structured into 5 Thematic Sessions covering all areas defined in the EUROMAT series, with each Symposium normally including several oral sessions, plus a number of posters<sup>1</sup>.

**Area A: Functional and Smart Materials**

**Area B: Structural Materials**

**Area C: Processing**

**Area D: Modelling and Characterization**

**Area E: Raw Materials, Sustainability and Circular Economy**

**Scientific Committee (SC).** A Scientific Committee will be composed by a Chair, Co-chair and one responsible for each of the areas out of the expertise of Chair and co-Chair. SC members will be reputed researchers with a broad range of scientific expertise within materials science and will solely be responsible for the content and the speakers of this programme. The Managing Society can nominate a maximum of three of the members; the other members including the Chair (and co-Chair if applicable) of the Conference are defined by the FEMS Executive Committee in accordance with the Managing Society. A certain time schedule for the call for papers (oral and poster), the evaluation and other administrative dates, mentioned in the contract should be respected.

**Contractual Situation.** The applying Member Society has to respect the agreement under which the 2024 FEMS JUNIOR EUROMAT conference will take place. This specifically concerns the deadlines for the various tasks, deliverables and payment. Since it is an event focused on young scientists, registration fees should be low (aligned with the student registration fee in FEMS EUROMAT). The fee should reflect location constraints and not be higher than €350. A fee of 10% of benefits will be agreed by the contract.

**Administrative Organisation.** A Management Committee (MC) will be nominated by the Managing Society to supervise the organisation and administration of the conference. The Management Committee will work in close co-operation with FEMS and the Scientific Committee, and would be responsible for preparing a final business plan including a conference budget.

The Industrial Exhibition, Jobs Fair (optional) and Tutorials are to be agreed either by separate legally binding contract(s) between FEMS and the Managing Society or within the framework of the general agreement.

**Promotion.** FEMS will facilitate advertising of the 2024 FEMS JUNIOR EUROMAT Conference on its website and through flyers at different occasions including previous 2023 FEMS EUROMAT and 2022 FEMS JUNIOR EUROMAT

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<sup>1</sup> In the call for papers the topics/ keywords included in each area will be explicitly mentioned to ease the session organization.

conferences. The flyers should be prepared by the Managing Society and delivered to FEMS Executive Secretary. It is the task of the Managing Society to set up a website (i.e. [www.EUROMAT20XX.fems.eu](http://www.EUROMAT20XX.fems.eu) or any other agreed with FEMS) to advertise 2024 FEMS JUNIOR EUROMAT (deadlines as agreed in the contract). FEMS will supply a mailshot database containing contact information for prospective 2024 FEMS JUNIOR EUROMAT delegates (from previous conferences). This should be updated at each of the conferences in a well-defined format containing the following information: First and Last name of the delegate, Organisation and address, e-mail, membership information (of FEMS Member Society) and if possible the interest in a special topic of the conference (through the abstract application).

The Managing Society is fully responsible for being in full compliance with the European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), not only in using the FEMS mailshot database, yet in handling all the information that is acquired from FEMS, participants to 2024 FEMS JUNIOR EUROMAT, partners, subcontractors etc. This equally applies to the management of all information on social media, in the front- and back office of the 2024 FEMS EUROMAT website, etc.

## **ANNEXES**

**I.- Proforma for bidding organizations: 2024 FEMS JUNIOR EUROMAT**

**II.- Guidelines for Symposium organizers: 2024 FEMS JUNIOR EUROMAT**

**III.- Guide for Tutorials**

## **ANNEX I: PRO FORMA FOR BIDDING ORGANISATIONS: 2024 FEMS JUNIOR EUROMAT**

*In total the tender document should be no more than 18 pages plus copies of accounts. No brochures of the venue or area are required.*

### **1. Details for the planned FEMS JUNIOR EUROMAT<sup>2</sup>**

Please provide detailed information on the requirements listed below (including a map of the venue).

#### **a. Conference/ Meeting venue**

- Well located in or nearby the city and easily accessed by public transportation and an international airport.
- Provide for a combination of large conference halls with proper audio visual infrastructure (for > 250 people for plenary lectures), medium-size meeting rooms (3 to 5 rooms each for at least 60 people), event hall(s) for expositions, poster sessions (> 150 Posters), coffee breaks and lunches (optional).
- Have technical and presentation facilities and information on free wireless internet access.
- Offer special 'seminar packages' to include rates for room rental, meals and accommodation (if required).
- The estimation of rooms and room capacity are made on the basis of a conference structure with 3 to 5 parallel sessions.
- A map of the venue with the indication of the capacity of the different rooms/ spaces available for the conference must be included.
- Details on the transportation networks from the suggested accommodation places to the venue should be included.

#### **b. Accommodation**

Please provide details of hotels, youth hostels, etc.

#### **c. Dates / Duration**

The duration of the Conference is 5 days from Sunday to Thursday unless otherwise agreed with FEMS. Please provide a list of other events which would overlap.

#### **d. Calendar of key dates & deadlines**

Conference date July: 2024

First announcement: July 2022

Conference structure uploaded to the website: Summer 2023

Call for papers: October 2023 - End January 2024

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<sup>2</sup> Maximum of 11 pages (4 pages for venue, 1 page for dates/calendar, 1 page for maps/ locations, 2 pages for participants' details, social events & the proposed charge rates for these, 3 pages for preliminary budget & marketing/communications plan)

**e. Expected number of participants****f. Expected number of exhibitors****g. Registration fees**

	Early Registration		Late Registration	
	FEMS members	Non-members	FEMS members	Non-members
Students				
Industry				

Please note that the FEMS member fee should be 20% lower than the Non-member fee.

**h. Budget**

Please include a preliminary budget according to the expected number of delegates.

**i. Social events**

Please provide details of social events to be held during the conference.

**2. Scientific programme<sup>3</sup>**

Please provide detailed information on the requirements listed below

**a. Title**

Suggest a short title for the conference.

**b. Student events**

Information of special events for students.

**c. Tutorials**

Information on the planned Tutorials (i.e. time, venue, etc.).

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### **3. Information on the Organising FEMS Member Society<sup>4</sup>**

Please provide detailed information on the requirements listed below

#### **a. Member Society**

President's name, Member Society (postal address, telephone number and address), Management (information on board members), total membership, annual budget.

#### **b. Member Society contacts**

Information on those in charge of negotiating with FEMS.

#### **c. PCO**

Information on the PCO. Please note that this will be subject to the pending changes in the FEMS Core Structure.

#### **d. Member Society previous events**

Information on previous events organised by the Member Society.

Event	Date	Number of participants <sup>5</sup>

Please note that the bid document should not exceed 18 pages, including copies of the Member Society accounts.  
No brochures of the venue are necessary.

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<sup>4</sup> Maximum of 3 pages

<sup>5</sup> More field can be added if necessary

## MAIN SELECTION CRITERIA

- **Budget**

The preliminary budget should be realistic and take into consideration different options (i.e. different numbers of participants, sponsors, venue, etc.).

- **Programme**

Structured ideas for the scientific programme and plenary sessions, sponsorship, exhibition and tutorials.

- **Venue**

The venue should be attractive and original. It should be described in comprehensive detail; room capacity and availability, location (facility to jump between symposia), facilities for FEMS meetings, discussion groups or informal meetings and posters.

- **Accommodation**

Accommodation details: sufficient number of hotels at a reasonable price within a walking distance or well connected to the venue by public transport.

- **Experience and reputation in organising similar events.**

- **Marketing plan.**

## ANNEX II: GUIDELINES FOR SYMPOSIUM ORGANIZERS: 2024 FEMS JUNIOR EUROMAT

### EUROMAT CONFERENCES

#### Guidelines for Area Co-ordinators & Symposia Organises

The present document provides guidelines to Area Co-ordinators & Symposia Organisers regarding the required level of involvement and their duties, while in parallel a fee waivers policy is described, aiming at achieving the viability of topics/symposia, as well as the widest possible participation in 2024 FEMS JUNIOR EUROMAT. The document is divided in two parts:

#### Guidelines for Area Co-ordinators, Topics/Symposia Organisers

##### Area Co-ordinators

- Define the Topics to be included in the Area. The suggested number of Symposia to be included in each Area is 5, but the Scientific Committee (SC) has the last word.
- Co-ordinate the structure of the topics (e.g. Symposia break-down, progress of abstract collection, corrective actions, etc.).
- liaise with Management Committee (MC), FEMS and SC in order to propose potential plenary speakers.
- Initiate and supervise 'Call for Symposia' to define Symposia within their Topic (3 to 5 Symposia per area).
- Select Symposia Organisers.
- Monitor the progress of each symposium.
- Liaise with Symposia Organisers to ensure the viability of the topic, hence the viability of the Symposia, and propose corrective actions if necessary (i.e. merging of Symposia, replacement of a Symposium with a new one, etc.). In rough numbers, for Symposia to be considered as viable, should attract at least 40-45 abstracts and each area should include at least 130 abstracts.
- Oversee the review process within the topic (in collaboration with the Symposium organisers).

##### Symposium Organisers:

- Compose the Symposium Text for the 'Call for Papers'.
- Select or invite oral lectures and highlight lectures.
- Co-ordinate the review of abstracts of the incoming papers and classify them into rejected, accepted Talks and accepted Posters. Symposium Organisers may involve Session Chairs on the abstract review process.
- Structure the Symposium Sessions and nominate Session Chairs.

- Organise (optionally) the publication of selected papers to a journal (e.g. Special Issue). The FEMS recommended publisher is Taylor & Francis.

### **Fee Waivers Policy**

The following beneficiaries will be considered as Conference fee waivers:

- Conference Chairs
- Plenary Speakers
- FEMS EC members
- Scientific Committee members / Area Co-ordinators
- FEMS Management Committee members

In addition to the above, the following policy is desirable, and would be agreed with FEMS:

#### **Symposium Organisers**

- If a Symposium attracts 50-60 abstracts, the Symposium Organiser will be provided with one (1) extra free registration.
- If a Symposium attracts 60-80 abstracts, the Symposium Organiser will be provided with two (2) extra free registrations.
- If a Symposium attracts >80 abstracts, the Symposium Organiser will be provided with three (3) extra free registrations.

## **ANNEX III: GUIDE FOR TUTORIALS**

### **EUROMAT CONFERENCES**

#### **Guide for Tutorials**

Tutorials are expected to be organised in both EUROMAT and Junior EUROMAT conferences.

The preferred date for the Tutorials is the day of the start of the Conference. The Fee Policy for the Tutorials must be agreed with FEMS.

The tutorial sessions aim to provide delegates with an opportunity to appreciate the recent issues in Materials Science and Engineering and to deepen the knowledge in certain topics and discuss such topics of interest with leading experts on an educational basis in line with the themes of the conference. The Tutorials will either be half, or one day educational courses, which will be given on the first day of the Conference at the same venue. The tutorial sessions will be related to ERASUMS MUNDUS Programme. Conference Organisers and FEMS will undertake the contacts to ensure this.

#### **Organisation**

Each tutorial session will be chaired and organised by an expert in an individual way, although more experts could participate. This decision is up to the expert who will lead the Tutorial (Tutorial Chair).

The topics should be in line with the topics of the Conference, or related to requests from students (e.g. start-ups, how to write publications, etc.).

When applying for organising a tutorial, the following information is required:

- Title of Tutorial
- Organisers' names and affiliations
- Preferred duration (half or one day)
- Targeted theme of the conference and aim
- Projected audience; for instance, categories of individuals, or groups who are likely to join in
- Brief description of presentations (one or more lecturers, in which case their names)
- Expected outcomes; what will participants learn?, please describe the outcomes in terms of expected knowledge and/or skills attained
- Any expected background or software knowledge of the participants.

Tutorial Chairs should be responsible for presenting high valuable contents. Hand out material (in pdf format) should be prepared and provided to the Conference Organisers at least a week in advance, so that they can be made available to the participants either by email, or by a participants' conference portal.

Tutorial Chairs will also disseminate the information about their tutorials in their network/community and provide a short evaluation sheet after the Tutorial.

The Managing Committee will provide the means to properly announce the Tutorials via the Conference website. Information on the registration for the Tutorial will be included. The Management Committee will provide the Tutorial Chairs with regular updates regarding the registrations so that additional advertisement can also be arranged by the Tutorial Chairs.

### **Tutorial Fees**

The Tutorial fees will cover all expenses for the venue, catering, and hand out material (if required).

The fee must be in the 150.00€ to 250.00€ range with a 30% discount for those registered to the Conference.

Depending on the number of attendees, each Tutorial Chair would be eligible for an honorarium and/or complimentary registration for 2024 FEMS JUNIOR EUROMAT.

The minimum estimated amount for honorarium will be 250.00€ and 500.00€ for half and one day Tutorials respectively. This amount is per Tutorial and not per organiser.

The minimum number of attendees for a tutorial session has been set to twenty (20).

Pre-registrations for Tutorial participants with a deadline six (6) weeks prior to the start of the conference is necessary for the Management Committee to reserve the right to identify and cancel unsubscribed tutorials in advance.