

## **E-MRS Executive Committee**

### **What is the role of the Executive Committee?**

As the decision making body of E-MRS the Executive Committee is the decision making body of the Society and as such is the driving force for the visibility and effectiveness of the Society. Membership of the Executive Committee is an honorary position and it is expected that any travel and accommodation costs incurred as a member of the committee will be met by the organisation, university, or institution to which the member is affiliated.

### **How is the Executive Committee formed?**

The organisers of E-MRS meeting symposia in a previous period of three years, who have a European affiliation, may if they wish to continue their involvement and activity in the Society, become members of the Board of Delegates. The Board of Delegates meets annually and receives full reports on the past, present and proposed activities of the Society. The Board of Delegates is also charged with electing members from their number to serve as members of the Executive Committee for an initial period of 3 years.

It may be that the Executive Committee finds it necessary to indicate the areas of specialism that should ideally be possessed by the members offering themselves for election to the Executive Committee. In addition the Executive Committee has the option of co-opting members to the committee to ensure that areas of expertise and/or experience which is not represented by the existing members can be gained.

### **What is the commitment required of members of the Executive Committee?**

The committee usually meets only 3 times per year – in February at the E-MRS HQ in Strasbourg, during the Spring meeting and during the Fall Meeting. The dates of meetings are known well in advance and it is expected that members will make every effort to attend and participate actively in the discussions and decision making process. It is expected that members of the Executive Committee will involve themselves with one of the committee's Working Groups. Currently the following Working Groups are active:

- \* EUROPEAN AFFAIRS:
  - \* INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS and BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS
  - \* FORESIGHT STUDIES
  - \* ENERGY :
  - \* CONFERENCE QUALITY
  - \* CULTURAL HERITAGE :
  - \* COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS :
  - \* INDUSTRY
- and consideration is being given to establishing one for EDUCATION

It is anticipated that Executive Committee members will maintain their enthusiasm for symposium organisation and/or be willing to act as a Conference Chairperson at one of the Spring or Fall Meetings. In addition it is hoped that the members will publicise the activities of the Society, encourage colleagues and those with whom they collaborate worldwide to become involved in the Spring and Fall Meetings as symposium organisers or participants. If you need any more information before offering yourself for election please contact the General Secretary, Paul Siffert at [emrs@european-mrs.com](mailto:emrs@european-mrs.com)