

## **EAM President vacancy**

The European Academy of Microbiology (EAM) is seeking a dedicated individual to lead its group of eminent microbiology experts as the President of EAM. Founded by the Federation of European Microbiological Societies (FEMS) in 2009, now with almost 200 experts, the mission of the EAM is to amplify the impact and visibility of microbiology and microbiologists, promoting excellence in the field across Europe and globally.

The EAM Executive Board consists of the President, Secretary General, FEMS President and 5 Executive Board (EB) Members. It is responsible for the activities of EAM and in ensuring that EAM delivers on its mission.

### **Benefits of becoming an EAM President**

The EAM president leads the academic and administrative activities of EAM. The EAM Board works as an international and multicultural team, where it contributes in close liaison with FEMS to the promotion and recognition of excellence in microbiology across Europe.

It is an exciting time to join the EAM Board, as insights from the EAM 2030 Committee set up by immediate past president, Jorg Vogel, and survey insights from outgoing President Ken Timmis, have helped to refresh the EAM strategy and impact for the microbiology community. The EAM Board is in the process of consolidating these efforts and setting the delivery plan for the future.

### **Time commitment**

The EAM President is required to chair 2-3 online and in-person meetings per year as well as attend the biannual EAM retreat and the biannual FEMS MICRO: Congress & Exhibition. They may be asked to represent the organization at events worldwide or take part in *ad hoc* meetings. Each term of office is for three years, with the option of re-election for a further term of three years.

### **Role and Responsibilities**

- The President is responsible for chairing the EB, a sub-committee of FEMS, and ensures the necessary business of the EAM is carried out effectively in pursuit of its mission and strategic aims, aligned with the long-term strategy of FEMS.
- Working with the Secretary General, the President ensures that the committee acts in accordance with its own Terms of Reference, FEMS Articles of Association and Bylaws, and partners with FEMS to continue to professionalize its governance policy.
- The President helps oversee the process by which new fellows are nominated and elected to the Academy together with the Secretary General, to ensure it can meet its strategic responsibilities and to ensure representation across all microbiological communities.

### **Election criteria**

- Must be an established and active member of the European Academy for Microbiology.
- Experience in leadership and developing strategy.
- Good interpersonal and intercultural communication skills and a track record of effective teamwork.
- Able to demonstrate commitment to the organisation and its mission, values, and goals, in addition to dedicating the time to serve.