

Industrial Group of The British Crystallographic Association

Minutes of the 25th Annual General Meeting, held on 9th April 2008 at the University of York

1. Apologies

Apologies were presented for A E Burke, B Cooper and R C E Morris.

2. Minutes of the 24th Annual General Meeting (18th April 2007, at the University of Kent)

The minutes of the 24th Annual General Meeting were taken as read and approved (P J K Cockcroft, S D Taylor)

3. Matters Arising

No matters were raised arising from the minutes.

4. Chairman's Report (Dr A M Kavanagh)(copy of script)

This is my first report as chairman of the IG, and I am pleased to report on a very productive year for the IG, in which all the members of the committee, and a few non-members as well, have been active. However, despite all this, I shall keep this report short.

As Jeremy Cockcroft pointed out in his outgoing address last year, the main activity of the committee is to organise meetings and workshops of interest to the members of the IG, and the past year has seen several examples of this.

However, before I mention past and future meetings I'd like to thank some particular individuals. As well as organising meetings, the IG issues a newsletter, and I would like to thank our editor, Mark Farnworth for all his sterling efforts, and patience with contributors such as myself. Our website is maintained in amazingly up-to-date fashion by Dave Taylor, on top of his usual, considerable role in organising meetings. Both the newsletter and website are invaluable in presenting the work of the IG to the wider community. I'd also like to thank David Beveridge for all his work as Honorary Treasurer/Secretary to the committee.

In July 2007, the IG held a meeting on SAXS at the ILL in Grenoble; this was our first-ever non-UK event; and was organised by Richard Morris, Dave Taylor and Jeremy Cockcroft (who had already realised that stepping down as chairman would not be the end of his IG involvement). The meeting attracted delegates and speakers from the UK and Europe, as well as participants from the ILL. One of very pleasing side effect of this meeting was that Michela Brunelli from the ILL came over to the UK to speak at our Autumn meeting.

In Autumn 2007, a back-to-back meetings were held at AstraZeneca, Macclesfield; a general industrial day and a Pharma SIG, with the subject of structure determination and refinement from powder data provided a bridge between the two. Both sessions were very well attended: ~50 for the Industrial meeting and ~70 for the Pharma SIG. Organisers and session chairs were: Steve Norval and Judith Shackleton for the Industrial day, and myself and Roy Copley for the Pharma SIG. These meetings always require local help on the day, and I had considerable help from my AZ colleagues.

We are now about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through the 2008 Spring meeting, the IG have organised sessions on pharmaceutical hydrates, an Industrial Showcase, and awarded a prize for the best oral contribution from the YC workshop. Later today we have more sessions devoted to industrial applications of crystallography. Session organisers for these have been Chris Staddon, Steve Norval and Judith Shackleton. Plus the 'usual suspects' (myself and Roy) for the pharma strand.

Looking forward to later this year, we have back-to-back meetings in May for the XRF SIG (jointly with the RSC) and a joint meeting with the BGS on Minerals, to be held at the BGS in Keyworth. I'd like to thank the organisers David Beveridge, Dave Taylor and Martin Gill for their work here: the programs can be found on the website, and look very interesting indeed.

In November we will have an IG meeting at AZ Charnwood; the topic has yet to be decided, but there will certainly be a considerable pharmaceutical element. More details will be found on the website in the near future.

Finally, I would like to say a grateful farewell to Roy Copley, who has served on the committee for the last 3 years, including as IG rep on the organising committee for the Spring meeting. We will all miss Roy and hope to see him again in the near future.

5. Treasurer's Report (D Beveridge)

Copies of a summary of the accounts were distributed. At the year end, there was a surplus of £3703.87; by the time outstanding payments in both directions have been settled, it is expected that this will be reduced to £3223.94. Both meetings made substantial surpluses. It is intended that the surplus will be used for the benefit of the Young Crystallographers: we had hoped to run the Autumn Meeting this year jointly with them, but this did not work out; we hope to revive this plan in 2009.

6. Changes to Constitution

Copies of proposed changes to the Industrial Group Constitution had been distributed. These would have 1. created the post of Honorary Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, thereby increasing the number of officers to four; 2. interpreted "a year's service" for committee members and officers as the period between successive AGMs; 3. increased the number of permitted cooptions from two to three; and 4. authorised the committee to delegate powers or functions to subcommittees. The first one was rejected by the meeting, and amended to separate the posts of Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer, thus still creating a post for a fourth officer. It would be understood that these two officers would help each other as necessary. This amended suggestion was supported by a large majority. The other three proposals were accepted without dissent by the meeting.

7. Thanks to Sponsors of the IG

Thanks were expressed to the 2007 sponsors of the Industrial Group, who were as follows:

Newsletter: PANalytical, Spex.

Small-Angle Scattering Meeting: Anton Paar, Bruker AXS, Hecus, PANalytical, Rigaku.

Autumn Meeting: AstraZeneca.

As always, the Group is extremely grateful to its sponsors.

8. Elections to Committee

There were two vacancies for ordinary members of the committee. Nominations had been received as follows: B Cooper (**P** A M Kavanagh, **S** A E Burke); M Johnson (**P** R Copley, **S** D J Taylor).

Following the change in constitution, there was also a vacancy for the fourth officer. A nomination had been received for M Gill (**P** A M Kavanagh, **S** R Morris).

As the number of nominations matched the number of vacancies, the candidates were declared elected.

9. Any Other Business Admitted by the Chairman

No matters were raised.

Footnote to item 6.: the BCA Council had already approved the original version of the proposed changes to the constitution and at its meeting on 10th April, ratified the amended version as agreed by this AGM.