

# INDUSTRIAL GROUP OF THE BRITISH CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the 16th Annual General Meeting, held at The Royal Court Hotel Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 1999.

### 1. MINUTES OF THE 15TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the 15th AGM, held at the University of St Andrews on Tuesday, 7 April 1998, were circulated at the meeting, approved and signed by the chairman.

### 2. MATTERS ARISING.

There were no matters arising.

### 3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This is the end of my first year as Group Chairman and it has certainly been different. The fact that our AGM is being held in a Coventry hotel is evidence in itself. 1998 largely followed our standard pattern, but that does not simply mean more of the same. I feel that one of the great successes of the IG over the last few years has been the innovation in our activities.

Our meetings in the last year included a second Special Interest Group meeting on Elevated Temperature XRD held at ICI Wilton in June and led by Dave Taylor. It was good to see discussion developing during the day and we would like these groups to develop as opportunities to learn from one another's experience. A first workshop on Residual Stress took place in September, held at the Open University and organised by Kath Clay and Colin Small. It was a very lively meeting, attended by twenty-seven people, which began to identify a community of crystallographers interested in characterising structural materials. We hope to see another Special Interest Group develop, probably covering several aspects of diffraction from these materials. The Autumn meeting returned to Runcorn, this time hosted by Zeneca and organised by Graham McPherson and Philip Lake. We were provided with a wide-ranging programme and excellent presentations that deservedly attracted many compliments. Our thanks go to ICI, the Open University and Zeneca for their hospitality.

The group Newsletter has been strongly developed over the last few years by Bruce Fox, becoming an increasingly a 'good read' rather than a list of events past and future. Thanks to Dave Taylor's efforts it is now available on the Group web pages along with current and historical information, acting as a superb advertisement for our activities. Dave circulated the revamped web pages on floppy disk earlier in the year and we expect electronic publication to become increasingly important over the next few years. It should provide a means of inexpensively and efficiently increasing our Newsletter circulation. The IUCr Congress is to be held at Glasgow in August this year. Because of the Congress there is no BCA Spring Meeting, so the committee decided to concentrate efforts on the two-day Industrial Crystallography Forum at the Royal Court Hotel, Coventry, during which this AGM is being held. Most of the group's activities for a normal year have been fitted in. Eighty-five people have registered and been rewarded by high standards of science and presentation. The concept has been to mix specialist and more general sessions including formal presentations and workshop discussions in comfortable surroundings. The committee will certainly want to consider how best to build on the successes and we are anxious to hear your opinions. Thanks go to all the many people who have helped put this meeting together. Jo Jutson, who put enormous effort into the Hotel arrangements and finances, deserves very special thanks, as does Dave Taylor who looked after the other aspects of administration.

Our commercial sponsors are very important to us. We are indebted to Bruker-AXS, ICDD, Microsource – Bede, Oxford Cryosystems and Philips Analytical for their contributions to the Forum. We also remember with thanks the generous contributions that have been made during the year to sponsor the other meetings and publication of the Newsletter.

We have a committee of very busy people who generously give their time and have contributed enormously to the Group's ongoing success. It is a great privilege to work with them. This year, three of the committee are retiring. Keith Rogers completes his three years as a highly valued academic member. Jamshed Anwar has been with us for six years as an academic member and subsequently in

the role of ICDD representative. Bruce Fox has been a committee member for three years and Vice Chairman for the last year. We will greatly miss them all and thank them for their labours. Finally, thank you all for continuing to support the group's activities. Many of those attending represent whole industries that would barely have had a look in at our meetings a few years ago. It is encouraging that there is another generation of crystallographers to pick up a few wrinkles on the old tricks and teach us some new ones. It is not yet clear if the Group will hold another meeting during 1999, but we look forward to seeing you at Heriot-Watt University for the Spring Meeting 2000

#### **4. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Copies of the Statement of Accounts for the year to 31 December 1998 were distributed. The surplus for the year was £1,358.46 and the balance in hand was £7,244.81. The accounts had been examined by Mr C.J. Arkwright, Accountant, Energy Technology, BICC Cables Ltd.

#### **5. ELECTIONS TO COMMITTEE**

Having been duly nominated, the following were declared elected: Dr J. A. Jutson as Vice Chairman, D.C. Frampton as Secretary/Treasurer and, as Committee Members, Dr. P. Holdway and Dr. J. Cockcroft.

#### **6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chairman, Dr. S. Norval, informed the members of the Industrial Group that the committee proposed to appoint Mr. D. J Taylor as the BCA representative to ICDD and asked if there were any objections. No objections were raised.