



Industrial Group of The British Crystallographic Association

**20th Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, 16th April 2003, 2:30 pm
at the University of York**

Chair Prof. Chris Frampton

1. APOLOGIES

None received

2. MINUTES OF THE 19th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at the University of Nottingham on Thursday 28th March 2002.
Accepted

Proposed by Paul Fewster
Seconded by Steve Norval

3. MATTERS ARISING

It was proposed to move the AGM from spring to autumn

Dave Taylor said that this would cause difficulty with approving the BCA accounts. It is important that Group accounts are approved before the Spring Meeting BCA AGM & it was decided not to move the AGM.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Prof. Chris Frampton

Every year there appears to be fewer and fewer true industrial crystallographers. It seems as if current working practices and management ideas in industry do not allow for the apparent luxury of an in-house diffraction laboratory. The current fashion is that a good deal of this work is currently being contracted out to University departments and specialist contract analytical companies. This year has been fairly light on meetings reflecting on the feeling that it is becoming harder and harder to justify the time away from the bench. Our meeting program consisted of the annual Spring meeting held at the University of Nottingham and the Autumn meeting held at Hulme Hall, Manchester.

The Spring meeting in Nottingham consisted of three workshop sessions based around the following topics, thin films, an introduction to amorphous materials and a powder diffraction

surgery. From the comments I have received from members of the group these were all deemed to be excellent sessions and very useful. I would like to thank all of the people responsible for organising these sessions in particular, Paul Fewster, Judith Shackleton, Jeremy Cockcroft and Dave Taylor.

The Autumn meeting kept again to the tried and tested format of a "Crystallography in Industry" meeting organised and hosted by Judith Shackleton at Hulme Hall in Manchester. This was a super venue for the meeting and the science was also first rate. For me the highlight of this meeting was the great pleasure at presenting Jo Jutson with an Industrial Group Award for her work on micro-diffraction and her great support of the Industrial group over past years. Her paper "From Spinel Analysis to Micro X-ray Diffraction - a Personal View of Applications and Advances" was an excellent overview of the progress in X-ray diffraction and instrumentation over the span of her career. Jo chose a Beevers model of a Spinel phase for her award.

On a more depressing note we were all saddened to hear of the death of Ron Jenkins in June 2002. Ron was a larger than life character and an outstanding teacher. My first encounter with Ron Personally was fairly recent at the BCA Meeting in Leeds. I was fortunate enough to be the recipient of the IG poster prize that year which was a personally signed copy of his book. This is something I will certainly treasure for years to come.

A recent survey was conducted regarding the topics for future Industrial Group meetings and I would like to thank all those who sent in replies and to Brett Cooper for collating the results. We have tried to reflect the wishes of the group when putting the program together for this years Spring meeting on the basis of this survey with Polycrystalline materials, Phase ID, and QA being the major subjects this year.

Our next meeting is going to be in the Autumn and will hopefully be held over two days having a similar format to the successful IG Forum held in 1999. Program and dates will be available shortly.

Finally we are about to have a change in the committee this year and I would like to thank Phil Holdway for his sterling efforts as Secretary/Treasurer.

I would also like to thank departing committee members Clare Anderton and Paul Fewster for all their hard work. Working with all of the people on the committee is a great pleasure and I hope the new members enjoy the experience

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Phil Holdway presented the accounts & reported that income was lower because there had not been many meetings. The bank balance is healthy & we should consider putting some of the money into a higher interest bearing account. Dave Taylor suggested the Charities Aid Foundation.

Action Judith Shackleton to check on rates & terms

The accounts were accepted
Proposed by Jeremy Cockcroft
Seconded Dave Taylor

6. ELECTIONS TO COMMITTEE

The following were duly elected to the IG Group Committee

- a) Judith Shackleton was elected as Secretary and Treasurer for three years from 2003

Proposed Phil Holdway
Seconded Chris Frampton

- b) Three Committee members were elected for three years from 2003

Mark Farnworth,
Proposed Phil Holdway
Seconded Chris Frampton

David Beveridge
Proposed Chris Frampton
Seconded Dave Taylor

Richard Morris
Proposed Dave Taylor
Seconded Judith Shackleton

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS ADMITTED BY THE CHAIR

Phil Holdway was co-opted to the committee as Industrial Group Newsletter Editor

Proposed Chris Frampton
Seconded Steve Norval

The meeting was closed at 14:53 by Chris Frampton who thanked everyone for attending