

Report of the Meeting of the Commission for Crystal Growth and Characterization of Materials at the ICCGE17 Conference, Warsaw, August 12th, 2013.

Many of you were present at the meeting (Koichi Kakimoto, Tatiana Bekker, Manuel Garcia Ruiz, Ewa Talik, Jiyang Wang, Abel Moreno, Thierry Duffar, K. Tsukamoto, Elias Vlieg, and myself) and also Hanna Dabkowska as representative of Executive Committee of IUCR.

Firstly, I especially greeted new members/consultants (Tatiana Bekker, Ewa Talik, and Tom Keuch, who was not present because Elsevier meeting was occurring at the same time) and everybody briefly presented himself.

Then, Koichi Kakimoto reported about the situation in the preparation of the program for IUCR conference in Montreal in 2014. The program is not official yet, but up to now, 4 MS proposed by the commission were approved, together with the plenary talk of Juanma and the keynote lecture of Peter Rudolph. I really want to thank Koichi for his hard and good work.

Concerning international year of crystallography, one of the main contribution of our Commission, will be the website to show artificially grown crystal. I described to the Commission the status of the website. It can be visited at:

<http://www.iycr2014.org/contribute/crystal-growing>

Abel suggested to add a few more keywords for identify crystals and the possibility to search them also according to their structure. We will improve the website in the next month (all your suggestions are welcome) and then we launch the call on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

On Tuesday, I described the website to the IOCG Executive Committee meeting and I received positive feedbacks. On Wednesday I presented the website to the General Assembly and many crystal growers expressed their willing to send their pictures.

About crystal growth schools. IUCR finally founded all the crystal growth schools we have recommended. I think this is a good result, both for our Commission and the whole community, and we have to recognize the high effort that IUCR is carrying out to support education.

The next school will be in Costa Rica on January 2014. In 2015 there will be a school in Italy related to the European Conference on Crystal Growth. Then, in 2016 there will be the International school connected with ICCGE18 in Japan. It seem that the program is dense, but other initiative could be welcome. In particular a school in Africa would be welcome, but at the moment here is lack of a local person that is going to take the charge of the organization.

I personally was very happy that three sessions of the ICCGE17 Conference have been officially co-organized by members of our Commission. The Commission decided to ask IOCG Executive Committee and the Japan Organizers to do the same in the future, to strengthen more and more the connection between the two associations.

On Tuesday, during the Executive Committee meeting of IOCG, I expressed this request of the Commission. The IOCG Executive Committee declared to be favourable and also the Chair of ICCGE18 in Japan, Koichi Kakimoto. I want to take the chance to express my congratulations to Koichi together my best wishes for the organization of a fruitful conference.

As a final remark, Juanma congratulated with Ewa for the high level of the school in Gdansk. Now that the conference is finished, I think we must thank Ewa and all the Polish organizers for the fantastic conference they organized.

I'm really very grateful to all of you that took part to the discussion, and also I would like to take the chance to thank all the consultants and members for the good work you are doing for this commission.

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