

Report of the Meeting of the Commission for Crystal Growth and Characterization of Materials at the IUCR Conference, Montreal, August 6th, 2014.

Several Commission Members/Consultants were present at the meeting: Tom Keuch, Tatyana Bekker, Detlef Klimm, Andrea Zappettini. Also we had the participation of Edmindo Gilioli, from Parma Italy, Garcela Diaz De Delgado, from Venezuela, Vera Gribanova, from Russia. Also, further discussions were carried out with Commission Members/Consultants who arrived in Montreal in the following days: Juanma Garcia Ruiz, Koichi Kakimoto, Elias Vlieg, Joseph Ng, and Janet Newman.

First of all, I reported about the meeting I got with IUCR EC on Monday 5th. EC expressed a general appreciation for the work of our Commission. The list of the proposed members for the next triennium that came out of our ballot was positively judged.

One of the problem that were pointed out is the necessity to improve the number of publications on IUCR Journals by the crystal growth community. This is a topic on which we will be called to cooperate with IUCR journals editors in the following months.

Two International Schools on crystal growth will be organized in Europe in 2015 (in Granada in May and in Bologna in September). In 2016 it will be organized the International Summer School on Crystal Growth ISSCG-16, Otsu, Shiga, Japan, 1 - 6 August 2016. Organization of Schools in Africa would always be welcome, but the lack of local contacts and the difficult political situation in many countries makes this not easy at the moment.

I underlined my intention to ask members/consultants to help me at least on these topics: 1) cooperation with IUCR journal editors; 2) improvement of our commission web-site; 3) connection with the Commission on Nomenclature 4) improvement of our commission website. As soon as the new Commission will be fully established, we will organize accordingly.

About the website on Artificially grown crystals, the gallery is actually improving. However we have to improve the website both for number of images and for visibility. About the first point, all of us should advertise the website. I expect contributions also from the new members. About the visibility, I discussed at the Conference with Michele Zema and Brian McMahon about some improvements on the website design and linking.

All the sessions organized by the Commission at the Montreal Conference were quite successful. I want to take the chance to thank Edmondo Gilioli, Tatyana Bekker, Antoni Dabkowski, Joseph Ng, Janet Newman, Detlef Klimm, and Y. Mori, for the enthusiastic efforts they showed in the organization of these sessions. Also, Juanma Garcia Ruiz and Peter Rudolph gave excellent plenary and keynote lectures.

Andrea Zappettini

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