

Report of the meeting of Commission for Crystal Growth and Characterization of Materials, August 8th 2016, Nagoya, Japan.

The meeting had place during the International Conference on Crystal Growth and Epitaxy.

Several members/consultants were present at the meeting: Sonia Baldochi, Thierry Duffar, Haosu Luo, Tatiana Bekker, J. Wang, Andrea Zappettini, Janakiraman Kumar. Koichi Kakimoto and Tom Kuech could not be present due to other duties. Hanna Dabkowska was present also as liason with IUCR Executive Committee. Xiang Yang Liu was present because personally interested in the work of the Commission.

First, all the participants introduced themselves. The meeting was a chance for all of us to meet in person, while usually CCGCM discusses using e-mails.

Everybody expressed congratulations to conference organizers (first of all, to Koichi Kakimoto) for the opening session of the Conference, with the plenary lecture of noble laureate Prof. Akasaki, in the presence of His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince of Japan.

Andrea Zappettini is the representative of CCGCM in the International program Committee of the 2017 IUCR Conference in Hyderabad. Thus, Andrea reported on the status of the Conference organization and in particular on the IPC meeting that took place in Hyderabad last March. Several MS suggested by the Commission were accepted by the IPC and will be actually organized.

One of the most important interests for CCGCM is the organization of schools on crystal growth. This is why the commission discussed the situation related to the organization of schools of crystal growth in the next years. Actually, the week before the International Conference on Crystal Growth and Epitaxy, it took place the International School on Crystal Growth, also organized in Japan. The school was actually very successful. In 2017, the 6th International School on Biological Crystallization (ISBC2017) will be organized in Granada from May 29th to June 2nd, 2017. The Commission already advised the IUCR EC to support this event. In 2018, together wit the 6th European Conference on Crystal Growth, it will be organized also the 2nd European School on Crystal Growth in Varna, Bulgaria. Then, in 2019 there will be again the International School on Crystal Growth organized in the United States. Thus, it seems that for the next years, there will be one International School every year. However, it has been observed that an International School organized in Asia in the next years would be welcome also taking into account the large interest for crystal growth in the far East.

Finally, it was discussed the chance for next Commission membership, that will be defined in 2017 during the Hyderabad Conference. National Association of Crystallography will suggest candidates, but also all the members are invited to suggest candidates who are willing to serve as members. In any case, also for those who are not elected there is traditionally the chance to give important contributions to the work of the Commission as consultants.

Please, let me thank all the people to actively take part to the discussion, and let me one more time express my honor to chair this Commission.

Andrea Zappettini

Chair, CCGCM

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