GIG-03 Inauguration Document

**GIG #3**

**General Interest Group**

**Education in Crystallography**

**I. Name of the Group**

The name of this group shall be General Interest Group on Education in Crystallography (GIG-EC).

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**IV. Purpose**

The purpose of the General Interest Group on Education in Crystallography is to promote and spread crystallography through education at different levels.

The goals of the GIG-EC are:

1. Foster ideas and develop projects for the diffusion of crystallographic teaching.
2. Create a network to help monitor and rationalize activities relevant to the GIG.
3. Increase the awareness of the general public towards crystallography and its importance in modern science.

**V. Relationship with the European Crystallographic Association**

The GIG-EC is integrated into the ECA and will conform to the ECA Statutes.

**VI. Membership**

Membership of the GIG-EC is open to all crystallographers in accord with its objectives and with an interest in its activities.

**VII. Organization**

The organization of the GIG-EC is administered by an Executive Committee of six Officers elected from the members of the GIG-EC (plus the ECA Executive Committee Education Coordinator, who is an *ex-officio* member of the GIG3 officers.)

The GIG-EC Executive Committee appoints a Chair, a Co-Chair, a Secretary and a webmaster chosen from amongst the committee members.

The term of office of each GIG-EC Executive Committee member shall run from one General Meeting of the GIG-EC to the next. The term of any GIG-EC Executive Committee member is limited to two consecutive periods.

During the start-up period the GIG-EC Executive Committee will consist of Annalisa Guerri (Chair), Chiara Massera (Vice-chair), Marijana Đaković (Secretary), Catharine Esterhuysen (Board Member), Fernando J. Lahoz (Board Member), John Helliwell (Board Member), Fermin Otálora Muñoz (Board Member and ECA Executive Committee Education Coordinator).

**VIII. Activities**

The GIG-EC Executive Committee and the GIG-EC may engage in any activities consistent with the ECA Constitution, By-laws, and Operating Rules, which in its opinion further the purposes of the Group.

The GIG-EC should:

* Organize education sessions at European Crystallographic Meetings that are in line with the Group’s interests and devised in cooperation with the Program Committee of the Meeting.
* Offer assistance with the organization of microsymposia and plenary talks at the ECM.
* Offer assistance with the organization of events for the dissemination of crystallography
* Cooperate with GIG1 and GIG2 for setting up joint projects on teaching activities
* Maintain a GIG-EC web-page within the ECA website containing relevant information for the Group and its members.
* Coordinate the organization of the European Crystallographic Schools, jointly with the Educational Coordinator of the ECA Executive Committee

At least once a year and no later than three months before an ECM or IUCr Congress, the Secretary will invite the Group members to submit proposals for future activities and feedback about the functioning of the GIG-EC.

**IX. GIG-EC Assemblies**

A General Meeting of the GIG-EC will be held during each of the European Crystallographic Meetings organized by the European Crystallographic Association, and optionally during an IUCr Congress. A simple majority of the members present shall be sufficient to pass a motion or an election. The GIG-EC members will be informed of the time and place of the General Meeting and its agenda.

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