

GIG-2 Senior Crystallographers

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1. Introduction

During the past year the GIG-2 has promoted the knowledge of the existence of the Group to senior crystallographers and made plans for ECM31.

2. GIG web site:

<http://ecanews.org/mwp/groups/gig-02>

3. Number of ECA individual members registered with the GIG-2

28

(sadly, during this last period, we have lost some of our members)

4. Existence of a GIG-2 mailing list: yes

Address of mailing list: care of the secretary, Prof. Helen Stoeckli-Evans

Number of members in the GIG-2 mailing list: *ca. 88*

The GIG-2 maintains communication with its members by regular updates *via* e-mail and on its website.

5: Approximate numbers of researchers involved in the GIG-2 (please indicate the basis for the estimate)

Almost all are involved in research and teaching, as noted by their publication lists and personal websites.

6. List of MS organized by GIG-2 at the last ECM (ECM30_Basel)

Microsymposium (No. 47) entitled: "Contributions to and of crystallography"

7. Prizes sponsored/coordinated.

This matter was discussed at the GIG-2 meeting at ECM30. However, no decision was taken at this point. The possibility will be discussed again at ECM31 in Oviedo.

8. Past activities other than Microsymposia at ECM

Following the sad loss of Howard Flack in February 2017, a special commemorative symposium was arranged in his memory at the IUCr Congress in Hyderabad; European senior crystallographers were among the organisers and speakers.

9. Future/Programmed Activities

ECM31: Oviedo, Spain, 28th August - 1st September 2017

- Microsymposium MS46 entitled: "Contributions to and of crystallography"
 - GIG-SC local organizing committee member *Carlo Mealli*
 - GIG-SC programme committee member *Helen Stoeckli-Evans*

10. Other Matters.

Activities of GIG-SC members: To be discussed at the GIG-2 meeting at ECM31

ECM32: Vienna 2019

- Microsymposium entitled: "Contributions to and of crystallography"
- Possible joint MS with SIG3 – "Education in Crystallography"

11. Brief annual activity report

During the past year the GIG-SC has continued to promote the interests of the members of the group. It has revised a standard letter to conference organizers to point out special problems that senior members face when attending conferences and suggestions for solving such problems.

The following information was communicated to members:

Access to the CCDC: Susan Ward, revealed at the meeting of the GIG2 members at ECM30 that access for senior crystallographers to the CSD and the related software is available through their independent Research Access Program. The method of applying to this program was described by

Dr. Ward and documentation was provided. There are some limitations to access through this system. The documentation will be distributed through the GIG-SC mailing list.

Access to the ICSD: Dr. Stephan Rühl, Product Manager ICSD, revealed that free access to the ICSD is officially available to retired persons. The applicant should provide such information as name, e-mail, etc. The GIG-SC mailing list will be used to distribute this information.

12. GIG officers, name and e-mail, and specify their main function in the GIG.

Committee

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