
Senior Crystallographers ECA General Interest Group

Meeting of GIG-SC on the 29th August 2013 at the University of Warwick

Attendees

Chair: [Paul Beurskens](#), The Netherlands
Frances Bernstein, USA
Herbert Bernstein, USA
William (Bill) Clegg, UK
Theo Hahn, Germany
Biserka Kojic-Prodic, Croatia
Sine Larsen, Denmark
Carlo Mealli, Italy
Moreton Moore, UK
Svend Erik Rasmussen, Denmark
Carl Schwalbe, UK
Davide Viterbo, Italy

The meeting took place Thursday 29 August 2013 at the University of Warwick in Committee room 2 from 13.00 until 14.00.

Paul Beurskens opened the meeting and presented the agenda as proposed in SC-circular #2. He summarised the background for the establishment of the GIG-SC and that Bürgi was elected as chairman and he himself as co-chair at the ECM27 in Bergen in 2012. He reported that Bürgi had resigned as chairman shortly before the beginning of ECM28 and that little activity had preceded his resignation.

The history of crystallography was subject of a lively debate. All agreed that we are not historians but we should supply professional historians with knowledge that we find important to archive for future generations. We should as far as possible write down our reminiscences about important events and important crystallographers. We might draw upon written records of the history of crystallography in our own countries. It was emphasized that knowledge that is not written down is not preserved. Reference was given to the magnificent Bragg exhibition that Mike Glazer had established. In this connection Sine Larsen pointed out that no one had talked about Ewald at this meeting.

Meetings between young and old crystallographers might also provide opportunities to hand down knowledge and to tell about “Tricks of the Trade”.

It was also agreed that it was highly important to establish a Home Page. Paul Beurskens mentioned that Howard Flack who was not at the meeting had expressed an interest in establishing and editing a Home Page for our GIG. Herbert and Frances Bernstein offered help with the Home Page.

Finally, election of a new chairperson was discussed. Paul Beurskens did not want to continue but he was willing to maintain and update the mailing list. Several persons were suggested but declined. Sine Larsen might accept in about two years when her research grant expires. She promised to offer support to Svend Erik Rasmussen if he would resume the task as chairperson. He agreed to do so with the caveat that he might not be alive at the time of the next ECM in 2015.

[Svend Erik Rasmussen](#)

The [photograph](#) shows some of the participants at the ECM-28 SC-GIG meeting, courtesy Carlo Mealli. Left to right, seated: Svend Erik Rasmussen, Theo Hahn. Standing: Carlo Mealli, Biserka Kojic-Prodic, Frances Bernstein, Paul Beurskens, Herbert Bernstein, William (Bill) Clegg and Carl Schwalbe.

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