
Senior Crystallographers ECA General Interest Group

Preliminary report on the GIG-SC Meeting in Montreal 2014

The GIG-SC meeting took place August 7, 2014 at 19.30 simultaneously with many other activities, *e.g.* the General Assembly of the IUCr. Several GIG members announced before the meeting that they were unable to attend. Finally 5 (five) members showed up: Frances and Herbert Bernstein, (USA), Jim Simpson (New Zealand) Ted Janssen (The Netherlands) and Svend Erik Rasmussen (Denmark).

We decided quickly that we could not decide very much and that election of a new chair would have to be postponed.

Howard Flack's point about **Open Access** provoked a lively discussion, especially the Bernsteins were active, and it was the general opinion that Open Access would be the standard in a few years' time.

On August 6, Svend Erik Rasmussen gave a short report to the Executive Committee of the European Crystallographic Association. He had to emphasise that we did have a web-site and a very good one. Open Access was also a subject of discussion there and it would be extensively treated at following meetings.

Our plea for availability of Tele Coil and other facilities was in vain.

One highlight from the scientific part of the meeting: the first powder diagrams from Mars, although no new minerals were discovered.

[Svend Erik Rasmussen](#), GIG_SC President

Agenda for the GIG-SC Meeting in Montreal 2014. Date: August 7, 2014 at 19.30, Place: Room 522bc

1. Opening remarks
2. Summary of Activity Report 2013-2014

3. Election of Officers:

- The present group of officers is: Chair:Svend Erik Rasmussen. Co-chair Carlo Mealli, Secretary: Helen Stoeckli-Evans, Webmaster: Howard Flack, other Offices: Paul Beurskens, Theo Hahn. Svend Erik Rasmussen wants to resign, whereas Co-chair: Carlo Mealli, Secretary: Helen Stoeckli-Evans and Webmaster: Howard Flack are willing to continue for another year. At the time of dispatch the decisions of Paul Beurskens and Theo Hahn were not known.

4. Revision of Statutes

5. Any other Business.

- If there are points you wish to be discussed please send a message to the secretary as soon as possible.
- Howard Flack has suggested that the following item be discussed: In the recent issue of *Acta Cryst. E* there is an editorial by L. Van Meervelt entitled [*Open access is good for you*](#). I thought that the subject of Open Access might be put on the agenda of the SC-GIG meeting in Montreal with especial concern given to the ways in which open access might be made more accessible to authors who are senior crystallographers.

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