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# Senior Crystallographers ECA General Interest Group

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## Meeting of GIG-SC on the 25th August 2015 at 12h00 in Rovinj, Croatia

### Attendees

Chair: [Carlo Mealli](#)  
Co-chair: [Howard Flack](#)  
William (Bill) Clegg  
Mongi Debbabi  
Wulf Depmeier  
Mike Glazer  
Israel Goldberg  
Menahem Kaftory  
Sine Larsen  
Peter Paufler  
Carl Schwalbe  
Davide Viterbo

The chair of the GIG-SC, Svend-Erik Rasmussen, present in Rovinj, announced a very short time before the meeting that he was unable to attend. As a consequence, the meeting was chaired by Carlo Mealli and Howard Flack. These concise minutes of the meeting have been compiled by Howard Flack.

As Svend-Erik Rasmussen was not present, no summary of the activity report 2014-2015 was presented to the meeting. The [written document](#) had however been available prior to the meeting on the GIG-SC's website.

The meeting proceeded to the election of the officers of the GIG-SC. The meeting respected the wish of Svend-Erik Rasmussen and Theo Hahn not to stand for re-election. Paul Beurskens was considered not to be a candidate to his own re-election. Howard Flack, Carlo Mealli and Helen Stoeckli-Evans were accepted as candidates to their own re-election. There followed a pleasant and exquisite period of discussion, negotiation and persuasion. At the vote, the meeting unanimously elected the following six persons to the committee:

### Committee

Howard Flack

Menahem Kaftory  
Carlo Mealli  
Peter Paufler  
Helen Stoeckli-Evans  
Davide Viterbo

The meeting considered the proposition of statutes for the GIG-SC. These had been attached to the agenda paper and displayed on the website of the GIG-SC prior to the meeting. Some printed copies were available at the meeting. After a short discussion, the statutes were accepted unanimously by the meeting.

The meeting gave consideration to the opportunity for senior crystallographers to publish open access papers. The discussion also covered the area of access to crystallographic databases. The essence of the problem is one of payment for these services. Some senior crystallographers continue to work but have no funding for such activities.

It was stated that at present the IUCr has no official policy on this topic. Cases are dealt with on an individual basis. If a senior crystallographer wishes a paper to be made open access but has no funding, it is best to write to the co-editor or editor of the journal being used. The question was asked whether there was a real problem, as most institutions now have package contracts with journal providers. Others present stated that physical separation from the home institution or the lack of any formal tie with an institution made access to journal publications problematic. Open access publications were much appreciated in such cases.

The situation with respect to access to crystallographic databases for senior crystallographers was similar. Carlo Mealli stated that he had had informal contacts with the CCDC who said that they would investigate the case of senior crystallographers. No contact has yet been undertaken with other providers of crystallographic databases.

The [photograph](#) shows some of the participants at the ECM-29 SC-GIG meeting, courtesy Carlo Mealli. Left to right: Carl Schwalbe, William (Bill) Clegg, Sine Larsen, Menahem Kaftory, Howard Flack, Peter Paufler, Mike Glazer, Wulf Depmeier, Davide Viterbo and Mongi Debbabi. Missing from the photo: Carlo Mealli and Israel Goldberg.

Following the General Meeting, the newly-elected committee designated the following persons to their tasks:

#### Officers

Chair: Menahem Kaftory  
Co-chair: Carlo Mealli  
Secretary: Helen Stoeckli-Evans

## **Agenda for the GIG-SC Meeting in Rovinj, Tuesday 25th August, 2015, between 12h00 – 13h00 in Hall x7 of the Congress Centre**

1. **Opening remarks**
2. **Summary of Activity Report 2014-2015**
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 and Theo Hahn are going to resign. Co-chair: Carlo Mealli, Secretary: Helen Stoeckli-Evans and Webmaster: Howard Flack are willing to continue for another year. The decision of Paul Beurskens is not known. Sine Larsen and Davide Viterbo agree to be candidates for election as officers.
4. **Revision of Statutes** (proposal of new statutes appended)
5. **Open Access:**
  - Howard Flack suggests that the following item be discussed: [\*Open access is good for you\*](#) with especial concern given to the ways in which open access might be made more accessible to authors who are senior crystallographers.
6. **Any other Business.**
  - If there are points you wish to be discussed please send a message to the secretary as soon as possible.

Svend Erik Rasmussen, GIG\_SC Chair

Carlo Mealli, Co-chair

Helen Stoeckli-Evans, GIG\_SC Secretary

Howard Flack, Webmaster.