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# Senior Crystallographers ECA General Interest Group

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## Minutes of the meeting of GIG-SC on the 1st September 2016 at 13h00 in Basel, Switzerland

### Attendees

Chair: [Menahem Kaftory](#)

Shelomo Ben-Abraham

Frances Bernstein

Herbert Bernstein

Joel Bernstein

Howard Flack

Mongi Debbabi

Peter Paufler

Stanko Popovic

Svend-Erik Rasmussen

Henk Schenk

Carl Schwalbe

Dieter Schwarzenbach

Davide Viterbo

Susan Ward

### Absent

Carlo Mealli

Helen Stoeckli-Evans

[Photograph](#): From left to right: Schwalbe, Paufler, Ben-Abraham, Debbabi, Herbert Bernstein, Schwarzenbach, Frances Bernstein, Popovic, Kaftory, Viterbo, Flack, Joel Bernstein, Schenk, Rasmussen

### 1. Opening remarks

M. Kaftory reported an increased number of members.

### 2. Summary of Activity Report 2015-2016

[The activity report](#) was taken as read as it was available on-line prior to the meeting.

### 3. **Election of GIG 2 committee for the period 2016-2017:**

The following six persons were elected unanimously to the committee:

- Joel Bernstein
  - Howard Flack
  - Menahem Kaftory
  - Carlo Mealli
  - Mongi Debbabi
  - Helen Stoeckli-Evans
4. **Choice and election of a GIG-SC member** to participate in the programme committee of ECM 31 in Spain, 2018.

It was decided that this task will be undertaken by the committee.

### 5. **Access to the CSD and ICSD data bases**

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

In a letter received from the ICSD, it was revealed that free access to the ICSD is officially available to retired persons. The applicant has to provide such information as name, e-mail, etc. The GIG-SC mailing list will be used to distribute this information.

### 6. **Sponsorship/Prizes**

A discussion was undertaken on this point. Joel Bernstein informed the meeting of the tasks to be undertaken to achieve a meaningful result. JB participated in such an exercise for the ECA shortly after its formation.

1. Need to establish a prize fund and raise money. The ideal, of course is a standing fund from which the interest is used for the prize. This requires a fairly sizable sum. The alternative is to scrounge around every time we want to award the prize.
2. What is the prize for? What criteria will be used to solicit candidates?
3. How will candidates be solicited? For instance, can someone nominate him/herself?
4. What does a nomination involve? CV, letters - and if so how many?
5. An independent and representative prize committee, with clear rules and instructions on how they are to carry out their work. How are

members of the prize committee appointed? Elected by the GIG?  
Appointed by the ECM Executive? (From personal experience I can  
state that all semblances of bias must be eliminated.)

It was decided that the committee will shape a proposal and submit it to the  
membership for consideration.

**7. Any other Business.**

None

By prior arrangement, the newly-elected committee designated the following  
persons to their tasks:

**Officers**

Chair: Carlo Mealli

Secretary: Helen Stoeckli-Evans

Webmaster: Howard Flack

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## **Agenda for the GIG 2 (Senior Crystallographers) Meeting in Basel, Thursday 1st September 2016, 13h00 – 14h00 in room Samarkand of the Congress Centre**

- 1. Opening remarks**
- 2. Summary of Activity Report 2015-2016**
- 3. Election of GIG 2 committee for the period 2016-2017:**
  - The present members of the committee are: Menahem Kaftory (Chair) Carlo Mealli (Co-chair) Helen Stoeckli-Evans (Secretary) Howard Flack (Webmaster) Peter Paufler (Officer), Davide Viterbo (Officer). Menahem, Carlo, Helen and Howard are willing to stand for re-election
- 4. Choice and election of a GIG-SC member** to participate in the programme committee of ECM 31 in Spain, 2018.
- 5. Access to the CSD and ICSD data bases**
- 6. Sponsorship/Prizes**
- 7. Any other Business.**
  - If there are points you wish to be discussed please send a message to the secretary as soon as possible.

Helen Stoeckli-Evans, GIG\_SC Secretary

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