

# ***European Crystallographic Association***



## ***Policy Plan 2023-2024***

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The **European Crystallographic Association (ECA)** is a non-profit scientific association committed to its goals of advancing crystallography in all aspects and promoting cooperation in crystallography between the countries of Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

ECA is one of the four regional affiliates of the [International Union of Crystallography \(IUCr\)](#), together with the American Crystallographic Association (ACA), the Latin American Crystallographic Association (LACA), and the Asian Crystallographic Association (AsCA).

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objectives of the European Crystallographic Association are to:

- promote the science of crystallography;
- promote the development of crystallography;
- promote European collaboration in the field of crystallography, and also with countries outside Europe.

To pursue its objectives, ECA undertakes the following activities:

- promoting scientific research in the field of crystallography at a European level;
- organizing and supporting scientific congresses, schools and other meetings in the field of crystallography;
- initiating and stimulating collaboration between scientists and scientific organizations in the field of crystallography;
- participating in associations of similar and related organizations;
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- acting as a member of organizations contributing to the realization of the objects of the association;
- awarding prizes to persons and organizations having made a substantial contribution to the science of crystallography.

## **METHODS OF ACQUIRING INCOME**

For its income, ECA is entirely dependent on membership fees and donations from natural persons, institutions and companies.

The ECA acknowledges three types of membership:

- Individual Members: Individual scientists joining ECA as members of the association.
- Corporate Affiliate Members: Legal bodies (institutions or corporations).
- National Members: National adhering bodies, usually Crystallography Associations or Committees.

Major contributions towards donations come from crystallographic meetings, in particular European Crystallographic Meetings (ECMs), while smaller contributions come from natural persons.

The income is entirely used to organize the activities conducted to pursue the association's statutory objectives.

## **MANAGEMENT AND ALLOCATION OF ASSETS**

ECA has no paid employees and does not have the objective of making a profit.

The members of ECA commit themselves voluntarily and receive no remuneration, salary, or financial compensation for their work. The Executive Committee Officers will in that capacity not receive any remuneration, either directly or indirectly. They may, at the discretion of the Council, be entitled to reimbursement of the reasonable costs incurred by them when carrying out their duties.

At the end of the financial year (which runs from April 1 to March 31 the following year), the Treasurer draws up the financial report (consisting of the balance sheet and the statement of income and expenditure with explanatory notes) which is submitted to the Council for approval.

On an annual basis, ECA is spending its budget on:

- ECA Prizes that are awarded at each European Crystallographic Meeting (ECM), e.g. the Max Perutz Prize with €5000 and the Bertaut Prize with €1500;
- the European Crystallography Schools (ECS) that are taking place every year and are co-financed by ECA by approximately €2500 per school;
- schools, conferences and workshops are supported with a total of approximately €5000. This budget is used for travel grants for young students and other meeting-related expenses.

Every year, the Executive Committee draws up a Policy Plan and corresponding budget and submits these documents to the Council for approval.

## **MAIN EVENTS AND FUTURE ACTIVITIES**

The flagship of ECA activities is the European Crystallographic Meeting (ECM), held every year, except when there is an IUCr Congress. The ECMs are the main meeting points for crystallographers in the ECA area to present and discuss their recent research. Microsymposia at ECMs are proposed and organized by ECA Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and General Interest Groups (GIGs), which are in this way the main scientific platform of ECA

ECA is committed to promoting continuous high-level education in crystallography. European Crystallography Schools (ECS) are the central components of ECA's educational activities. These Schools are regular events hosted annually or biannually, each time in a different country.

On the occasion of ECMs, ECA awards two prizes: the ECA Prize, named after Max Perutz since 2004, for outstanding leadership, scientific contributions or both, and the Erwin Félix Lewy Bertaut Prize, in association with the European Neutron Scattering Association (ENSA), to a young crystallographer in recognition of notable experimental theoretical or methodological contributions using crystallographic or neutron scattering methods. ECA also participates in awarding the Alajos Kálmán Prize together with the Hungarian Chemical Society. The prize is awarded in recognition of outstanding scientific contributions in the field of structural sciences.

The annual ECA Council and Executive Committee meetings are held around the ECMs or IUCr Congresses. The Executive Committee interim meetings (i.e. Executive Committee Winter/Spring meetings) are held in February or early spring.

### **In 2023, ECA will conduct and support the following activities:**

- the annual meeting of the ECA Council and Executive Committee will take place (online) in September 2023;
- the Executive Committee Winter Meeting will take place in February/early March; the location will be decided during the annual ECA Executive Committee meeting (in September 2023)
- no European Crystallographic Meeting (ECM) is taking place in 2023 as it is the year of the IUCr Congress, and consequently, no ECA Prizes are awarded in 2023
- 8<sup>th</sup> European Crystallography School, Berlin, 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023 ([https://www.helmholtz-berlin.de/events/ecs8/index\\_en.html](https://www.helmholtz-berlin.de/events/ecs8/index_en.html))
- First Masuku Remote Crystallography Openlab, Masuku, Gabon, 16<sup>th</sup>–26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

(<http://univ-masuku.org/openlab/communication.pdf>)

- 8<sup>th</sup> International School on Biological Crystallization, ICBC2023), Granada, 21<sup>st</sup>–26<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
(<https://formulatrix.com/events/8th-international-school-of-biological-crystallization-isbc2023/>)
- Summer School on Mathematical Crystallography, Nancy, 12<sup>th</sup>–16<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
(<https://crm2.univ-lorraine.fr/nancy2023/>)
- Third International School on Porous Materials – MOF School2023, Como, 19<sup>th</sup>–23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023  
(<https://mofs2023.lakecomoschool.org/>)
- International Conference on Crystal Growth and Epitaxy, ICCGE-20, Naples, 30<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August 2023  
(<https://www.iccge20.org/>)
- 11<sup>th</sup> HeCrA Conference, Larissa, 20<sup>th</sup>–22<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
(<https://sites.google.com/view/hecra2023/home>)

The Executive Committee will work in 2023 on improving the communication tools for SIGs and GIGs and will remain in close contact with the local organizers of the two future European Crystallographic Meetings (ECM34 in 2024 and ECM35 in 2025), as well as with the local organizers of the two upcoming European Crystallographic Schools (ECS8 in 2023 and ECS9 in 2024).

## GOVERNANCE

The ECA Executive Committee is in charge of administering the Association, carrying out the decisions of the Council and giving effect to the general policy of the Association as determined by the Council.

The ECA Executive Committee consists of at least seven natural persons, with the total number of members to be determined by the Council. The Executive Committee members are appointed by the ECA Council.

The work of the Association is directed by the Council which is composed of delegates appointed by the National Members and elected representatives of Affiliate and Individual Members. The International Union of Crystallography may send a non-voting delegate (Observer) to meetings of the Council.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS (PERIOD: 2021-2024)

President:	Marijana Đaković, <i>Croatia</i>
Vice-President:	Arie van der Lee, <i>France</i>
Past-President:	Udo Heinemann, <i>Germany</i>
Secretary/ECA webmaster:	Andrew Maloney, <i>United Kingdom</i>
Treasurer (until August 2022):	Jacob Overgaard, <i>Denmark</i>
Treasurer (from September 2022):	Antonia Neels, <i>Switzerland</i>
Officer:	Jan Dohnálek, <i>Czech Republic</i>
Officer:	Delia Haynes, <i>South Africa</i>
Officer:	Klaudia Hradil, <i>Austria</i>
Education Coordinator:	Consiglia Tedesco, <i>Italy</i>

The ECA Executive Committee members as well as Councilors do not receive any remuneration for the performance of their duties.

## ANNUAL REPORTS

[Activity report April 2022 - March 2023](#)

[Financial report January 2022 - March 2023](#)

[SIG, GIG, and Individual Members representatives reports 2022](#)