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1. INTRODUCTION



The European Crystallographic Association, hereinafter referred to as ECA, is a scientific association having as objectives the advancement of crystallography in all its aspects, and to promote cooperation in crystallography between the countries of Europe, Africa and the Middle East. ECA is one of the five regional affiliates of the International Union of Crystallography (IUCr). Our sister affiliates are the American Crystallographic Association (ACA), the Latin American Crystallographic Association (LACA), the Asian Crystallographic Association (AsCA) and the African Crystallographic Association (AfCA).

Crystallographic Organizations from countries within the ECA geographic area can affiliate as ECA National Members. Individual and Corporate memberships are also admitted.

The activity of the different crystallography-based scientific fields is organized and coordinated by groups of Individual Members called Special Interest Groups (SIGs, <https://ecanews.org/groups/>):

- SIG-01 Macromolecular Crystallography
- SIG-02 Quantum Crystallography
- SIG-03 Aperiodic Crystals
- SIG-04 Electron Crystallography
- SIG-05 Mineral and Inorganic Crystallography
- SIG-06 Instrumentation and Experimental Techniques
- SIG-07 Molecular Interaction and Recognition
- SIG-08 Powder Diffraction
- SIG-09 Crystallographic Computing
- SIG-11 Crystallography under Extreme Conditions
- SIG-12 Crystallography of Functional Materials
- SIG-13 Molecular Structure and Chemical Properties
- SIG-14 Dynamics, Disorder, Diffuse scattering (D3)
- SIG-15 Crystallography in Art and Cultural Heritage

General Interest Groups (GIGs, <https://ecanews.org/groups/>) handle cross-disciplinary interests:

- GIG-01 Young Crystallographers
- GIG-02 Senior Crystallographers
- GIG-03 Education in Crystallography

The activities of the ECA include:

- to organize meetings and conferences on subjects falling within the purview of the Association;
- to set up committees or other bodies for special purposes;
- to initiate, promote and coordinate crystallographic research requiring European cooperation;
- to organize special projects which shall be financed independently of the regular operations of the Association, and
- to participate in joint committees with other associations or other scientific bodies in matters of interest to the Association.

1. INTRODUCTION



The accounting period always covers 12 months, from April until March of the following year, according to the article 3 of the ECA statutes (<https://ecanews.org/about-eca/statutes-and-by-laws/#section03>).

The present financial report covers the period from April 1st, 2024 to March 31st, 2025.

~~You will find an overview of the activities of this reporting period in chapter 5.~~ An overview of the events which have benefitted from ECA financial support in this reporting period is found in chapter 5.

For its income, ECA is completely dependent on memberships and donations from natural persons, institutions and companies. This income is entirely used to organize the above-mentioned activities.

The Executive Committee of ECA is unpaid and its members do not receive expense allowances for their efforts.

Management:

As *per* March 2025 the Executive Committee consists of the following natural persons:

President:	Arie van der Lee, <i>France</i>
Vice-President:	Jan Dohnálek, <i>Czech Republic</i>
Past-President:	Marijana Đaković, <i>Croatia</i>
Secretary:	Andrew Maloney, <i>United Kingdom</i>
Treasurer:	Antonia Neels, <i>Switzerland</i>
Education Coordinator:	Maria José Sanchez Barrena, <i>Spain</i>
Officer (SIGs, GIGs, IMs):	Chiara Massera, <i>Italy</i>
Officer (National Members):	Katarzyna Jarzembska, <i>Poland</i>
Officer (Grants):	Klaudia Hradil, <i>Austria</i>
Officer (Webmaster):	Andrea Ienco, <i>Italy</i>

2. BALANCE



	Balance in €	
	01.04.2024	31.03.2025
ASSETS		
ABN AMRO Giro account	64'635.54	80'692.80
ABN AMRO Savings account (1)	30'934.08	31'398.10
ABN AMRO Savings account (2)		95'194.67
ABN AMRO SIG-9 account	7'459.74	7'459.74
PAYPAL account	1'615.64	1'599.35
TOTAL ACTIVA	104'645.00	216'344.66
LIABILITIES and EQUITIES		
Equities	0.00	0.00
Amounts paid in arrears	0.00	0.00
Items still to be paid	0.00	0.00
TOTAL PASSIVA	0.00	0.00

3. INCOME STATEMENT



	Balance in €	
	1.04.2023- 31.03.2024	1.04.2024 - 31.03.2025
INCOME		
Individual Memberships (paid to ABN AMRO)	0.00	36.00
Individual Memberships (paid to PAYPAL)	2'070.00	4'230.00
National Memberships (member countries)	4'025.00	4'185.00
Corporate Affiliate Memberships (companies)	10'240.00	5'240.00
Women in Crystallography donations (PAYPAL)	1'451.00	3'013.00
Received RSC grant (GIG3): Incl. & Diversity	5'758.64	0.00
Koele legal support: final back payment	0.00	1'767.60
Transfer from 'Freunde Darmstadt' ECA account to ABN Amro		95'000.00
Other donations (surplus from ECM33 in Versailles 2022, Sheldrick prize - Göttingen, J.Helliwell)	32'000.00	25'663.73
ABN AMRO (all) accounts interest	68.99	769.99
TOTAL INCOME	<u>55'613.63</u>	<u>139'905.32</u>
EXPENSES		
ECA support - conferences	-5'850.00	-7'900.31
ECA support – ECS schools (Berlin, Nancy)	-5'500.00	0
ECA support – travel grants	0.00	-3'600.00
Prizes: Perutz, Bertaut, Sheldrick, Ludovico	0.00	-10'405.00
Women in Crystallography (WiC) support	-394.61	-3'558.00
ECA Executive Committee expenses	-745.54	-610.00
ECA fees: Leaflets	-804.76	-290.00
ECA fees: Web charges		-1030.71
ECA fees: others (mailings, certificates)		-84.10
ABN AMRO bank charges	-215.61	-368.25
PayPal charges	-190.09	-359.29
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>-13'700.61</u>	<u>-28'205.66</u>
RESULT OF THE ACCOUNTING PERIOD (income – expenses)	41'913.02	111'699.66

4. EXPLANATION

BALANCE:

The balance of the accounts of ABN AMRO (Savings and Giro) and ECA PAYPAL on April 1st, 2024 was € 104'645.00 and has substantially increased to € **216'344.66** until March 31st, 2025 (defined financial accounting period).

The financial period finished with a significant surplus. This is mainly due to the transfer of the ECM surplus transfer from past European Crystallographic Meetings (ECMs), more specifically to the ECM-17 in Lisboa, Portugal (1997), the ECM-18 in Praha, Czech Republic (1998) and the ECM-26 in Darmstadt, Germany (2010). These ECMs generated a significant surplus, which was in the following constituting the Perutz-Bertaut fund, hosted transitionally at the 'Verein der Freunde der TU Darmstadt' until the 11th of November 2024. The transferred 95'000 Euros to the European Crystallographic Association (ECA) to a dedicated ABN Amro savings account has its purpose of supporting the PERUTZ and BERTAUT Prizes awarded at future European Crystallographic Meetings (ECMs). We would like to acknowledge our deepest recognition and gratefulness to the 'Verein der Freunde der TU Darmstadt', and especially Prof. Hartmut Fuess of the University of Darmstadt, transitionally hosting these ECA funds. Our deepest thanks to Prof. Udo Heinemann and Prof. Christian Lehmann and all involved colleagues for investigating with passion the ANBI status and the involved financial issues forward to the benefit of our European Crystallographic association.

An additional final financial support has been received from the ECM33 in Versailles. The initiative 'Women in Crystallography' was very successful during the ECM Congress in 2024 in Padova, and also support talented women in turn for travelling to crystallographic conferences. 9 talented women in crystallography were awarded. In 2024, the 'Sheldrick Prize' was created for supporting brilliant crystallographers. Here, € 3605 have been donated from the University of Göttingen to ECA, who composed the election committee and awarded the Prize at the ECM34 in Padova, Italy. The 'Perutz', 'Bertaut' and 'Lodovico' prizes have also been awarded at the ECM34.

ECA supported substantially a number of crystallographic conferences and schools (see the list below), and additionally also young scientists for travelling to the ECM34. This time, 12 young talented crystallographers were supported with travel grants.

INCOME STATEMENT:

During this financial report period (April 1st, 2024 to March 31st, 2025), membership fees have been received from 155 individual, 32 national (<https://ecanews.org/about-eca/membership/national-members>), and 21 corporate members (<https://ecanews.org/about-eca/membership/corporate-affiliate-members>). Since 1st of September 2024, the membership for regular members has been increased from € 10 to € 25, with a 5-years membership of € 100. For student and retired members, the membership fee of € 10 has been maintained.

5. OVERVIEW OF CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS:

Below is an overview of the conferences and meeting activities economically supported by ECA.

5.1. Conferences and schools financed and taking place in the financing period ([reports available](#)):

Conference / School	Place	Date	ECA support (€)
1 20th BCA/CCG Intensive Teaching School in X-ray Structure Analysis	The Hub, Durham University, Durham, UK	29th March – 5th April 2025	2'000
2 Support of educational activities in Africa	Africa	Summer 2024	1'000
3 59 th course of the ISCoC: “Real materials in information era”	Erice, Italy	31 st May – 8 th June 2024	1'250

5.2. Conferences and schools financed prior to this financing period (April 2023 – March 2024) but taking place within this financing period (April 2024 – March 2025):

Conference / School	Place	Date	ECA support (€)
1 9 th European Crystallography School (ECS9)	Nancy, France	24 th – 30 th June 2024	3'000
2 6 th International Symposium on Halogen Bonding (ISXB6)	Dubrovnik, Croatia	20 th – 25 th October 2024	900
3 European Powder Diffraction Conference (EPDIC18)	Padova, Italy	30 th August – 2 nd September 2024	1'000
4 The Zurich School of Crystallography 2024 – Bring Your Own Crystal	Zürich, Switzerland	17 th – 29 th June 2024	1'200
5 59 th course of the ISCoC: “Real materials in information era”	Erice, Italy	31 st May – 8 th June 2024	1'250
6 Hot Topics in Contemporary Crystallography 6 – HTCC6 workshop	Dubrovnik, Croatia	7 th – 12 th April 2024	1'000

5. OVERVIEW OF CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS:

5.3. Conferences and schools financed in advance (within this financing period) but taking place after the 1st of April 2025:

	Conference / School	Place	Date	ECA support (€)
1	61st ERICE School - Quantum Crystallography	Ettore Majorana Foundation and Center for Scientific Culture, Erice, Italy	30 May – 7 June 2025	1'300
2	60th ERICE School - Electron Crystallography	Ettore Majorana Foundation and Center for Scientific Culture, Erice, Italy	30 May – 7 June 2025	1'300