

# Institute *of* Physics

## Merseyside Branch Committee Meeting

9<sup>th</sup> November 2004 at 17.30

Room 337, Oliver Lodge Building, University of Liverpool.

Present: A Marks (Chair), S D Barrett (Vice Chair), D S Martin (Secretary and Treasurer), J Bradshaw, D Farley, M Chartier, K Jones, N Marks, N Heritage.

1. **Apologies**, R McGrath, M Bode, S. Bennet, A Newsam, V Ribeiro

2. **Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted and signed.

3. **Matters arising not appearing in any item below**

Newsletter: feedback has been positive.

Pilkingtons schools visit: JB reported plans for a visit for 6<sup>th</sup> formers. Other companies were suggested including Jaguar, Port Sunlight, United Utilities.

4. **Reports on Meetings held since the last committee meeting.**

- i) N. Pearsall gave a good talk with interesting facts of solar cell applications.  
Attendance 22.
- ii) V. Howard. Good talk with Mphys students present. Liely discussion afterwards.  
Attendance 20.
- iii) Physics Olympics. Another successful year. Approx 116 students took part.
- iv) R. Stephenson . Interesting talk with a good number of undergrads in audience.  
Attendance 35.

5. **Forthcoming meetings**

- D. Clark – finalised
- Laura grant – advertised to schools via PTNC. Paper flyers to be sent **Action SDB**
- M. Sims – no abstract at present, speaker form completed.
- R. Herzberg – aim at 6<sup>th</sup> formers and above.
- M. Holden – To be advertised after L. rant talk (1<sup>st</sup> week in Jan).

6. **Chair of Branches Feedback**

Awaiting Budget approval.

Paperclip Physics entries up on last year.

7. **Support Officer contact**

AM to be support officer contact.

8. **Einstein Year**

Lab in a lorry was discussed. Volunteers/ambassadors would be required. JB will act as contact point.

Science Fair. Needs further planning. Possibly to be held on 17-18<sup>th</sup> June.

9. **Paperclip Physics**

Judges have been suggested. Dates and venue (CLT?) need to be finalised. CLT (or alternative venue) needs to be booked for one afternoon after 25<sup>th</sup> Jan or before 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. JB to be informed when venue and date fixed **Action SDB**

10. **Website.**

What's on website needs updating – **Action DSM**

Branch website needs updating **Action SDB/RMG**

11. **Education**

L. Grant to give a schools lecture (in addition to xmas lecture)

**12. Teacher network**

Annual teachers conference: 30<sup>th</sup> June (specialist) and 14<sup>th</sup> June (non-specialist)

**13. Physoc society**

Report by VR was circulated.

**14. Funding for Women**

Opportunity discussed but deadline may be too soon.

**15. Blue Plaque**

No progress. Suggested to involve P. Rowlands (Chadwick plaque) **Action SDB**

**16. Newsletter**

AGM to be announced. Several ideas for material were suggested. Editors DSM and AM. Articles to be sent to the editors by mid Dec. **Action All**

**17. Capital of Culture**

Discussed and some ideas for progressing were made, involving MB and PN.

**18. Media**

S. Bennett was thanked by the committee for his successes in publicising branch events in local media.

**19. A.O.B.**

-New IoP group 'Higher Education' Group has been formed.

-Suggested to co-opt P. Rowlands (UoL, Physics) and R. Page (UoL, Physics) onto the committee.

**20. Date of next meeting** – Tues 15<sup>th</sup> February 2005, 17:30.