

# Institute of Physics

## Merseyside Branch Committee Meeting

11 November 2003

Oliver Lodge Laboratory, Department of Physics, University of Liverpool

Present: A Marks (Chair), S D Barrett, N. Marks, N R Clitherow, M Chartier.

**1. Apologies** R McGrath (Vice Chair), D S Martin (Secretary and Treasurer), M Bode, N Heritage, P Nolan, D M Farley.

### **2. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of 9 Oct 2003 were accepted.

### **3. Matters arising**

Speaker forms: an updated form was tabled and accepted. DSM to email to committee

**Action: DSM**

Budget 2004: currently no news from HQ

Task-sharing: SDB to put flyers for events on Year notice boards, tea room etc.

**Action: SDB**

### **4. Report on recent meetings**

a) Chris Collins - attendance ~40. A very good talk and a wide audience.

b) Colin Gough - Two talks were given as CG arrived later than expected. Thanks have been sent by AM to Tony Shorrocks for the stand-in lecture.

### **5. Forthcoming meetings**

a) Careers afternoon - five speakers arranged. Three confirmed and two awaiting. Other possibilities are Adam Patchett, Neil Heritage, TTL physicist, NM

**Action: SDB**

Advertise in Department, email to undergrads.

**Action: SDB/DSM**

Arrange Buffet for 4pm (drinks and snacks)

**Action: DSM**

b) Phillipe Hubert - Arrange cheese and biscuits/wine/knives

**Action: AM/MC**

check travel arrangements complete

**Action MC**

c) Xmas talk. PTNC has been emailed. Flyers to local schools. Contact NH. **Action DSM**

Members to be informed a week beforehand.

**Action: AM**

d) Mike Merifield - NM to fill in speaker form

**Action: NM**

e) John Inglesfield @ Daresbury with Manchester branch. Speaker form to complete.

**Action: SDB**

f) Physics and primary schools - 3 speakers fixed, Ann Humphreys to add something? Buffet at end of school time - school teachers invited. MC interested in helping **Action AM**

### **6. Branch support officer**

35 days/3 branches. Applications from far and wide. Successful applicant Dr John Bradshaw from Eccleston, nr Chorley. Worked in Pilkingtons, now retired. Branch liaison with BSO taken up by NM. **Action AM to inform**

## **7. Report on COB**

Dinner was very good. Report has been emailed by AM.

Einstein year 2005 presentation by Caitlin Watson. Include something in 2004/05 programme? Copy info - DPED/MAH/PR for museum for info and ideas **Action: AM**

## **8. Blue plaques**

No progress

**Action: SDB/RNM**

## **9. Education**

Paperclip physics - 16 applicants. Plan to compete all in one day with lots of runners up prizes. Dates 26 Feb or 3 Mar 04. Judges need to be finalized. **Action: AM/SDB/NH**

## **10. Teacher Network**

Support for teachers - teachers conference in July. Large number are teaching physics without physics degree - need extra support. AM is a Co-ordinator for Merseyside.

## **11. CERN visit**

Armourers and Braziers asked for sponsorship (£1k). Booking Easyjet for April needs to be done soon. If necessary pay £5 supplement to change name on ticket.

## **12. Capital of culture 2008**

Merseyside science festival? Link with DPED ideas?

## **13. Media**

See item 7

## **14. Any Other Business**

IoP site visit - how woman-friendly is department? Talk to Laura Grant. **Action: MC**

Contents of next newsletter need to be considered.

**Action: DSM/AM**

DSM to copy all outgoing emails to AM

**Action: DSM**

## **15. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the committee will be held on Thurs 29 Jan 2003 at 17:30.

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