

Institute of Physics and Royal Society of Chemistry

Neutron Scattering Group

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Institute of Physics and Royal Society of Chemistry Neutron Scattering Group was held on 5 September 2003 during the ECNS 2003 Conference in Montpellier.

Minutes

Keith McEwen chaired the meeting on behalf of the Chairman Rob Richardson, who was unable to attend.

1. Apologies

Rob Richardson (Chairman), Daniel Bowron (Secretary)

2. Chairman's Report

The 2003 Willis Prize has been awarded to Toby Perring from the ISIS Facility. The announcement was made during the ECNS 2003 conference and Prize was handed to Toby Perring prior to his presentation at this conference of an invited talk on his work on the dynamics in manganites. It is expected that the 2004 Willis Prize will be announced at the 2004 UK Neutron User Meeting.

The Neutron and Biology session at the CMMP meeting 2003 had been cancelled due to a lack of general interest. This is disappointing and demonstrates that a lot of effort has to be spent in order to make any headway in this area.

Future activities:

Keith Ross is organising a symposium on Neutrons Scattering and Material Science at the 4th Materials Congress organised in April 2004 by the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining.

Jon Goff will arrange a Session at the CMMP 2004 meeting on the complementarity of neutrons and x-rays.

The IoP NSG Committee wishes to have a greater involvement into the organisation and programme of future UK user Meetings. The Chairman Rob Richardson has written to Andrew Taylor regarding this issue.

The IoP NSG Committee is proposing to set up a Prize for the best thesis per year. There was a discussion about this proposal. The suggestion was welcomed in principle and the Committee was encouraged to establish a process.

There was a general view that the membership of the IoP/RSC NSG could be broader and a push should be made for greater NSG membership.

3. Group Finance

The Group's finance is sound and applications for student travel bursaries were invited. Group funds have been used also to support invited speakers to IoP meeting.

4. Election of Officers

It was decided that a call for nominations should be sent out to all members of the NSG, followed by a postal ballot.

5. Matters arising No other matters were arising.