

Institute of Physics

Thin Films and Surfaces Group

Minutes of the 33rd Annual General Meeting

The 33rd Annual General Meeting of the Thin Films and Surfaces Group of the Institute of Physics was held at 1 pm on Wednesday 12th March 2003 at the University of Birmingham.

Present: A.J. Fisher, W.A Brown, G. Held, N.V. Richardson, C.F. McConville, Q. Guo, N. Jennett and 8 other Thin Films and Surfaces Group members.

1. Apologies for Absence

These were received from Z. Barber, N. Harrison, M. Pemble, M. McCoustra, D. Monaghan, A. Wander & S. Holloway.

2. Minutes of the previous AGM

These were accepted as an accurate record of the 32nd AGM.

3. Chairman and Secretary's communications

The Chairman thanked committee members who were stepping down at the AGM for their work for the TFSG committee over the years.

He also reported that we now had closer ties with the RSC SSUK group, although we had not merged with them. This was in line with the wishes of the TFSG members at the previous AGM.

The Secretary reported on the groups activities over the past year. The Secretary reported that the group finances, as at end of September 2002, stand at £24000. Over the last 12 months the group has:

- Given out 7 student bursaries (totalling £2100). The group has also agreed to give £3000 to ISSC-14 to fund student bursaries.
- Supported various meetings either financially or by helping with organisation including: Symposia at CMMP 2002 on the "Surface Science of water ice"; the Surface Science Summer School at Warwick in August 2002; the UK Coatings Forum in October 2002; A meeting on the "Simulation of nano-structures" which took place in January 2003; and a one day meeting on "Thin Films of Organic Molecules" which took place in March 2003.

The group are also currently organising the following future meetings/symposia:

- ISSC-14 which will take place at the University of Liverpool in from 16th – 19th June 2003.
- Symposia at CMMP 2003, Belfast, April 2003 on the subjects of "The Future of Surface Spectroscopy" and "Towards Complex Surfaces".
- UK Coatings Forum, Autumn 2003.

The secretary noted that ideas for meetings are always welcome and if any group members would like to organise a one day meeting, the TFSG would be willing to help with both publicity and perhaps funding for a relevant speaker.

4. Committee changes – election of new members

The following committee members stepped down at the AGM: Q. Guo, M. Pemble, N. Jennett, N. Harrison, M. McCoustra and D. Monaghan.

It was agreed to co-opt M. McCoustra back onto the committee to deal with the newsletter. He has recently revitalised the newsletter and it was felt important for him to continue with this. It was also agreed that A. Wander would remain co-opted to maintain the group website.

Nominations for new committee members were as follows: Prof. Peter Weightman (University of Liverpool), Dr. Janet O'Brien (Pilkingtons), Prof. Frank Placido (University of Paisley), Dr Giles Aldrich-Smith (NPL); Dr Kurt Kolasinski (QMUL) and Dr Philip Moriarty (University of Nottingham). Following a vote by the members present at the AGM, the following people were elected as new TFSG committee members: Prof, Peter Weightman, Dr Janet O'Brien, Dr Giles Aldrich-Smith and Dr Philip Moriarty.

The current Chair, Prof. Andrew Fisher stepped down. Dr Chris McConville was elected as the new Chairman. Dr Georg Held was elected as the new Vice-Chair.

A full list of the new TFSG committee members is attached as an Appendix.

5. Any other business

There was no other business.

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