

Minutes of the AsCA Council Meeting 2015

Date and time: Sunday, December 6, 2015

12:30 – 13:30

Location: Board Room, Science City, Kolkata, India

IN ATTENDANCE

DELEGATES

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APOLOGIES

J J Vittal (Singapore), Kurt Krause (New Zealand), Bostjan Kobe (Australia), Sheena McGowan (Australia), Stuart Batten (Australia), Jianping Ding (PR China), Xiao-Dong Su (PR China), Zhi-Jie Liu (PR China), Shie-Ming Peng (China Taipei), Chwan-Deng Hsiao (China Taipei), N. Gautham (India), Dinakar M. Salunke (India), Dhananjai Pandey (India), Yessi Permana (Indonesia), Maqsood Ahmed (Pakistan), Eunice EunKyoung Kim (Korea), Myoung Soo Lah (Korea), Siti Nadiah Abdul Halim (Malaysia), Neil Andrew David Bascos (Philippines), Wim Klooster (Singapore), Thammarat Aree (Thailand) and Deleg Sangaa (Mongolia).

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting commenced at 12:30 hrs. Pinak Chakrabarti welcomed all to the meeting and all the guests introduced themselves. As J J Vittal could not attend the meeting, Ashwini Nangia was requested to record the proceedings.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday, August 8, 2014, 12:15 – 13:45, Room 516e, Palais Des Congres, Montreal, Canada and circulated by e-mail on 26 February, 2015 by the Secretary/Treasurer, J J Vittal, were approved.

3. CONDOLENCES

Prof Koh Lip Lin has passed away early in 2014. He organized the first meeting of the Asian Crystallographic Association in Singapore in 1992. He served as the Co-editor of *Acta Crystallographica* from 1994 until 1999. He would be missed by the AsCA community. The meeting observed one minute of silence in his honor.

4. PROGRESS REPORT FOR AsCA 2016 (14TH AsCA CONFERENCE)

Prof Duong Ngoc Huyen (Chair, LOC) presented the status of the next meeting to be held at Hanoi, December 4-7, 2016. The website is already in place (<http://www.asca2016.org/tin-tuc/welcome-to-hanoi-a286.html>) with preliminary information. The venue would be at the Taquangbuu Library, Hanoi University of Science and Technology. It has been proposed that the student registration fees would be USD 150 to enable them to attend in large number. There is plenty of cheap accommodation to suit their budget. The fees for regular participants would be USD 300.

Prof. Masaki Kawano (Chair, IPC) mentioned that he has got proposals for names that could constitute the IPC, which would be formed in the near future. He is already working on possible plenary speakers.

5. SELECTION FOR IPC CHAIR FOR AsCA 2018

There has been a suggestion that for passing down the experience of organizing the scientific aspects of one AsCA meeting to the next, it would be wise if the International Program Committee of the next AsCA have as a member the IPC Chair of the following AsCA meeting. Thus it became important to have the IPC Chair of AsCA 2018 to be held at Auckland, New Zealand, in place. The name of Prof. Ted Baker was proposed for this position and accepted unanimously.

6. PROPOSAL/INTEREST FOR ORGANIZING AsCA 2019

Martin Schreyer of Singapore made a proposal for organizing the meeting of AsCA 2019 in Singapore. Considering that there has been no meeting in Singapore after the first one in

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1992, and as there was no other suggestion, it was decided that AsCA 2019 would be held at Singapore.

7. AsCA FINANCIAL REPORT

The statement of finances was prepared by Alice Vrielink on behalf of the AsCA trustees. The trustees are Professors Mark Spackman, Alice Vrielink, and Charlie Bond, all at the University of Western Australia.

AsCA UniBank account balances at 12 November 2015 (by Alice Vrielink)

Note: UniCredit was absorbed into UniBank in July 2015 Member number: 630482
All figures in Australian dollars.

S1 Everyday Account 603614822:	\$3,023.93
I10 Member Term deposit 379042685:	\$194,172.37
Combined balance =	\$197,196.30

Interest earned in each financial year (July 1 to June 30):

2012 – 2013	\$6524.89
2013 – 2014	\$4575.01
2014 – 2015	\$4407.40
2015 – present	\$2673.32

The interest rate on the new term deposit (3 monthly rollover) account varies monthly, and is currently 2.8% pa.

Activity on the account since August 2013 (as presented at AsCA2015):

Debits: nil

Credits:	\$800	Aug 2013	India
	\$2190	Jan 2014	ANSTO
	\$1000	Oct 2014	Australia
	\$200	Oct 2014	New Zealand
	\$500	Oct 2014	South Korea
	\$500	Oct 2014	Taiwan
	\$400	Dec 2014	China
	\$1000	Jan 2015	Japan

Pinak Chakrabarti reported receiving a letter from Claude Lecomte, who is involved in organizing the first Pan African meeting on crystallography to be held in Cameroon, requesting for contribution from AsCA to support some young participant to the meeting. As it is a very good initiative from IUCr, it was decided to contribute equivalent of ~ AUD 1200 to the meeting.

8. UPDATE ON THE STATE OF THE AsCA WEBSITE

Alice Vrieling reported that the web designer in Perth has completed the upgradation of the AsCA website based on the suggestions received from all concerned. It is hosted at the IUCr website, and thanked Alice for her supervision of the renovation. Everyone appreciated the look and the content of the website. Decision was taken to make the payment of AUD1750 to the web developer. Se Won Suh suggested to recruit a person who will succeed Alice Vrieling to supervise the maintenance of the newly-built AsCA website.

9. CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP FEES

Although AsCA has corporate membership, nothing noteworthy has happened in having members in this category. In the earlier EC meetings there were discussions on different fees structure depending on level of membership. However, as the amount considered at the lower level was rather small it is realized that no company would be interested in going through all the paper work involved in remitting such small amount. From the AsCA side also it is difficult to raise invoice every year. As such it was decided that the membership amount would be USD 1000 (just one category) for a three year term. The corporate member would be able to advertise their product release in the AsCA website (under corporate news). All the sponsors of the AsCA 2015 may be contacted with this proposal.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Prof. Altaf Hussain from Bangladesh handed over the annual subscription of AUD 100 for his country. This was accepted and Alice Vrieling has taken the responsibility of depositing the amount to the AsCA account. According to the decision taken at the AsCA Council meeting, 2013 (<http://asca.iucr.org/data/assets/pdf file/0007/108196/2013-AsCA-Council-Meeting-Minutes-Final.pdf>) the fees for category B members (to which Bangladesh belongs) were waived for 2013-2016. As such this payment from Bangladesh is for 2017.

The next Council meeting will be held during AsCA 2016 meeting at Hanoi, Vietnam in 4-7, December 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 13:30.

Minutes prepared by Prof. Ashwini Nangia, vetted by Prof. Pinak Chakrabarti.