

# Minutes of the AsCA Council Meeting 2016

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Date and time: Monday, December 6th, 2016 12:30 – 13:15  
Location: Room 702, Ta Quang Buu Library,  
Hanoi University of Science and Technology, Hanoi, Vietnam

## IN ATTENDANCE

### Executive Council Members

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### Special Invitees

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## **1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting commenced at 12:30 pm. JJ Vittal welcomed all to the meeting and all of the guests introduced themselves. The minutes were taken by Pinak.

## **2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday, December 6, 2015, 12:30 – 13:30, Board Room, Science City, Kolkata, India and circulated by e-mail on 26 May, 2016 by the Secretary/Treasurer, JJ Vittal, were approved. The approval was proposed by Jenny Martin and seconded by Pinak Chakrabarti.

## **3. AsCA FINANCIAL REPORT**

The statement of finances was prepared by Mark Spackman on behalf of the AsCA trustees. The bank accounts have been maintained in an Australian bank and hence maintained by the AsCA trustees since the inception of AsCA. The trustees are Professors Mark Spackman, Alice Vrielink and Charlie Bond, all at the University of Western Australia.

## **4. UPDATE ON THE CURRENT AsCA 2016 (14<sup>th</sup> AsCA CONFERENCE, HANOI)**

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Masaki Kawano (IPC Chair of AsCA 2016) in his brief report mentioned that there were a total of about 450 attending this conference from 38 countries. Of these, the majority came from Japan. The members expressed their happiness and approval by applause.

### **5. PROGRESS REPORT FOR AsCA 2018 (15<sup>TH</sup> AsCA CONFERENCE, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND)**

Kurt Krause updated the progress of AsCA 2018, to be held during December 2-5th, 2018 at the University of Auckland. A website for the Conference should be ready soon. More details will be disseminated during the next council meeting at Hyderabad during IUCr 2017.

### **6. Progress Report for AsCA 2019 (16<sup>th</sup> AsCA Conference, Singapore)**

JJ Vittal, the Local Chair of AsCA 2019 to be held in Singapore mentioned that he will submit the details in the next council meeting at Hyderabad during IUCr 2017.

### **7. PROPOSAL/INTEREST FOR ORGANIZING AsCA 2021**

Siti Nadiah Abdul Halim of Malaysia presented a proposal to host the 17<sup>th</sup> AsCA Conference, perhaps to be held at Sunway University, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia. Details of the proposed location, including convenience to a full range of amenities and proximity to other sites of interest were outlined. The conference would be held in December, 2021, with the exact date to be fixed later, in consultation with relevant parties.

### **8. Election of new President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer**

JJ Vittal briefed the meeting that nominations were called for the Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer positions via email on October 26, 2016.

One nomination was received for the position of Vice-President. Prof. Xiao-Dong Su, School of Life Sciences, Peking University 100871 Beijing, China, E-mail: [xdsu@pku.edu.cn](mailto:xdsu@pku.edu.cn) and Phone: +86-10-62759743. He was nominated by China National Committee for Crystallography, and Professor Song Gao, the President of Chinese Crystallographic Society. In the absence of other nominations, Prof. Xiao-Dong Su was unanimously elected as Vice-President for 2016-2019. Xiao-Dong Su is likely to continue to serve the AsCA Executive Committee as President in 2019-2022 and as the immediate past-President in the Executive Committee in 2022-2025.

One nomination was received for the position of Secretary/Treasurer. Prof. Edward R.T. Tiekink of Research Centre for Crystalline Materials, Sunway University, 5, Jalan Universiti, Bandar Sunway, 47500 Subang Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia, E-mail: [edwardt@sunway.edu.my](mailto:edwardt@sunway.edu.my)/[edward.tiekink@gmail.com](mailto:edward.tiekink@gmail.com) and Phone: +60(3) 7491 8622 Extn: 7173. He was nominated by JJ Vittal, the outgoing Secretary/Treasurer of AsCA. In the absence of other nominations, Prof. Edward R.T. Tiekink was unanimously elected as Secretary/Treasurer for 2016-2019.

### **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Pinak Chakrabarti mentioned that Singapore is now a full member of IUCr and Bangladesh has applied for a similar status. As such we can include other countries (such as Cambodia and Sri Lanka) in the Regional Committee (AsCA) of IUCr in place of these two countries.

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JJ Vittal requested all the members to pay their dues on time. Further once they have paid, are requested to send the proof of payment to the Secretary/Treasurer and ask for a receipt. Currently, it is very difficult to find out this information from the amount deposited shown in the bank balance.

The next Council meeting will be held during IUCr 2017 Congress at Hyderabad in 21-28, August 2017.

The outgoing committee President Pinak Chakrabarti and others congratulated the new executive committee members.

### **New AsCA Executive Committee**

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Edward R.T. Tiekink (Secretary/Treasurer),  
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The meeting adjourned at 13:15.

Minutes prepared by JJ Vittal and vetted by Pinak Chakrabarti and Edward R.T. Tiekink