

## **Small Molecule SIG Business Meeting—July 28, 2009**

Submitted by Richard Staples

### **Current Officers:**

Chair: Jeanette Krause  
Chair Elect: Richard Staples (Chair 2010)  
Secretary: Peter Mueller (until end of 2010)

### **Old Business**

No old business was noted, this year's sessions noted at the end. We sponsored three half day sessions. All attended well except for cool structures, but this was most likely due to competition with the tricks of the trade co-sponsored session. Should try to not have a competing session during cool structures.

### **New Business**

Fook suggests a Platon workshop at the 2010 meeting. This suggestion was received very positively by all present. The workshop should be mostly hands-on and several speakers, including perhaps Ton Spek, Max Siegler and Louis Farrugia. It is rumored that Ton may win a major ACA Award next year, which would make this workshop very timely. Lee Daniels volunteered to take the lead in organizing the workshop. Lachlan pointed out that funding for students, specifically from developing countries, is available from the IUCr and also the US National Committee.

The Small Molecule SIG wants to organize the following three half-day sessions at the Chicago Meeting:

"Cool Structures", which is always a favorite to be organized by Xiaoping Wang ([wangx@ornl.gov](mailto:wangx@ornl.gov)).

"Absolute Structure determination, where are we now" Joe Reibenspies [reibenspies@mail.chem.tamu.edu](mailto:reibenspies@mail.chem.tamu.edu)

"Non-Ambient Crystallography" or "Extreme Conditions" to be organized by Christine Beavers ([cmbeavers@lbl.gov](mailto:cmbeavers@lbl.gov)). Powder/Neutron/Materials may co-sponsor this session.

The Small Molecule SIG was approached by the Service SIG and the General Interest Group for co-sponsorship for the following sessions.

Would you publish this II	Service	unanimously approved
Teaching techniques	Service	approved with three objections

My first modulated structure	Service	unanimously approved
High solvent content structures	Service	unanimously approved
Data collection strategies	Service	unanimously approved
Bob Bau Transaction Symposium	Service	unanimously approved
A blast from the past (education)	GIG/CEC	unanimously approved

Sessions Sponsored or Co-sponsored by the Small Molecule SIG, 2009.

05.01 Cool Structures (Small Molecule)

Session Organizer(s): Peter Müller, MIT, Boston, MA (pmueller@mit.edu).

06.06 Would You Publish This? (Small Molecule, Service, General)

*Acknowledgement is made to [Oxford Diffraction](#) for partial support of this symposium* Session Organizer(s): Carla Slebodnick (slebod@vt.edu)

06.08 Problem Structures: Solution and Refinement of Particularly Difficult Small Molecule Structures (Service, Small Mol)

Session Organizer(s): Richard Staples (staples@chemistry.msu.edu)

06.11 Cooperative Phenomena in Magnetic Materials (Small Molecule, Service, General)

*Acknowledgement is made to the [Natural Sciences & Engineering Research Council of Canada \(NSERC\)](#), for partial support of this symposium.* Session Organizer(s): Ovidiu Garlea, Neutron Scattering Science Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory (garlea@ornl.gov)

06.16 Tips & Tricks of the (Computing) Trade (Service, General Interest, Smol Mol)

Session Organizer(s): Xiaoping Wang, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, (wangx@ornl.gov)