

Special Interest Group Service Crystallography, Annual Report 2012
The Service SIG Turns 25!

2012 Service SIG elected officers are:

Chair: Louise Dawe

Chair Elect: Christine Beavers

Secretary: James Fetting

At the 2011 Meeting in New Orleans, the Service SIG sponsored or co-sponsored the following sessions:

08.04: Scholarly and Pragmatic Aspects of Crystallographic Publication Practices (with the Small Molecule and General Interest SIGs). Chairs: Larry Falvello and Ilia Guzei (*sponsored, in part, by Agilent Technologies, Bruker AXS, Inc., and International Union of Crystallography*)

08.10: Education and Inspiration: Crystallographic Teaching Techniques (with the General Interest SIG). Chair: Amy Sarjeant

06.02: Would You Publish This? Chair: Carla Slebodnick (*sponsored, in part, by Agilent Technologies*)

06.01: Undergraduate Research Symposium. Chair: Katherine Kantardjiff

The Service SIG is sponsoring or co-sponsoring four sessions at the 2012 meeting:

TR.01. Transactions: Transformations and Structural Oddities in Molecular Crystals: In Honor of Bruce M. Foxman (with Small Mol, Powder, Neutron, Materials, GIG, Service SIGs). Chairs: Kraig Wheeler, Magali Hickey, Graciela Diaz de Delgado

13.07. Past Reflections and Future Directions: 100 Years of Diffraction and the 25th Anniversary of the Service Crystallography Scientific Interest Group. Chairs: Louise Dawe and Curt Haltiwanger

08.01. Would You Publish This? Chair: Carla Slebodnick

13.18. Public Domain Software (with Service, GIG) Chairs: Xiaoping Wang, Nigam Rath

Further, the OLEX2 Workshop, Chaired by Ilia Guzei, with Horst Puschmann and Oleg Dolomanov, was supported by the Service SIG.

Notes:

1. For a second meeting in a row there was no Service SIG Etter Student Lecturer Awardee. Further, in the three sessions sponsored only by the Service SIG, there were no student presenters.

2. Service SIG Members Allen Oliver, Amy Sarjeant and Charlotte Stern organized the 2012 ACA Summer School in Chemical Crystallography, hosted at Notre Dame University (<http://acasummercourse.net/the-aca-summer-course-in-chemical-crystallography/>). This committee will be organizing the 2013 Summer School, hosted at Notre Dame.
3. The Service SIG has a Facebook group! Service SIG members are encouraged to join this group (search for “ACA Service SIG”).

Louise Dawe
2012 Service SIG, Chair

Addendum – Prepared following the July 30, 2012 Service SIG Meeting

The Service SIG will propose to sponsor the following session at the 2013 meeting:

How to be an Effective Reviewer Chair: Peter Mueller

Computational Tips and Tricks Chair: Louise Dawe and Jason Mercer

The Service SIG would like to facilitate the following workshop at the 2013 meeting:

Using the Cambridge Structural Database Suite Chair: TBD (the current chair will approach the CSD to determine feasibility. This workshop would tie in with a database session proposed by the Small Molecule SIG.)

George Sheldrick also mentioned the possibility of offering a SHELX workshop at either the 2013 or 2014 meeting. At the time of the Service SIG meeting he was unable to commit.

The 2013 Nominating Committee is:

Louise Dawe
Christine Beavers
Amy Sarjeant

Notes:

1. Normally the session Would You Publish This? is proposed by the Service SIG, however, since the Small Molecule SIG will be proposing a night session, Would You Publish This? will go on a one year hiatus.
2. Scheduling of the SIG meetings was very problematic this year; SIG members had conflicting interests, with vendor lunches scheduled at the same time, and

sessions that ran long. This problem could be alleviated by holding SIG meetings at 5pm.

3. The Service SIG membership continues to be very concerned about conference costs. It was noted that members wishing to stay at the conference hotel were not guaranteed rooms with two beds, and so even delegates from the same university could not arrange to share a room ahead of time. This meant that several Service SIG members had to find accommodations at other hotels. As many universities have reasonably priced conference facilities and accommodations there was interest in having the ACA Council pursue these venues as possible sites in the future.

Addendum 2 – Prepared following the July 31, 2012 ACA Business Meeting

1. The minutes from the 2011 Business Meeting indicate that the SIGs can pick their own dates and times to meet (this even includes breakfast meetings, which councils currently does in order to fit in all their meeting.) The 2012 Chair will contact the 2013 Chairs of both the Service and Small Molecule SIGs to propose 5pm meetings in the future.