

## **Fiber Report June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011.**

The Fiber SIG organized two highly successful half day symposia at the 2010 annual meeting in Chicago; "Fibril-forming pathological peptides: Prions, amyloids & Friends." and "New developments in Fiber diffraction: Cryo-, micro-diffraction and complementary techniques." Those sessions were reported in the 2010 fall issue of Reflexions. Research from this SIG also featured on the front covers of two of the three issues of Reflexions in 2010. The Fiber SIG organizes sessions at every other annual meeting. No session was therefore organized for the New Orleans meeting, but the Fiber SIG would like to propose sessions for the 2012 meeting.

At the SIG gathering on the evening of the 31<sup>st</sup> of May in New Orleans it was decided to propose two sessions once again namely 1) "Fibril-forming Pathological Peptides: Prions, Amyloids & "Friends" possibly in collaboration with the SAS, neutron, Sync and BioMac SIG's, and 2) "Flesh and Blood: intact and in situ, connective tissue diffraction studies of animals, plants and insect bodies", again possibly in collaboration with the SAS, neutron, Synch, and Service SIG's.

There were changes in the officers of the SIG in 2010, with Paul Langan replacing Joseph Orgel as chair, Olga Antipova replacing Paul Langan as chair elect, and Tom Irving replacing Olga Antipova as secretary. Joseph Orgel now assumes the position of past chair. These positions are held for a two year term. The next elections will therefore be held in 2012.

In years during which the Fiber SIG does not organize a sessions at the annual meeting it has traditionally held a retreat/workshop. There is therefore a workshop planned for the fall of 2011.

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