

## **General Interest Group Committee Report 2010**

The officers for the General Interest Group (GIG) for the 2010 calendar year are:

Chair: Peter Mueller

Chair Elect: Marilyn Olmstead

Secretary: Christine Beavers (through 2010)

At the 2010 meeting in Chicago the General Interest Group sponsored or co-sponsored the following four sessions:

02.01: General Interest I

02.02: Etter Award Symposium

02.03: Blast from the Past (educational session)

02.04: General Interest II

The first General Interest Session 02.01 was very well attended (approximately 140 to 150 listeners throughout the session).

The GIG would like to point out to Council that the GIG Constitution found online is not up to date. The GIG now has an educational mandate and the GIG no longer has a Member at Large.

Both Council and the Standing Committee Continuing Education (CEC) had approached the GIG about ideas for ACA Summer Schools. The GIG members present at the 2010 Business Meeting agreed to talk to potential organizers and to advertise the fact that the ACA office would help that person put together a summer school proposal and budget. Namely Allen Oliver (Univ. of Notre Dame) and Marilyn Olmstead (UC Davis), who were present at the GIG Business Meeting, seem to show interest in putting together proposals. The CEC had pointed out that the deadline for applications should be made known to potential applicants and the GIG joins the CEC in asking Council to also solicit Summer School proposals on the ACA homepage and in the Newsletter.

Council had asked the GIG for help identifying underrepresented and new scientific growth areas that the ACA should be supporting. Those present at the GIG Business Meeting pointed out the following areas: high-pressure crystallography, small molecule synchrotron use, diffuse scattering and education.

For the 2011 meeting in New Orleans, the GIG wants to organize two half-day "General Interest" sessions to catch presentations that do not fit into the other sessions. In addition in collaboration with the Standing Committee Continuing Education, the GIG wants to sponsor an educational session to be chaired by Amy Sargeant. Furthermore, co-sponsorship is offered for a session on CIF suggested by the Standing Committee Data Standards and Computing, the Transactions Symposium, and the awards sessions, especially the Etter Award.

Peter Mueller, Chair