

Report to Council Small Molecule SIG for 2010

Khalil Abboud suggested that he would be interested to considering a proposal be put forward to Council for such a school and for further information regarding the process.

2010 meeting concerns:

The SIG raised the concern about the rising costs involved with attendance at ACA meeting, notably the hotel costs and the slowly increasing cost of registration.

The issue with no ready internet availability within the hotel (aside from the internet café and the ACA booth area) was considered a huge oversight by the hotel/council. There is a general wish to have remedied in the future.

It was suggested that the meeting abstract be available on the ACA website for download and self-printing prior to the conference. This would facilitate attendees in deciding which sessions to attend and which posters to view. A searchable PDF version was suggested as an option to present to Council by the majority of the members present.

Some concern was raised regarding Poster organization, Victor Young who was in attendance helped explain the way it was done this year and suggestions of placing the poster together by session, but in the end they would like to have the poster number placed at the bottom as in past years.

Cool Structures - Allen Oliver (chair) 1/2 day

Data Validation and Publication Methods: Larry Falvello/Ilia Guzei (co-chair) (this arose from earlier discussion in the Service SIG and will likely be co-sponsored) - full day

Small Molecule, Molecular Machines (to compliment the macromolecular session in 2010) - Christopher Incarvito (chair); 1/2 day

Crystal Engineering - Christer Aakeroy (chair; suggestion forwarded through Chris Cahill, Prog. Chair 2011) full day.

After the meeting it was decided that we should continue to have the Service SIG although there was some confusion concerning which SIG was running which section. We would like to have then the two separately scheduled but during the same noon period with Service SIG at 12 and then Small Molecule at 12:30.

Submitted by
Richard Staples
7-28-10

Minutes for the Small Molecule SIG - July 27, 2010

Richard Staples called the meeting to order at 12.35 pm.

Richard Staples - Chair

Gary Nichol - Chair-elect

Peter Mueller (absent) - Secretary; Allen Oliver to sit in as secretary.

Richard opened with proposing to skip the discussion regarding Council's request for areas that need attention with ACA (referring to scientific interest and "minority" interest areas) since these had been discussed previously in the Service SIG meeting minutes previously (large overlap of membership).

Richard presented a brief summary of the minutes (only one copy available) and noted that the Small Molecule SIG is sponsoring/co-sponsoring: Cool Structures, Non-ambient conditions for diffraction studies and the Data Validation sessions.

Amy Sarjeant motioned to approve the minutes, Lee Daniels second, approved unanimously.

New business:

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Charlotte Stern suggested that the meeting abstract be available on the ACA website for download and self-printing prior to the conference. This would facilitate attendees in deciding which sessions to attend and which posters to view. A searchable PDF version was suggested as an option to present to Council.

2011 Meeting organization was raised. Noted it is an early meeting due to IUCr congress. Victor Young also pointed out that 2011 is the U.N. International Year of Chemistry. Chris Cahill (2011 Program chair) pointed out that there would likely be significant funding support for Chemistry based endeavors. Small Molecule SIG needs to capitalize on this.

Suggested sessions to be sponsored/co-sponsored by the Small Molecule SIG:

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Joe Ribenspies suggested a memorial for Lachlan Cranswick. Chris Cahill indicated that Materials/Neutron Diffraction/Powder SIG's have already proposed this.

Workshop proposals: OLEX and CRYSTALS suggested. Suggestion that CRYSTALS receive some merit due to David Watkins receiving his Fankuchen (from 2010) at New Orleans. Challenge: require workshop proposals to be submitted separately and need to have organizers.

Gary Nichol to attend planning meeting for 2011 in place of Richard.

Khalil Abboud wanted further information about proposed ACA summer schools: notably whether or not it had to be for high school students or if one could be run exclusively for undergraduate research. It was suggested that a proposal be put forward to Council for such a school and for further information regarding the process.

Amy Sarjeant and Allen Oliver are both also planning on submitting requests for assistance for planning an ACA summer school program.

Marilyn Olmstead raised concerns about the poster session layout. This was addressed by Victor Young and it was noted that the poster board layout had altered from the original plan. This oversight was felt needed to be corrected by the display area crew. Some reorganization/improved layout of posters needs to be addressed (note for 2011 Program Chair and Poster Chair).

Christine Beavers motioned to adjourn
Second Saeed Khan, adjourned at 1.03 pm.