

BRITISH LIQUID CRYSTAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the Committee meeting
Exeter University, 23 March 2005

- Present** G.Lester, H. Gleeson, M. Neal, A. Cammidge, N. Mottram, T. Wilkinson, S.Cowling, G.H. Mehl, M. Bates.
Apologies A. Matharu, C.Jones.
New Committee members Geog Mehl and Steve Cowling were welcomed. Avtar Matharu has been elected as Treasurer.
Matters arising:
The need for a separate room and time for the meetings during the Annual conferences was noted.
- Annual Meeting 2006** Nottingham Trent University.
It was agreed that it would be appropriate to move the meeting to the University of York if possible as the local organiser, AM is moving there.
The Annual meeting for 2007 is to be held at Sheffield organised by G. Ungar.
- Other Meetings**
The Joint meeting with the IEE (WC) has been cancelled.
The one day meeting, Conducting Liquid Crystals, joint with the IoP (Richard Bushby) formed part of the Materials Conference 2004.
The Royal Society Discussion meeting, New Directions in Liquid Crystal Science on 5th and 6th December 2005 will cover biological systems, complex chemistry, non-display telecoms, lasers, conducting polymers etc.
- Dates of Winter Workshop 2005**
It was determined that the Winter Workshop would go ahead having set up a group to refresh it. C Hayter suggests we contact EPSRC for support but minimum numbers are still required. The timing so close to Christmas was queried. MH to confirm dates and apply to EPSRC for funding. The decline in number of students was noted and it was agreed that each department be asked for for snapshot of now and 3 years ago.
- EPSRC College Nominations and outcome of discussion with Clive Hayter** (see attached notes)
The committee was receptive to trial in moderation of referee's reports. (contact HG)
A Roadmap for EPSRC for liquid crystals was requested from the Committee
The need to engage in consultation for the formation of new panels was identified.
It was agreed photonics not a good fit to current work.
The bid to EPSRC for support for the Winter Workshop as an area of best practice to support new students was strongly supported
- Date** of next meeting September

7. Any other business

S Day sent nomination for joint prize with SID for Ben Sturgeon award: Graham Woodgate.

TW agreed to be membership secretary

Actions

- HG to contact CH with regard to agreed notes of meeting
- NM, TW, GM to draw together paragraphs for roadmap, coordination by HG.
- Trial in moderation of referees Reports to be agreed with CH by HG
- MH to apply for EPSRC funding for the next Winter Workshop