

Education Subcommittee Minutes

Wednesday, 21 March 2012

C. Segre, Chairman

1. Call to Order

Carlo Segre called the subcommittee meeting to order.

2. Appointment of Minutes Secretary

Tess Kozul was appointed the Minutes Secretary.

3. Approval of Minutes for March 2011

No objections were made to the 2011 minutes, and so the minutes were approved.

4. Review of Mission Statement

Carlo Segre projected the Mission Statement to the subcommittee as a reminder of their duties and responsibilities. The Mission Statement read as follows:

The Education Subcommittee shall be responsible for developing educational materials, implementing workshops, audio-visual programs, and special sessions at meetings concerned with the acquisition and utilization of diffraction data with emphasis on the PDF and its manual and automated search/match systems. Also, it encourages the teaching of powder diffraction methods in educational institutions.

The Education Subcommittee will be responsible for assembling information about X-ray safety and providing lists and links regarding software tools for powder diffraction and X-ray fluorescence.

5. ICDD Staff Reports

A. Report from Conference Services

Terry Maguire, Manager of Conference Services, gave a presentation on the various educational events organized and/or supported by ICDD:

- 2011 ICDD Clinics: Information on the dates, attendance, staff, tuition waivers and participating manufacturers were outlined in the presentation. Dates for the upcoming 2012 Clinics were also shown. Please see Terry Maguire's PowerPoint presentation for specific details.
- 2011 Denver X-ray Conference (DXC): The 2011 DXC was held 1-5 August at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado U.S.A. This year marked the 60th anniversary of the conference, and an anniversary reception was held on Wednesday. The presentation included numbers on both attendee registration and exhibitors, awards presented, and an announcement for the 2012 DXC. Please see Terry Maguire's PowerPoint presentation for specific details.
- Pharmaceutical Powder X-ray Diffraction Symposium (PPXRD): PPXRD-10 was held 16-19 May 2011 in Lyon, France. The 2011 symposium also included an optional tour of the ESRF Synchrotron in Grenoble, France. The 2012 symposium will take place 15-18 May 2012 at Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa, Fort Myers, Florida, U.S.A.
- Specialized Workshops: Two specialized workshops were held at ICDD – *Handheld XRF* and *Rietveld Refinement & Indexing Workshop*. Information on dates, attendance and staff can be found in Terry Maguire's PowerPoint presentation. The

Handheld XRF was successful, with eleven attendees; the *Handheld XRF* workshop will be held again in 2012.

- Meetings supported by ICDD: Terry Maguire's PowerPoint presentation also listed the meetings that ICDD has supported financially and/or held a workshop.

6. Board of Directors' Liaison Report

There were no motions from last meeting.

7. New Business

Tim Fawcett mentioned that new educational content is constantly be added to the ICDD website. Tim suggested that our webmaster, Monika Kottenhahn, should give a five minute presentation during the Education Subcommittee to report on changes to the website. Carlo Segre agreed, and said he would add it to the next year's agenda.

Catharine Foris mentioned that professors are in need of financial support to attend clinics and meetings as well as students. Tim confirmed, when distributing tuition waivers for the clinics, there is a preference for teachers and educators over graduate students. He also explained that in regards to the money ICDD gives to meetings, it is up to the discretion of the conference as to how they spend it.

8. Adjournment

Carlo Segre adjourned the meeting.