



## The Molecular Graphics and Modelling Society

6<sup>th</sup> Joint Sheffield Conference on Chemoinformatics, Sheffield, UK.

5 p.m. Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2013.

### 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting

34 people were present.

#### 1. Minutes of the 31st AGM held at SOAS on Thursday 26th April 2012

Minutes were accepted.

#### 2. Matters arising

No matters arising.

#### 3. Chairman's Annual Report

A paper copy of Richard Bryce's report was provided and is available attached to the electronic version (contact Secretary for copy). The Chair summarised the aim of the MGMS to those present and thanked Val Gillet for providing a suitable slot to accommodate the AGM at this meeting. The Chair reported on a busy year for the MGMS and highlighted a number of MGMS organised meetings including the Cutting Edge Approach to Drug Design Meeting (SOAS, London), Computational Chemical Biology Meeting (Manchester), Protein-Protein Interactions: Emerging Science and Therapeutic Potential (London) and an meeting on the developing area of Cloud Computing. The Chair also highlighted the YMF2012 meeting which again was highly successful and the 2012 (Marcel Swart) and 2013 (Lynn Kamerlin) winners of the Silver Jubilee Award. Richard Bryce also congratulated winners of the 2012 MGMS graphics prize, Prof. Andrew Hanson from Indiana University and Sidharth Thakur from the Renaissance Computing Institute in North Carolina. In July 2012, the Society also sponsored the lecture tour of Professor Modesto Orozco of IRB Barcelona. The tour was hosted at four UK venues, giving stimulating presentations on his work entitled "A theoretical view of DNA: from atoms to genomes". We eagerly anticipate our MGMS Lecture Tour for this coming year, Professor Adrian Elcock from the University of Iowa. Professor Elcock will also be a speaker at the upcoming meeting on Multiscale Modelling at Manchester in January 2014, jointly sponsored by the MGMS and CCP-Biosim. More details will follow in due course. The Chair also highlighted future meetings including the autumn conference on Cytochrome P450's at the University of Surrey. The Chair finished off by directing everyone present to the new MGMS website if they want to find out more information about the society or get in contact regarding ideas about meeting topics ([www.mgms.org](http://www.mgms.org)) and our LinkedIn Group "Molecular Graphics and Modelling Society".

#### 4. Secretary's Annual Report

A copy of Richard Ward's report was provided and is available from the Secretary. Richard highlighted the Committee and co-opted members and their roles over the last year and thanked everyone for their work on the Committee. Richard also recommended members join the "Molecular Graphics and Modelling Society" LinkedIn Group to keep up to date with activities.

#### 5. Treasurer's Annual Report

A copy of Phil Biggin's report was provided and is available from the Secretary. There was a question around the reasons for requiring such a significant balance in the account, this is due to requirements to keep ~£17K in funds and to allow contingency for losses associated with a failed meeting.

#### 6. MGMS membership and fees

Subscriptions from MGMS membership underpin the activities of the society outlined by the Chair and have held up through the difficult financial climate of recent years. We currently have around 120 members, split approximately

equally between regular subscribers and attendees at MGMS conferences. We would like to remind all delegates to the current meeting that registration includes membership of the society for the remainder of 2013: the membership secretary will contact you soon about this. Standard dates of membership to run from January to December. Membership allows discounted subscription to the *Journal of Molecular Graphics and Modelling* and reduced registration fees at future MGMS meetings.

## 7. The Journal of Molecular Graphics and Modelling

It has been another busy and successful year for the journal. Over 400 manuscripts were submitted last year (2012-2013), up on the previous year by ~10%. The acceptance rate ~30%. The Impact Factor for 2012 is 2.3, up slightly from the previous year. The winners of the Graphics Prize were Drs Hanson and Thakur for Figure 23 of their article entitled, "Quaternion Maps of Global Protein Structure" [Hanson, A.J. & Thakur, S. *J. Mol. Graphics Mod.*, 38, 256-278 (2012)]. The Editors (jonathan.hirst@nottingham.ac.uk or madura@duq.edu) would be pleased to receive any proposals for "Topical Perspectives" - short review articles.

## 8. Election of Trustees/Committee Members and Chair

Phil Biggin, Steve Maginn, Adrian Mulholland and Jamie Platts were elected unopposed as trustee/committee members. The committee for 2013-2014 therefore is (date of most recent election is in parentheses):

<b>Chairman</b>	Richard Bryce (2011)
<b>Secretary</b>	Richard Ward (2011)
<b>Treasurer</b>	Phil Biggin (2013)
<b>Membership Secretary</b>	Jamie Platts (2013)
<b>Meetings Secretary</b>	Frank Blaney (2012)
<b>Journal Editor</b>	Jonathan Hirst (2012)
<b>Ordinary Members (6)</b>	Adrian Mulholland (2013)
	Val Gillet (2012)
	Stuart Firth-Clark (2011)
	Charlie Laughton (2011)
	Brendan Howlin (2012)
	Steve Maginn (2013)

Co-opted members for 2013-2014 are Garrett Morris, Chris Richardson, Steve Maginn, Louise Birch, Shozeb Haider, Jiayun Pang, Xiao Lewell, Dave Winkler and Tim Clark. In particular we welcome new members Jiayun Pang and Xiao Lewell to the Committee.

## 9. Any other business

Phil Biggin highlighted an upcoming CCP-Biosim meeting to those present.

## 10. Date and location of next AGM

To be confirmed.