

## **JAC meeting**

**Euroforum Infantes, San Lorenzo de El Escorial, Spain**

20 August, 15:00-18:00, Sala12

**CHAIR: Peter Strickland**

Attendees: Andras Borbely, Trevor Forsyth, Katherine Kantardjieff, Gernot Kostorz, Satoshi Sasaki

IUCr staff attending: Peter Strickland

### **JOURNAL SCOPE AND DEVELOPMENT**

There was a general discussion of JAC and it was considered that the journal was well respected and a good place to publish. The journal is well presented and authors often put their best material in the journal.

It was noted that a number of poor-quality articles, or articles that do not fit the scope of the journal well, are being submitted. It was considered that a statement along the lines of "articles should make a contribution to the field of crystallography" should be added to the Notes for Authors.

It was thought that "imaging matters related to diffraction" is a developing area that should be mentioned in the journal profile. Two recent papers in this area, by Ludwig et al. on X-ray diffraction contrast tomography, have been well cited. It was also suggested that articles on "applications related to FELs" would be useful to include in the scope of the journal.

It was suggested that the journal cover might be changed more often than at present, as this would give more authors the chance of having a cover illustration. Also, JAC should start to consider providing mobile apps.

### **SPECIAL ISSUES**

The Teaching and Education special issue, published in November 2010, was discussed. This issue is highly regarded and fits closely with the aims of the IUCr. However, it has so far not been highly cited.

The possibility for a special issue in the area of "applications related to FELs" was discussed. Andras Borbely would be willing to look into putting together a special issue on this topic.

### **SUBMISSION AND REVIEW**

The submission and review system and the difficulty of getting reviewers was briefly discussed. It was considered useful for Co-editors to be reminded about chasing reviewers. A reminder message to the Co-editor 2.5 weeks after a reviewer had accepted to undertake a review was thought to be appropriate.

### **JOURNAL PROMOTION AND SPONSORSHIP**

From experience at meetings, posters, postcards and post-it notes were seen to be much more useful in promoting the journals than journal leaflets. It was also thought that advertising materials should be easily available from the journal web site.

### **COMPUTER PROGRAMS**

The question of the access of reviewers to programs was discussed. It was considered that reviewers should have access to the program executable, and authors should be instructed in the Notes for Authors that an executable may be required for the review process. It was also agreed that Computer Program articles should clearly state the availability of a program.

### **POLICY MATTERS**

Coordinate tables and appendices were discussed. Where possible, tables of atomic coordinates should not be published, but deposited in CIF format. Likewise, lengthy mathematical appendices should also usually be deposited.

## **INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF CRYSTALLOGRAPHY - 2013 (IYCr2013)**

Possible ways that the journal could take part in IYCr2013 were discussed. It was thought that the inclusion of a number of thematic reviews showing the diversity of crystallography might be appropriate. Also, making a collection of important historical papers that could be accessed for free during 2013 was thought to be a useful approach.