Crystallographers

This section is intended to be a series of short paragraphs dealing with the activities of crystallographers, such as their changes of position, promotions, assumption of significant new duties, honours, etc. Items for inclusion, subject to the approval of the Editorial Board, should be sent to the Executive Secretary of the International Union of Crystallography (J. N. King, International Union of Crystallography, 5 Abbey Square, Chester CH1 2HU, England).


The 1989 Pauling Prize of the American Crystallographic Association for student work in crystallography was presented to D. A. Adsmont of the University of Minnesota and to G. Zhou of Oregon State University. Mr. Adsmont received the award for work on predicting and analysing hydrogen-bond preferences of 2-aminoacyldehydroaminopimelidines. Mr. Zhou's award-winning work involved studying the effect of the C5 methyl group of thymine on the structure of Z-DNA.

In 1988 the ACA presented the Pauling Prize to Sharon Lobert of Vanderbilt University for her X-ray fibre diffraction studies of a virus called the cucumber green mottle mosaic virus, watermelon strain.

Dr. David Sayre, Research Division, IBM, T. J. Watson Research Center, Yorktown Heights, New York, USA, received the Fankuchen Award of the American Crystallographic Association. The citation was for his 'outstanding contributions to the development of innovative methods for crystal structure determination and for his contributions to the teaching of crystallography'. Dr. Sayre, a past president of the ACA, has been with IBM since 1955. He has recently been involved in efforts directed toward determining the structures of large non-repeating objects such as biological cells using long-wavelength X-rays to measure their diffraction patterns.

The Fankuchen Award is presented jointly by the ACA and the Polytechnic University every three years to an outstanding crystallographer or X-ray diffractionist who is active in the field and has made significant contributions to research and teaching of crystallography.

Notes and News

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International Organization of Crystal Growth (IOCG)

The Officers of the International Organization of Crystal Growth (IOCG), elected at the General Assembly held in Sendai, Japan, in August 1989, are as follows:

President: Professor B. Cockayne (UK); Vice-Presidents: Professor R. F. Serekha (USA) and Professor A. A. Chernov (USSR); Secretary: Professor M. Schieber (Israel); Treasurer: Professor E. Kaldis (Switzerland). Professor R. Kern (France) is the Past President.

The bonds of contact and the cooperation between the IOCG and the Commission on Crystal Growth and Characterization of Materials of the IUCr remain excellent.

Professor Kaldis, the new Treasurer of the IOCG, and two other members of the IOCG Executive Committee, Professor I. Komatsu (Japan) and Professor K. W. Benz (Federal Republic of Germany) are involved in the above Commission. In addition, Professor V. Osiko (USSR) is appointed by the IOCG as an ex officio member of the Commission.

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