



IUCr-UNESCO **OpenLab** Rigaku OpenLab Bolivia
La Paz, Bolivia
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VENUE

Facultad de Ciencias Puras y Naturales, Cota Cota Campus, Universidad Mayor de San Andrés, La Paz, Bolivia

BACKGROUND

During the General Assembly of the Latin American Crystallographic Association (LACA) meeting, formally the first meeting of LACA, which took place in São Paulo, Brazil, in September 2015, Wilma and Julián Ticona Chambi, two very enthusiastic young scientists from Universidad Mayor de San Andrés (UMSA), La Paz, Bolivia, put forward the idea of organizing a crystallography event in Bolivia, the first of its kind. This proposal was warmly received by LACA in the context of the collaborative spirit that permeates the organization and its mission to promote and expand crystallography in the region, and it was suggested to run the event under the umbrella of the very successful program of the IUCr-UNESCO OpenLab initiative. Julián had already participated in the Rigaku OpenLab Colombia, held in 2014. The idea was enthusiastically supported by the IUCr and Rigaku, who have arranged the delivery of a second powder diffractometer, in addition to the old one, already available at UMSA.

THEME

Although the main theme of the OpenLab will be powder diffraction, several lectures on single-crystal X-ray diffraction will be included in the program. The plan is to organize an event centered around single-crystal X-ray diffraction in 2017.

CONFIRMED LECTURERS

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Participants at an intensive two-day mini-course on the Fundamentals of Crystallography at UMSA in January 2016. A similar event will be held at UMSA on September 8–9, 2016, i.e. immediately before the OpenLab, to help students with little crystallography background.

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