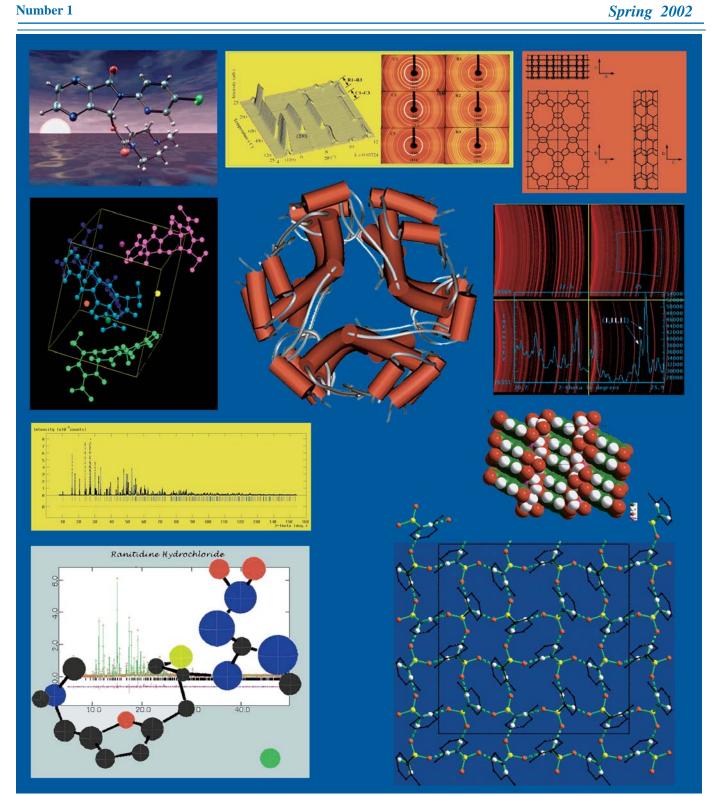


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## President's Column

I'd like to begin this, my inaugural message to the ACA, with an expression of gratitude, on behalf of the ACA Council, to all the volunteers who contribute their valuable time to make this organization work, especially the Local and Program Chairs of meetings, our SIG and Standing Committe officers, and our intrepid *Newsletter* Editors.



One is often free to rejoice in the influx of new and younger members. This issue, we balance that response by mourning the loss of Max Perutz, Don Wiley, and Deane Smith. The macromolecular community, in particular, will always retain the joy of Max's far-reaching scientific and personal contributions and the lasting contributions of Don's intellect and incisive style. The 1971 Cold Spring Harbor meeting, where I met both for the first time, is surely a crystalline moment in time, so resonant is Wayne Hendrickson's sensitive recollection with my own. Don's T-shirt remains every bit as profound an icon for me as it is for Wayne. There is nothing that assures us of success in what we do; we profit gratefully from the lives and lasting gifts of all three men, and our profound sympathy goes out to their family and friends.

This year's annual meeting in San Antonio is a Spring meeting, because the IUCr Congress and General Assembly will be held later this summer in Geneva. Meeting planning generally attempts to locate the triennial spring meeting in an extra-specially inviting venue, and from what I experienced at last year's Council meeting in San Antonio, they succeeded wildly. San Antonio will provide the attendees with an absolutely unique environment designed for fun and fellowship. The rivercenter development offers a rich variety of restaurants and bars for eating and socializing, and is a splendid place to walk or to run. It is long and interesting enough to engage even the more aggressive runners, and it presents a different face for each time period during the day. An almost entirely different atmosphere surrounds the Convention Center above ground, which sits not far from the Alamo and within shouting distance of many other historic landmarks, including the platform from which Teddy Roosevelt recruited many of the "Rough Riders"! The Local Chairs, Marv Hackert and Ray Davis, (who is also our new Vice President), have done a bang-up job securing the best facilities and planning a series of festive opportunities to renew friendships and learn details of the latest developments they've heard about during the scientific program itself.

Speaking of the program itself, Wally Cordes and Travis Gallagher have put together a program with an unusual number of novelties, some of which signal potential new directions for the ACA. The work of this year's Patterson Award winner, Doug Dorset, has inspired symposia on



## President's Column / Current News

Electron Crystallography organized by Bill Duax (two half-days), and on Electron Microscopy of Biological Macromolecules organized by Bob Glaeser (four halfdays). A host of newcomers to the ACA meetings will gather for these symposia, and we hope that some of them, or perhaps most, will find it worth their while to stay on as members.

A fond hope for many years at both the ACA and the USNCCr has been to promote more meaningful participation in Society affairs by crystallographers from Latin and South American countries. Last year, the IUCr reinforced these desires in their message to the US National Committee. As a result, the ACA Council decided on a plan to enable greater participation from this region in the San Antonio meeting. These guests will participate in all phases of the program. Our goal is to move toward a situation similar to that of the Canadian crystallographers, in which membership and participation in ACA affairs is normalized and the community is represented on the ACA Council. We will address the question of how to strengthen this effort and solve the associated problems during Council meetings in San Antonio. I welcome your input into this initiative, and, especially, I urge all of you to make an extra effort to engage these guests while at the meeting.

#### Charlie Carter

## International Centre for Diffraction Data® Ludo Frevel Crystallography Scholarships

#### **Recipients of the 2002 Scholarships are:**

**Dane A. Boysen,** of Caltech, Pasadena, California with research involving "Hydrogen-Bonding, Phase Transitions, and Proton Conductivity in  $MH_2PO_4$ -Type Solid Acids  $(M=Li, K, Na, Rb, Cs and NH_4)$ "

**Desiree H. Fong,** of McGill University of Montreal, Quebec, Canada with exploration into "*Structural Analysis of an Antibiotic-Detoxifying Kinase*"

**Jeffrey H. Haeni**, of Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania with major interest in "Growth and Characterization of Metastable BaTiO<sub>3</sub>/SrTiO<sub>3</sub> Superlattices"

Michael W. Lufaso, of Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio with studies on "Evaluation and Prediction of the Crystal Structures of Single/Ordered/Disordered Octahedral Cation Perovskites Using the Software Program SPuDS"

**Jeffrey P. Maranchi**, of Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania with research concerning "*Novel Chemical Synthesis and Characterization of Electrode Materials for Thin Film Lithium-Ion Batteries*"

**Christine M. Clark McCracken**, of the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada who's investigating *"The Crystallography and Chemistry of Tourmaline."* 

The ICDD will present each of these students with \$2,250 to help them continue their studies in their selected fields of crystallographic research.

## John Helliwell Named CCLRC's Director of Synchrotron Radiation Science

John Helliwell, Professor of Structural Chemistry at the University of Manchester, one of the founding editors of the *Journal of Synchrotron Radiation* and the Editor-in-Chief of *Acta Crystallographica*, became the Council for the Central Laboratory of the Research Councils' Director of Synchrotron Radiation Science based at Daresbury Laboratory on a five-year secondment from the University. John Helliwell has had close links with the laboratory since 1979. The post involves all the operational and scientific matters regarding the operation and development of the Synchrotron Radiation Source, as well as involving corporate responsibilities for advising CCLRC on its strategic direction in the field of synchrotron radiation.

from J. Synchrotron Radiation 9, 47, (2002)

## New APS Beamlines for Structural Biology

The National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) and the National Cancer Institute (NCI) are supporting the design and construction of a user facility consisting of three new beamlines at Argonne National Laboratory's Advanced Photon Source. The beamlines themselves will be custom designed and constructed by ACCEL GmbH, a company located in Bergish Gladbach, Germany. NIGMS and NCI plan to spend a total of around \$23 million on the project and estimate that the three beamlines will be fully operational in about three years.

"The primary motive for the project is to benefit the scientific community by facilitating access to synchrotron beamlines. This is particularly important as the structural genomics effort at NIGMS begins to pick up speed," said Dr. Marvin Cassman, Director of NIGMS.

NCI is particularly interested in how the synchrotron facilities will advance the study of cancer-related molecules. "A detailed understanding of protein structure will help cancer researchers develop drugs targeted to specific types of cancer," said Dr Dinah Singer, Director of NCI's Division of Cancer Biology.

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## Wade Adams Now CNST Director at Rice

Houston, Feb. 14, 2002 – Wade Adams, former chief scientist at the Air Force Research Lab (AFRL), at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, became the new director of the Center for Nanoscale Science and Technology (CNST) at Rice University in January.

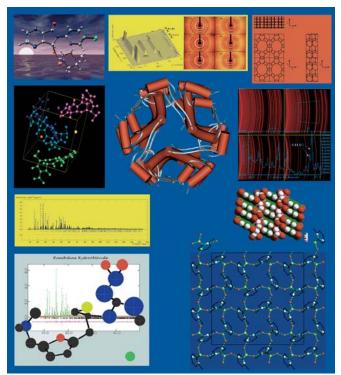
Adams has B.S. and M.S. degrees in physics from the U.S. Air Force Academy, and Vanderbilt University, and a Ph.D. in polymer science and engineering from the University of Massachusetts. He worked for 32 years at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, where he was responsible for providing consultative and advisory service to the AFRL until his retirement Jan. 3rd. He is a fellow of the American Physical Society and of the Air Force Research Laboratory. His research in polymer physics has concentrated on structure-property relations in high-performance organic materials, high-performance rigid-rod polymer fibers, X-ray scattering of fibers and liquid crystalline films, polymer-dispersed liquid crystals and theoretical studies of polymer properties.

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Cover

## On the Cover: Images from the Transactions Symposium



## Center:

*From Robert Von Dreele:* an "end view" of the TRDC Zn-insulin complex. The structure was "solved" from powder diffraction data taken at NSLS beamline X3B1 (*Acta Cryst. D*, December, 2000). One TR block is rotated 15 degrees with respect to the next one down the c-axis. The c-axis is therefore doubled.

## Clockwise from upper left:

*From William I.F. David:* metastable zopiclone. (Zopiclone is the active ingredient in some sleeping tablets – hence the setting sun.) Thermodynamic evidence indicates that the structure transforms from one stable polymorph, a racemic monoclinic dihydrate to another non-centrosymmetric orthorhombic anhydrous form through a metastable intermediate polymorph. Using high-temperature *in-situ* synchrotron X-ray powder diffraction, we were able to isolate and subsequently determine the crystal structure of this intermediate anhydrous monoclinic phase and to provide a clear explanation for the dehydration mechanism in zopiclone. (N.Shankland, W.I.F.David, K.Shankland, A.R.Kennedy, C.S.Frampton, A.J.Florence, *Chem. Comm.* **21**, 2204-5 (2001).)

*From John Parise:* time-resolved *in situ* synchrotron X-ray powder diffraction patterns were taken at NSLS beamline X7 on Pb-rho, heated and cooled under atmosphere. Details of the phase transition are shown as series of frames from the IP detector (right). (*"Understanding negative thermal expansion behavior and "trap-door" cation relocation in zeolite rho"* B.A.Reisner, Y.Lee, J.Hanson, G.Jones, J.B.Parise, D.A.Corbin, B.H.Toby, A. Freitag, J.Larese, and V.J.Khalenberg, *Chem. Soc., Chem. Comm.*, **22** 2221-2222, (2000).)

*From Michael Deem:* SSZ55, recently solved in collaboration with Stacey Zones. (*"Synthesis and Structure Determination by ZEFSAII of SSZ-55: A New High-Silica, Large-Pore Zeolite,"* M.G.Wu, M.W.Deem, S.A.Elomari, R.C.Medrud, S.I.Zones, T.Maesen, C.Kibby, C.-Y.Chen, and I.Y.Chan, *J. Phys. Chem. B* **106** 264-270 (2002).)

*From John Parise:* selected images taken on a Bruker Smart 1000 CCD at the NSLS X7A synchrotron X-ray powder diffraction beamline as a function of time during the 6 h of K-exchange into Na-Low silica Zeolite X(LSX). The 1-D patterns are obtained by integrating the CCD data. These data can be used for Rietveld structure refinement and allow resolution of the atomistic mechanism responsible for the phase change as K replaces Na in the zeolite. (Y.Lee, C.Cahill, J.Hanson, J.B.Parise, S.Carr, M.L.Myrick, U.V.Preckwinkel, and J.C.Phillips, *Proceedings of the 12th International Zeolite Association Meeting*, Baltimore, Maryland, July 5-10 1998, *Materials Research Society (Vol 1-IV)*, M.M.J.Treacy, B.K.Marcus, M.E.Bisher & J.B.Higgins (*Eds*), Vol. IV 2401 – 2408 (1999).)

*From Jim Kaduk:* image from a paper recently submitted to *Acta Cryst. B: "Terephthalate salts of dipositive cations"*, J.A.Kaduk. The paper describes a set of four isostructural compounds (Mg, Mn, Fe, and Co) solved using synchrotron data taken at NSLS beamline X3B1 and lab powder data. Quantum calculations were carried out on all four structures to locate the hydrogens and understand the hydrogen bonding.

**From Maryjane Tremayne:** the crystal structure of 2-toluenesulfonamide CHCHSONH; one of a number of arenesulfonamides solved from laboratory X-ray powder diffraction data using the direct-space based differential evolution technique. The molecules are linked by two N-HO=S hydrogen bonds forming spiral chains (C(4)) and sixteen-membered rings (R(16)). These motifs combine to form a secondary hydrogen bond network illustrated by projection of the structure on the (001) plane, showing the R(16) and R(12) rings linking the C(4) chains into an elegant three-dimensional framework. Christopher Glidewell, School of Chemistry, University of St Andrews, UK, collaborated in this work.

*From Peter Stephens:* The background is a Rietveld refinement of data we took at NSLS beamline X3B1 on Ranitidine HCl (Zantac ®). The molecule is almost the correct structure, determined *ab initio* from powder data. Ranitidine turns out to have a conformational disorder, and if you don't know that when you solve the structure, you get the absurd thermal parameters shown. The message is that simulated annealing solutions of powder structures are sufficiently sophisticated that poor results tell you that the starting model was wrong. (The picture as well as most of the work in the solution was done by Peter's student, Ashfia Huq.)

*From Hideo Toraya:* The diagram is a fitting result of Rietveld refinement for alpha-SiN, which is a typical ceramic material. (H. Toraya, *J. Appl. Cryst.* **33**, 95-102 (2000).)



## On the Cover, con't

*From Armel Le Bail and Lachlan M.D. Cranswick:* Structure plot of the antibiotic tetracycline hydrochloride, solved by Armel Le Bail from laboratory powder X-ray diffraction data and refined using the FULLPROF Rietveld software. Data from this sample was used in the 1998 Structure Determination by Powder Diffractometry Round Robin organized by Armel Le Bail and Lachlan M.D.Cranswick. The image was rendered using GRETEP for Windows (Jean Laugier and Bernard Bochu) and POV-Ray, Persistence of Vision<sup>(TM)</sup> (Ray Tracer).

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On February 4, President Bush submitted his FY 2003 budget request to Congress, starting the appropriations cycle for fiscal year 2003, which begins on October 1, 2002. Below is the tentative congressional calendar for the remainder of the year. Because it is an election year, Members of Congress will try to spend as much time as possible in their state or district offices, and will try to wrap up their work early enough to campaign before the elections in November. However, with Members trying to stake out positions prior to the election, and with a projected deficit looming, this is likely to be a difficult and contentious session. Visiting with your Members of Congress can be one of the most effective ways of communicating your views. This year, you may be more likely to find them available if you set up a visit at their local state or district offices, particularly during one of the House's District Work Periods. Please see "Communicating with Congress" on the AIP web site **www.aip.org/gov** for more information on planning an effective visit with your Members of Congress.

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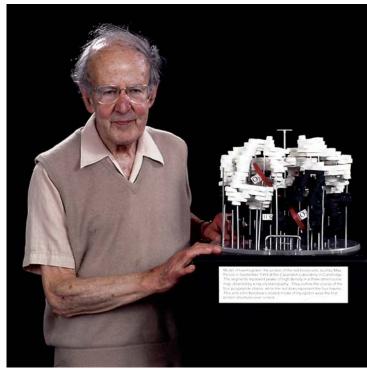
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## Max Perutz (1914 - 2002)

Early on Wednesday, 6th February, Max Perutz died of cancer after a long and productive life. Starting a Ph.D. in 1936 under J.D. Bernal at the Cavendish Laboratory, he applied X-ray crystallography to proteins and in 1953 developed the method of isomorphous replacement using heavy atoms to solve the phase problem. This led to the solution of the first protein structures, those of myoglobin by his colleague John Kendrew and his collaborators, and of haemoglobin by Perutz and his collaborators. For this, Perutz and Kendrew were awarded the 1962 Nobel Prize for Chemistry. With a great deal more work during the 1960's, Perutz and his colleagues went on to solve the atomic structures of both oxy- and deoxy-haemoglobin which allowed him to propose a stereochemical mechanism for the cooperative binding of oxygen to haemoglobin. Max was the first author of a recent review (Ann. Rev. Biophysics and Biomolecular Structure 1998) of cooperativity in haemoglobin in which he noted that his mechanism still appeared to be correct.

In more recent years, he worked on ligand binding to haemoglobin to help develop a clinically useful drug for increasing oxygen delivery to hypoxic tumours for radiation therapy, and to infarcted tissues. He also developed a strong interest in the structure of the polyglutamine tracts in Huntington's disease. In his youth, as a sideline, he also worked on glaciers. He studied the transformation of snowflakes that fall on glaciers into the huge single ice crystals that make up its bulk, and the relationship between the mechanical properties of ice measured in the laboratory and the mechanism of glacier flow. He was a prolific and talented writer of popular articles and book reviews, many published in the New York Review of Books. He also wrote a number of books, including *"Is Science Necessary"* and *"I Wish I'd Made You Angry Earlier"* which are collections of essays. *"Science is Not a Quiet Life"* published by World Scientific Publishing is essentially his scientific autobiography.



Max with Jeanne Perry at a gathering in David Eisenberg's back yard when he visited their UCLA laboratory in 1991.

At the Cavendish Laboratory with the support of Professor Lawrence Bragg and with his first Ph.D. student, John Kendrew, who joined him in 1945, he built up a group working on the molecular structure of biological systems which grew to four people in 1950 and to about 40 people by 1960. Merging then with other groups from Cambridge and London to create the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology on the Hills Road site (now Addenbrooke's) in 1962, he became Chairman of the new Laboratory until 1979 when he "retired." Since then he has worked nearly every day in the Laboratory which has grown to house over 400 people. Over the years, the Laboratory has been a prolific source of discoveries and inventions. In addition to his own research achievements, Max will be remembered for his interest in and warm support of the work of others, and as one of the founders of Molecular Biology.

from the web site statement of the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology

Professor Sir George Radda, Chief Executive of the Medical Research Council, said: "Our heartfelt sympathies go out to his family at this difficult time. Not only have his colleagues, at the MRC and in the scientific community lost a great co-worker and friend, but Britain and the world will be mourning the loss of one of the 20th century's scientific giants."

"The impact of Max's work remains a foundation on which science is being undertaken today. His Nobel Prize winning work on protein structure is more relevant now than ever as we turn attention to the smallest building blocks of life to make sense of the human genome and mechanisms of disease."

"Max had many interests and a great love of music and will be remembered as much for his science as for his endless drive and passion for knowledge and better communication of research. He was recognised as a great communicator himself. His books and book reviews stand up as good literature as well as good science."



Max Perutz / Deane Smith

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"He was still working on research projects and publishing work in his 80s. Once asked why he didn't retire at 65 he said he was tied up in some very interesting research at the time. This sums Max up well. He continued as a 'retired' worker after 1979, publishing over 100 papers and articles during his retirement. Until the Friday before Christmas, he was active in the lab almost every day, submitting his last paper just a few days before then."

"He has inspired countless young scientists and encouraged them to communicate their research in plain language to those whose lives are changed through their work. He will be sorely missed, but his life and work will continue to shape science and motivate new generations to understand the way the body functions and how this will help us manage health and disease."

from the MRC statement on his death

## Deane K. Smith

## (1930 - 2001)

Deane Smith was a long time member of both the ACA and the ICDD. He was ACA secretary from ACA 1976 to 1978 and his ICDD history included Distinguished Fellow since 1995, 16-year board member, and Chairman of the Board 1978-1982 and 1986-1990. Deane co-founded and became the first Editor-in-Chief for the journal *Powder Diffraction*, a position that he held for thirteen years (1986-1999). Deane nurtured and grew both the ICDD and *Powder Diffraction* into strong international organizations through a fantastic blend of technical knowledge, leadership, and interpersonal skills. Deane also served as a primary instructor at the ICDD's X-ray diffraction clinics, since 1991. In his capacity as a member of the Organizing Committee of the Denver X-ray Conference, Deane contributed his expertise in developing dynamic conference programs for the education of the XRD and XRF communities.

He was a Fellow of the Geological Society of America and the Mineralogical Society of America and was elected to the Commission on Powder Diffraction of the International Union of Crystallography for 1993-96. He also served on the Joint Committee on Powder Diffraction Standards.

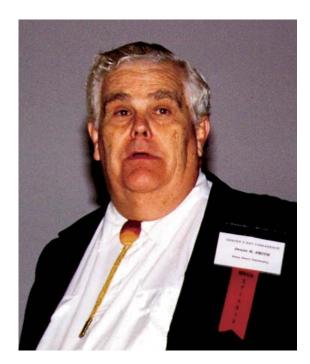
He will be sorely missed by the scientific community and the hundreds of scientists, teachers, and students that he influenced

from the note circulated to ICDD members

Deane K.Smith Jr., 70, of State College, PA died Friday, Sept. 7, 2001, at home. Born Nov. 8, 1930, in Berkeley, Calif., he was a son of the late Deane K. Sr. and Anna Virginia Long Smith. On July 24, 1953, in St. Louis Park, Minn., he married Patricia Ann Lawrence, who survives at home.

In 1952, he graduated from California Institute of Technology with a bachelor's degree in geology and in 1956, he graduated from the University of Minnesota with a doctorate in geology. From 1956-60, he was a research associate of the Portland Cement Association Fellowship at the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, D.C. During the 1960s, he worked as a chemist in the Inorganic Materials Division of the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory in California and later as assistant section leader of the lab's Properties of Materials section.

In 1968, he joined Penn State's Department of Geosciences as an associate professor and became professor in 1971. Following 27 years of teaching and research, he was professor emeritus of mineralogy at Penn State. During his career, he published many papers and won



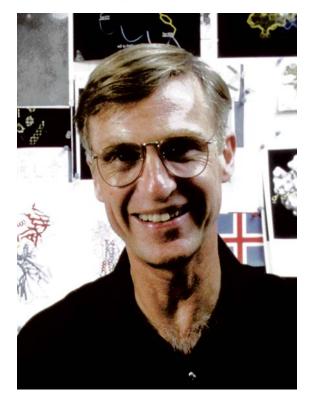
numerous awards, including the C.S. Barrett Award in Diffraction Analysis for lifetime achievement in X-ray diffraction. A newly discovered mineral, deanesmithite, was named after him. He taught many summer short courses in X-ray diffraction, was past chairman of International Center for Diffraction Data, organized many scientific conferences, was the first editor for the Journal of Powder Diffraction and was a mentor to colleagues and students. Locally, he was known for his gemology class at Penn State. He was also adviser to the Nittany Valley Gem and Mineral Club. As proprietor of the Gem Dugout, he became a worldwide source for X-ray diffraction needs.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Paula Lynn Smith of Seattle, Jeanette D. Metcalf of Chesterland, Ohio, and Sharon R. Stanford of Colbran, Colo.; two sons, Kingsley L. of Madison, Wis., and Dana E. of State College; and nine grandchildren.

from the State College Centre Daily Times



## Don Wiley



## **Don C. Wiley** (1944 – 2001)

The crystallographic world suffered a huge loss with the untimely death of Don Wiley, who disappeared mysteriously from Memphis on 15 November 2001 to be found weeks later downstream in the Mississippi river. This tragedy is felt acutely by his family and immediate associates; but the pain spreads to us who knew Don less directly and on to many others who understand biology better because of him. Don drew fame from his impact in biology, but his drive to solve central problems in biology had an under-appreciated influence on crystallography as well.

As best I can recall, I first met Don in the summer of 1971 at a Cold Spring Harbor Symposium. This was a watershed meeting held just as macromolecular crystallography was reaching its stride. Don was there to present his thesis work with Bill Lipscomb on the 5.5Å structure of aspartate transcarbamylase (ATCase), and this lanky, long-haired young man cut a striking figure. Expressing familiar graduate-student anxiety, he sported a purpose-made T-shirt featuring his subject, ATCase, ensnared in the blind alleys of a maze and labeled "There is no law that says things must get better." Indeed, it was left to ... successors in Lipscomb's laboratory to find the way out to atomic-level resolution and to show the basis for allosteric regulation in this classic enzyme.

At least for me, however, Wiley had already left a mark with his first paper. In elegant crystallographic reasoning he deduced the molecular symmetry of ATCase (published with Lipscomb in *Nature*, as were so many to follow). He crystallized this oligomeric

protein in two lattices for which he determined crystal densities; one was found to have a third of the molecule in the asymmetric unit of a trigonal space group and the other to have half in the asymmetric unit of a tetragonal space group. The minimal (and ultimately correct) point-group symmetry of ATCase was deduced thereby to be  $D_3$  (32). I use this example in my crystallography course to this day.

I next recall encountering Wiley a few years later at a protein crystallography conference in the Berkshires. Don talked about the beginnings of his work with John Skehel on influenza virus, giving one of his patently lucid descriptions of complicated biology. Wiley had realized ahead of other crystallographers that extra-membranous fragments of membrane proteins could be tractable and was able to crystallize the exterior portion of flu hemagglutinin. In later solving this structure, he and Ian Wilson used three-fold averaging to resolve the phasing from a single derivative. This work provided a highly influential demonstration of the power of non-crystallographic symmetry. The structure itself was also a marvel, recapitulating the tall and slender form of its discoverer; and hemagglutinin proved all the more remarkable when the structure as transformed to its low-pH state came out some years afterward. This dramatic conformational change continues to provide a mechanistic paradigm for cellular entry by HIV and other fusogenic viruses.

In membrane ectodomain encores, Wiley subsequently tackled surface glycoproteins from trypanosomes and major histocompatibility complex (MHC) molecules from antigen-presenting cells. He was highly decorated for the latter work, winning both a Lasker Award and the Japan Prize with his collaborating colleague Jack Strominger. I remember learning about this fascinating problem from Pam Bjorkman at her Gordon Conference poster describing packing in Class I MHC crystals, and when her structure appeared I was awestruck by its message -- an 'Aha' structure if ever I saw one. Soon afterward, I was asked by a colleague to help him study aspects of peptide presentation by MHC molecules and to present our results at a meeting of prominent molecular immunologists. On reading background literature, I learned that much was already known ahead of Wiley's work and feared that I had misjudged the impact of the structure. My first impressions were reinforced resoundingly at the meeting, however; nearly every talk featured a picture of the Class I structure with its 'extra density' assigned to antigen peptides.

Wiley continued to attack important problems in molecular immunology and virology. The list is long: envelope glycoproteins from HIV, herpes and Ebola viruses as well as other hemagglutin variants; Class II MHC molecules, T-cell receptors, Natural Killer (NK) receptors, various peptide processing factors, and so on. The problems that he chose often posed technical challenges. Technology often develops best when driven by such challenges, and the crystallographic problems in Wiley's laboratory motivated new instruments and techniques. Thus, Wiley together with his close colleague Steve Harrison fostered the building of a new electronic area detector and already had a prototype in use for the Class I MHC structure (1987) to complement synchrotron data from extremely thin crystals (also non-standard at the time). In further development of the in-house detector system, crystal freezing was introduced. This proved to be essential in extending the trypanosomal surface protein structure to an atomic-level (1990), and cryoprotection technology was then perfected into a routine tool for other radiation-sensitive problems at Harvard and ultimately around the world.

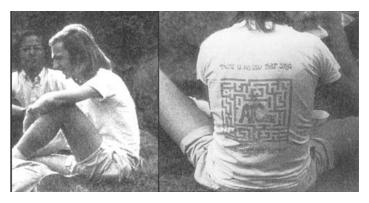
Don was an undergraduate in physics and chemistry at Tufts University and earned his Ph.D. in Biophysics at Harvard University (with Lipscomb



## Don C. Wiley, / Corporate Members

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in 1971) after which he immediately joined the faculty of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Harvard, where he spent his entire career apart from a sabbatical year in England. In 1987 he became an Investigator with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and in 1990 he also became associated with Children's Hospital in Boston. He was a member of the National Academy of Science and the American Philosophical Society and a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He was recognized by other major honors including the Louisa Gross Horwitz Prize and the Gairdner Award as well as the Lasker Award and Japan Prize noted above. Don is survived by his wife Katrin and their two children and by two children from a previous marriage.



Cold Spring Harbor Symposium -- Summer 1971

My admiration for Don Wiley and his scientific accomplishments is immense. He used structure to define biology when others were content just to see structures. He focused on the truly important and derived stirring insights from his studies; but he had the intellectual discipline to stay within the bounds of his data. His results have redefined whole fields. His lectures were paragons of clarity. He was the life of the party. We miss him sorely.

Wayne A. Hendrickson

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## WebWatch / Bionet Notice

## Crystallography Web Watch

The ACA Communications Committee continues its "Web Watch" in an attempt to keep members informed of some useful crystallographic web sites. While some of these sites may be well known to you, others might not know about them...

ACA Web Site — During the past year, the ACA web site has undergone a needed facelift. The redesigned site is brighter and more inviting. It's also much easier to navigate within the updated site. If you haven't already done so, check it out: http://www.hwi.buffalo.edu/ACA/

**Doug Powell's Crystallography Page** — Doug does a good job collecting information on topics such as publication information, organizations, databases, crystallography e-mail lists, crystallography education and general interest, etc. Check out the links section, in particular: http://www.msg.ukans.edu/~xraylab/links.html

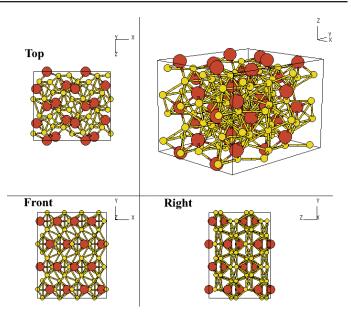
**Inorganic Structures** — The Naval Research Laboratory maintains a database of the crystal structures of common inorganic phases, including alloys. The database can be indexed by space group, Pearson symbol or prototype. Color pictures of each of the phases in various orientations are accessible online, and the Cartesian coordinates can be downloaded for off-line, interactive viewing or calculations on your own computer: http://cst-www.nrl.navy.mil/lattice/

**FASEB** — The Office of Public Affairs of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology advances a number of activities designed to promote biological and biomedical sciences and allow researchers to be heard when governmental regulations are being developed. Their web site provides links to illustrated essays on breakthroughs in bioscience. The essays are generally written in a lively fashion and would be a great resource when your non-scientist friends ask you to explain, for instance, the polymerase chain reaction: http://www.faseb.org/opar/break

**Powerpoint Presentations** —It seems like everyone is now using Microsoft Powerpoint to present their work at meetings and conferences. One of the great powers of these presentations is that they can become more than just "slide shows" by adding animation and multimedia, for example. A good place to look for ideas to spice up your next Powerpoint presentation is the computer tips web site: http://www.computertips.com/ Microsoftoffice/MsPowerPoint/aheader.html

**"Molecular animation"**—You've probably seen those rotating molecules in a presentation. There are a number of programs available to create animations, but you can do it yourself by creating a series of molecular images, each rotated by 5 or 10°, using a drawing program, such as MolScript: http://www.avatar.se/molscript/. The individual images can be pasted together into a movie using a program, such as the SGI routine makemovie, and inserted it into a Powerpoint slide.

... and don't forget to check out the web page for the *XIX Congress of the IUCr* which takes place this August in Geneva, Switzerland: http://www.kenes.com/iucr/index.html



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Have a favorite web site that you'd like to see in a future **Crystallography Web Watch** and possibly linked on the redesigned ACA web site? If so, send the web address and a short (1 or 2 sentence) description to Frank Rotella (fjrotella@anl.gov).

## **Bionet Crystallography**

The bionet.crystallography electronic newsgroup is a useful electronic resource for biological crystallography, providing a forum for general discussion, and a place to post notices such as job advertisements or synchrotron beamline availability. However, in the past year this resource has become a disgraceful collection of spam. To rectify the situation, I have agreed to become moderator of the newsgroup, which means that spam is deleted by me rather than posted to the group. This relatively minor (but satisfying!) task will be made more rewarding if the intended audience--the crystallographic community--makes more active use of the newsgroup again. To subscribe (i.e, receive posts by e-mail) or to browse recent messages, see www.bio.net. To post messages, send e-mail to: xtal-log@net.bio.net.

Cathy Lawson



## Call for Proposals for Synchrotron Beamtime at the Structural Biology Center Beamlines at the Advanced Photon Source

The Structural Biology Center (SBC) at Argonne National Laboratory Advanced Photon Source announces that both the insertion-device and bending magnetic beamlines are fully available for user research. The SBC invites from the user community proposals for beamtime at its national user facility for macromolecular crystallography. The SBC Collaborative Access Team (CAT) located at APS sector 19 operates an insertion-device beamline, 19ID, and a bending-magnet beamline, 19BM. Both beamlines are equipped with a fully tunable monochromator designed to reach most absorptionedge energies (19ID: 6.5 - 19.0 KeV and 19BM: 6.5 - 13 KeV) routinely used in macromolecular crystallography and X-ray optics designed to deliver a stable, intense, highly focused X-ray beam with low angular divergence onto protein crystal samples. The crystal environment includes a kappa geometry goniostat, high-resolution long distance microscopes, cryogenic crystal coolers, high sensitivity fluorescence detectors, and a low noise 210 x 210 mm CCD detector. The insertion device beamline is ideally suited for very challenging projects such as: small, weakly diffracting crystals, projects having very large unit cells, ultra-high resolution structures and MAD/SAD experiments. The bending magnetic beamline is ideally suited for those projects requiring very accurate MAD/SAD measurements. Data can be processed with HKL2000, MOSFILM or d\*TREK. Crystallographic software to analyze MAD data is available to users. Beamtime on the 19ID and 19BM beamlines are available to the crystallographic research community via a peer reviewed proposal system. The proposal evaluation is based upon the projects' scientific merit, need for synchrotron time at the SBC facility, feasibility of conducting the experiments at the SBC, and the probability of success of the project. Proposals will be accepted on continual bases.

Additional information and proposal submission forms can be obtained from the SBC web site (https://www.sbc.anl.gov). For further information, please contact Stephan L. Ginell, Ph.D., User Program Coordinator, at ginell@anl.gov or 630-252-3972.



## Elizabeth A. Wood Award



## Ira Flatow to Receive Wood Award

Ira Flatow will receive the Elizabeth A. Wood award at the San Antonio ACA meeting in May. The award was established in 1997 to honor Betty Wood, a crystallographer at Bell Labs until her retirement, President of ACA in 1957, and the author of "*Crystals and Light,*" and "Science From Your Airplane Window." The award is given to those who excel in bringing science to the attention of a wider audience.

Ira Flatow is currently host of NPR's "Talk of the Nation. Science Friday." He is also president of ScienCentral, Inc., a company dedicated to increasing the amount of science news shown on television. He has authored two charming books about science: "Rainbows, Curveballs : And Other Wonders of the Natural World Explained," Wm Morrow & Co., 1988; and "They All Laughed : From Light Bulbs to Lasers : The Fascinating Stories Behind the Great Inventions That Have Changed Our Lives," HarperCollins, New York, 1992. He maintains a "Bookshelf" on the Science Friday website and the **Books** column in this Newsletter lists selections from it – see pages 27-30.

Flatow was science reporter for *CBS This Morning* program (1989-90), host and writer of the Emmy Award science series *Newton's Apple* (1982-87) on PBS and veteran science correspondent for National Public Radio's *All Things Considered* and *Morning Edition* (1971-1987). Ira also hosted a four part PBS environmental series: *Earthkeeping*. Readers of publications such as *TV Guide, Woman's Day, Science Digest* and *The Los Angeles Times* (among others) are also familiar with his articles and comments on various

scientific subjects. Viewers of the TV show *PM Magazine* will recall his memorable "*Halley's Comet*" story. Because of his love of marine tropical fish, Ira currently writes a column for hobbyists about "reef keeping" for the *Aquarium Fish* magazine.

Online service is being added to the list of Flatow's accomplishments. His science interviews can be heard on *The Discovery Channel* web page. He is currently putting *Science Friday* on the Internet with the idea of creating a unique presence for science and technology reachable by students and adults. *Science Friday Kids Connection* has recently joined *Science Friday* to create a place where students can exchange ideas with scientists online.

His broadcasting career goes back to his days in high school. A native New Yorker, Ira got his first taste of television news working on a morning high school TV news program. When he entered college, in 1967, to study for his engineering degree (SUNY Buffalo, 1971) Ira began working in radio at WBFO, Buffalo. While his first news assignments involved antiwar demonstrations and riots, his first real science stories took shape during Earth Day in 1970. He was news director of the station by the time he left to join the fledgling National Public Radio in Washington, DC.

Ira Flatow is a board member of the National Association of Science Writers and a double winner of the AAAS-Westinghouse science award, the only person to win for both radio and television in one year. He lives with his wife, Miriam, and children Sam, Anna and Abigail in Connecticut.

#### from the NPR scifri website

## Deadline Extended for Summer School Proposals

The call for proposals for hosting the ACA X-Ray Summer Course (ACAXRSC) has been extended until May 15th. This course has been organized and hosted by the University of Georgia (UGA) since summer 1997; it was initiated in 1992 and hosted at the University of Pittsburgh 1992-1996. The school has normally run continuously for about two weeks, including weekends. At UGA, we spent 7 days on fundamental (small molecule) crystallography and 5 days on macromolecular crystallography with one day of rest between the two sessions. There were morning and evening lectures with hands-on laboratory in the afternoon. We tried to have unusual or special evening lectures, for example when Bob Sweet demonstrated long distance control of an experiment at the Brookhaven synchrotron facility. The organization is flexible and should be adjusted to suit local needs and desires. Critical factors are: (1) to have readily accessible and well-equipped lecture rooms, (2) to provide access to modern equipment for use by course participants and (3) to arrange for enough lecturers to cover the entire span of modern single-crystal X-ray crystallography.

The ACA website has complete details about how proposals should be structured as well as a description of the requirements, including lecture and laboratory facilities, housing, travel, food services, and budget. See also the *Fall 2001 Newsletter* for the first *Call for Proposals* and a *History of the School* by Bob Sparks. The extended, May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline will still allow those submitting proposals to meet with the ACA Council for discussions if they plan to attend the San Antonio meeting. Completed proposals, including contact information, should be sent to: **Dr. Gary Newton**, Univ. of Georgia, Biochem. and Molec. Biol. Dept., Life Sciences Bldg., Athens, GA 30601; newton@chem.uga.edu; tel.706-542-3272; fax: 706-542-3077.



## Ira Flatow's Book List:

Ira Flatow, who is to receive the Elizabeth A. Wood Award (see page 25) has a Book List that can be reached from the NPR *Talk of the Nation: Science Friday* website, or more directly at: http://www.npr.org/programs/scifri/flatow.html. His list is extensive, and for the most part consists of books that have been discussed on his *Science Friday* show. Book titles are linked to the *Amazon.com* site so that editorial reviews, etc. are readily accessible. The following were selected from recently published books in this list, with descriptions selected from the *Amazon.com* link.

The Accelerating Universe : Infinite Expansion, the Cosmological Constant, and the Beauty of the Cosmos" by Mario Livio. John Wiley and Sons, 2000. (Discussed Aug 2001.) "Livio, who helps direct research conducted with the Hubble Telescope, ..... explains how the latest data are straining the long-standing assumptions of cosmologists, who are now forced to contemplate a universe in which the energy in empty space is unexpectedly dominating matter in pushing the galaxies toward frigid oblivion. Far more than a puzzle for specialists, the struggle to re-interpret the cosmos raises fundamental questions about the human craving for order: Does this craving reflect deep cosmic harmonies that helped create our species? Or does it simply defy an irreducible chaos that we would rather not confront? ..." (Bryce Christensen, for *Booklist*, American Library Assoc.)

"A Passion for DNA: Genes, Genomes, and Society", by James D. Watson. CSHL Press, 2000. (Discussed Jun 2000.) "A collection of essays written for a variety of occasions during the past three decades. Watson concentrates on three themes: his autobiography; the growth, practice, and application of molecular biology; and the contemporary ethos of science. he describes his growth and maturation as a scientist and administrator; the meaning of success in science; science and public policy; the nature of cancer research; the past, present, and future of DNA; and the Human Genome Project and its bioethical problems." (Donald A. Chambers, for *The New England Journal of Medicine*, August 3, 2000)

"Absolute Zero and the Conquest of Cold," by Tom Schactman. Houghton Mifflin, 1999. (Discussed Jan 2000.) "Writing for a general audience, science writer Shachtman surveys the history of scientific manipulation of cold, beginning in the 1600s with an alchemist who air conditioned a portion of West Minster Abbey. His story includes coverage of the invention of thermometers and scales, the beginnings of the field of thermodynamics, the 19th- century ice trade, the use of coolants in the production of microchips, and the current pursuit of absolute zero." (*Book News, Inc.*®, Portland, OR)

"Blue Frontier: Saving America's Living Seas," by David Helvarg. W H Freeman & Co, 2001. (Discussed Apr 2001.) "A text showing how informed people can make a difference in the fight to protect and restore the oceans surrounding the Americas and other world oceans. Discusses the current problems of pollution, overfishing and other damaging effects of industrialization on our oceans, and how they can be remediated." (Amazon.com Book Info --DLC: Marine resources conservation--United States.)

"Copenhagen," by Michael Frayn. Anchor Books, 2000. (Discussed Oct 2000.) "..Copenhagen is an explosive re-imagining of the mysterious wartime meeting between two Nobel laureates to discuss the atomic bomb. In 1941 the German physicist Werner Heisenberg made a clandestine trip to Copenhagen to see his Danish counterpart and friend Niels Bohr....the two men were on opposite sides in a world war. Why Heisenberg went to Copenhagen and what he wanted to say to Bohr are questions that have vexed historians ever since. In Michael Frayn's ambitious, fiercely intelligent, and daring new play,

Heisenberg and Bohr meet once again to discuss the intricacies of physics and to ponder the metaphysical—the very essence of human motivation." (Amazon.com book description.)

"Cracking the Genome:Inside the Race to Unlock Human DNA," by Kevin Davies. Free Press, 2001. (Discussed Jan 2001.) "Drawing on his own genetics expertise and interviews with key scientists including Francis Collins, J. Craig Venter, Eric Lander, Kari Stefansson, and John Sulston, the author (science writer and *Current Biology* editor) describes the intense competition between public and private researchers to complete the process of mapping the human genome sequence." (*Book News*, *Inc*.®, Portland, OR.)

**"Database Nation: The Death of Privacy in the 21st Century,"** by Simson Garfinkel. O'Reilly, 2000. (Discussed Jan 2000.) "Forget the common cold for a moment. Instead, consider the rise of "false data syndrome," a deceptive method of identification derived from numbers rather than more recognizable human traits. Simson Garfinkel couples this idea with concepts like "data shadow" and "datasphere" in *Database Nation*, offering a decidedly unappealing scenario of how we have overlooked privacy with the advent of advanced technology." (E. Brooke Gilbert for Amazon.com.)

"Decoding Darkness: The Search for the Genetic Causes of Alzheimer's Disease," by Rudolph Tanzi and Ann Parsons. Perseus Publishing, 2000. (Discussed Jul 2001.) "...Chronicles the struggle to find causes and a possible cure for Alzheimer's disease, centering on the search for the gene responsible for the production of a renegade protein, beta amyloid. Offers a portrait of the high stakes of molecular genetics, the revolution that propels it, the obstacles that threaten to derail it, and the families whose lives depend on it. Tanzi teaches neurology at Harvard Medical School and directs the Massachusetts General Hospital's Genetics and Aging Unit. Parson is a science journalist." (Book News, Inc.®, Portland, OR)

*"Einstein in Love: A Scientific Romance,"* by Dennis Overbye. Viking Press, 2000. (Discussed Oct 2000.) *"…An acclaimed science writer's insightful and revelatory biography of young Einstein--teenager in love, draft dodger, bohemian, poet, and scientist—drawing upon many unpublished letters and years of research." (Amazon.com book description.)* 

**"Eclipse: Voyage to Darkness and Light,"** by David Levy. Ibooks, 2000. (Discussed Jan 2001.) "David Levy's personal account of the 1999 solar eclipse. As Levy tells of his journey to the event, his observations and reactions to it, he relates the fascinating history of solar eclipses and explains why they happen and what results from them." (Amazon.com book description)

"Earth Odyssey: Around the World in Search of Our Environmental Future," by Mark Hertsgaard. Broadway Books, 2000. (Discussed Jun 2000.) "The author, a respected journalist, traveled the world for six years to understand the effect of pollution on people living with deforestation, drought, famine, and air pollution. He reports on the global environmental predicament through the eyes of people who live with it, politicians and peasants, taxi drivers and activists." (Book News, Inc.®, Portland, OR)

"Elegant Universe: Superstrings, Hidden Dimensions, and the Quest for the Ultimate Theory," by Brian Greene. W.W. Norton, 1998. (Discussed Feb 1999.) "Greene, originator of groundbreaking discoveries in superstring theory, describes



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exciting new research in the field and discusses implications for the future of science. Using plain language with no math or technical jargon, he tells how superstring theory identifies nature's fundamental building blocks, which turn out to be, not subatomic particles, but vibrating strands whose vibrational patterns account for all of nature's forces. He combines everyday examples, b&w diagrams, and a sense of fun to illustrate complicated concepts." (*Book News, Inc.*, Portland, OR)

**"Flight:** My Life In Mission Control," by Chris Kraft. E. P Dutton, 2001. (Discussed May 2001. "...The Right Stuff meets Rocket Boys in this gripping memoir by the man who helped create some of the greatest moments in U.S. space history." (Amazon.com book description.)

"Genome: The Autobiography of a Species in 23 Chapters," by Matt Ridley. HarperCollins, 2000. (Discussed Feb 2000.) "....Ridley provides a quick, clear guide to the few words and concepts he must use to translate hard science into English. His writing is informal, relaxed, and playful, guiding the reader so effortlessly through our 23 chromosomes that by the end we wish we had more. He believes that the Human Genome Project will be as world-changing as the splitting of the atom; if so, he is helping us prepare for exciting times--the hope of a cure for cancer contrasts starkly with the horrors of newly empowered eugenicists. Anyone interested in the future of the body should get a head start with the clever, engrossing Genome." (Rob Lightner for Amazon.com.)

"Living Terrors: What America Needs to Know to Survive the Coming Bioterrorist Catastrophe," by Michael Osterholm and John Schwartz. Delacorte Press, 2000. (Discussed Apr 2001)"....A former Minnesota State epidemiologist and a science reporter for *The Washington Post* claim that a terrorist attack with viral or bacterial agents is inevitable. Their measures for safety pivot around training medical staff and stocking emergency rooms rather than, for example, stop making everyone so mad at us." (Book News, Inc.®, Portland, OR)

"Human Natures: Genes, Cultures, and the Human Prospect," by Paul R. Ehrlich. Island Press, 2000. (Discussed Oct 2000.) "Why do we behave the way we do? Biologist Paul Ehrlich suggests that although people share a common genetic code, these genes "do not shout commands at us . . . at the very most, they whisper suggestions." He argues that human nature is not so much the result of genetic coding; rather, it is heavily influenced by cultural conditioning and environmental factors. With personal anecdotes, a well-written narrative, and clear examples, *Human Natures* is a major work of synthesis and scholarship as well as a valuable primer on genetics and evolution that makes complex scientific concepts accessible to lay readers." (Amazon.com book description.)

"Memory: From Mind to Molecules," by Eric Kandel. W H Freeman & Co, 2000. (Discussed Oct 2000.) "...What is memory and where in the brain is it stored? How is memory storage accomplished? These key questions are addressed in *Memory*, the first book for a general readership to offer an up-to-date, comprehensive overview of memory from molecules and cells to brain systems and cognition." (Amazon.com book description.)

"Nine Crazy Ideas in Science," by Robert Ehrlich, Princeton University Press, 2001. (Discussed Aug 2001.) "....Makes several eccentric scientific theories accessible to general readers and, more important, it teaches methods of evaluating new ideas so we can decide for ourselves whether or not they make sense."

#### (J.B. Peck for Amazon.com.)

"Mosquito: A Natural History of Our Most Persistent and Deadly Foe" by Andrew Spielman Sc.D., Michael D'Antonio. Hyperion, 2001. (Discussed Jul 2001.) "Spielman and D'Antonio (Harvard University's senior investigator in tropical diseases and Pulitzer Prize-winning Newsday reporter, respectively) examine the life of the mosquito, the mosquito's intimate relationship with human beings and how an understanding of this relationship has changed our understanding of disease, the dangers posed by mosquitoes, and what methods are used to confront these adaptable, clever, and relentless insects." (Book News, Inc.®, Portland, OR)

*"One Universe: At Home in the Cosmos,"* by "Charles Liu, Neil DeGrasse Tyson, and Robert Irion". Joseph Henry Press, 2000. (Discussed Feb 2000.) "....Explores the physical principles that govern the workings of our own world to appreciate how they operate in the cosmos around us. Shows how the physical principles that operate in our kitchens and backyards are actually down-to-Earth versions of cosmic processes. ...The book is being published in conjunction with the opening of the new \$200million Rose Center for Earth and Space at the American Museum of Natural History with the new Hayden Planetarium as its centerpeice." (Amazon.com book description.)

"Shots in the Dark: The Wayward Search for an AIDS Vaccine," by Jon Cohen. WW Norton, 2001. (Discussed Feb 2001.) "...Based on the complex technical, political, and ethical barriers to developing an AIDS vaccine which he chronicles, a California writer for *Science* magazine advocates a coordinated Manhattan Project- type effort by basic and applied researchers, business interests, and US government policymakers. Cohen concludes on the semi-hopeful note that, unlike the situation a decade ago, the world is now watching. Includes a glossary of medical terms." (*Book News, Inc.*®, Portland, OR)

"The Age of Spiritual Machines: When Computers Exceed Human Intelligence," by Ray Kurzweil. Scholastic, 2000. (Discussed Mar 2000.) "...His book ranges widely over such juicy topics as entropy, chaos, the big bang, quantum theory, DNA computers... neural nets, genetic algorithms, nanoengineering, the Turing test, brain scanning... chess-playing programs, the Internet--the whole world of information technology past, present, and future. This is a book for computer enthusiasts, science fiction writers in search of cutting-edge themes, and anyone who wonders where human technology is going next." (The New York Times Book Review, Collin McGinn)

"The Big Idea: 150 Years of the Best and Worst Ideas of Modern Science," by David Levy (editor). ibooks, 2001. (Discussed Aug 2001.) "This fascinating new book, based on Scientific American's wildly popular feature, "50, 100, and 150 Years Ago in Science Today", presents the often hilarious human aspect of science as well as a serious timetable of scientific discovery. (Amazon.com book description.)

*"The Botany of Desire: A Plant's-Eye View of,"* by Michael Pollan. Random House, 2001. (Discussed Jul 2001.) *"...Pollan has read widely on the subject and elegantly combines literary, historical, philosophical, and scientific references with engaging anecdotes, giving readers much to ponder while weeding their gardens." (Shawn Carkonen for Amazon.com's Best of 2001.)* 

*"The Eternal Darkness: A Personal History of Deep-Sea Exploration,"* by Robert Ballard. Princeton University Press, 2000. (Discussed June 2000.) *"...The clarity of the prose never lets* you down, though the story gets into ever more complex tales of



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equipment, exploration, science and political maneuvering." (The *New York Times* Book Review, Michael Parfit.)

"The Expanded Quotable Einstein," by Alice Calaprice. Princeton University Press, 2000. (Discussed Oct 2000.) "Much more than a series of soundbites, this book of documented quotations and supplementary information about Einstein's life, family, and work puts his thoughts into context. A fairly complete biographical account of this multifaceted man emerges--as son, husband, father, lover, scientist, philosopher, aging widower, humanitarian, and friend. It shows us vividly why the real and imagined Einstein continues to fascinate people the world over." (Amazon.com book description.)

"The Monk in the Garden: The Lost and Found Genius of Gregor Mendel," by Robin Marantz Henig. Houghton Mifflin, 2000. (Discussed Sep 2000.) "...On the singular facts of Mendel's life, The Monk in the Garden makes easy reading. But as a larger effort to represent Mendel to 21st-century readers, it is deficient." (The New York Times Book Review, Joe Cain.)

"The Mystery of the Aleph: Mathematics, the Kabbalah, and the Human Mind," by Amir Aczel. Four Walls Eight Windows, 2000. (Discussed Jan 2001.) "...An engaging, pellucid explanation of the mathematical understanding of infinity, enlivened by a historical gloss on age-old affinities..." (Washington Post Book World, 11/19/2000.)

"The Runaway Universe: The Race to Discover the Future of the Cosmos," by Donald Goldsmith. Perseus Press, 2000. (Discussed Oct 2000.) "...After reviewing recent findings that the universe is not just expanding but is doing so ever faster, popular astronomer Goldsmith chronicles the scientific race to determine the crucial cosmic parameters that will reveal the rate of expansion and therefore the universe's age and ultimate fate. The rush is not so much that the world might end suddenly while people were between insurance policies, but that the scientists who come up with credible and enduring numbers first win fame and grants." (Book News, Inc.®, Portland, OR)

"The World's Water 2000-2001: The Biennial Report on Freshwater Resources," by Peter Gleick. Island Press, 2000. (Discussed Aug 2000.) "Gleick (of the nonprofit organization, the Pacific Institute for Studies in Development, Environment, and Security, Oakland) offers a report on the state of the world's water, debates surrounding it, and the technology that has the potential to address some of the most troubling problems associated with it. Of likely use to water resource professionals in government agencies and nongovernmental organizations, researchers, students, and concerned citizens." (Book News, Inc.®, Portland, OR)

"Zero: The Biography of a Dangerous Idea," by Charles Seife. Viking, 2000. (Discussed Mar 2000.) "..The Babylonians invented it, the Greeks banned it, the Hindus worshipped it, and the Christian Church used it to fend off heretics. Seife, a US correspondent for the international magazine *New Scientist*, follows the number zero from its birth as an Eastern philosophical concept to its struggle for acceptance in Europe and its apotheosis as the mystery of a black hole. He describes the work and thought of scholars, mystics, and cosmologists as they battled over the meaning of this mysterious number." (*Book News, Inc.*®, Portland, OR)

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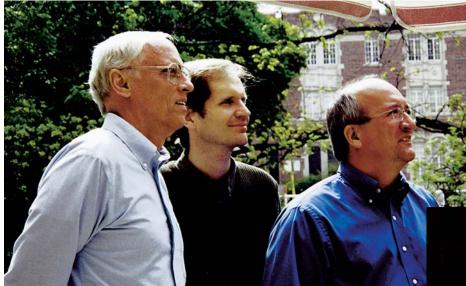
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## ACA 2002 in San Antonio, TX, May 25-30

The program for San Antonio emphasizes several distinct themes beyond the normal diverse spectrum of sessions and reports. A workshop, the *Transactions* sessions, and several other sessions all fit together under the umbrella of structures and material science as probed by powder methods.

A two-day minisymposium on *Crystal Engineering* will include an impressive line-up of international speakers. Also, since this is a joint meeting with the AACG, there will be four sessions dedicated to crystal nucleation and growth topics. And there is a multi-day program on **electron crystallography** and **electron microscopy** also with many international speakers.

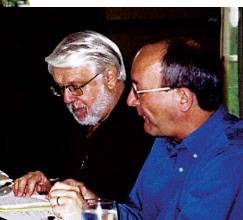
Wally Cordes (wcordes@mail.uark.edu), above left and Travis Gallagher (travis.gallagher@nist.gov), center, are Co-Program Chairs; Co-Local Chairs Ray Davis, (redavis@mail.utexas.edu), and Marv Hackert (m.hackert@mail.utexas.edu), are making plans at the table. Marv is on right in both pictures.

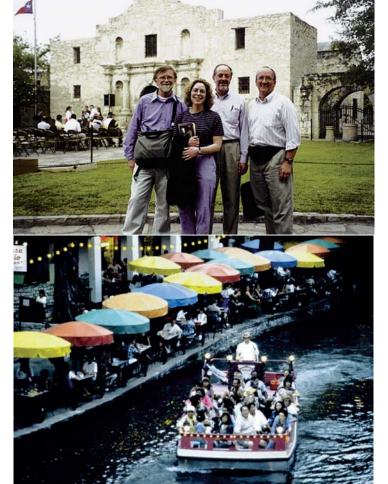
*Right: Bill Duax, Marcia Evans, Bill Stallings and Marv Hackert in front of the Alamo, May, 2001, before the Council meeting* 

San Antonio, the Alamo City, is the most popular tourist destination in Texas. The Hyatt Regency is located downtown on the Riverwalk, a charming area with many restaurants which is only a few blocks from the Convention Center. Check out the Institute of Texas Culture, which is close to the Convention Center, and well worth visiting. For more information see the Convention Center and Visitor's Bureau web site: www.sanantoniocvb.com.

At right: Casa Rio on the Riverwalk.



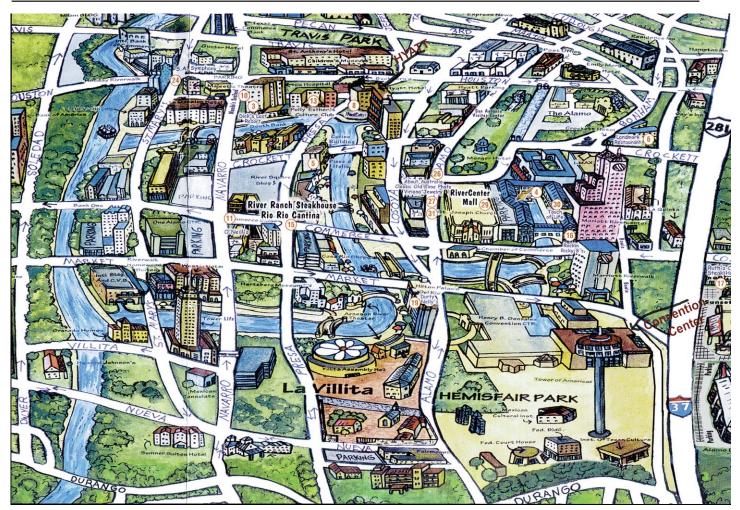






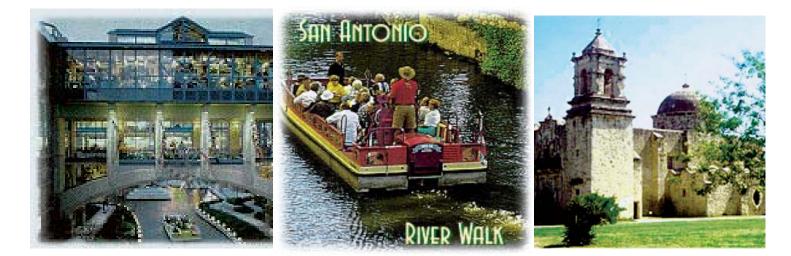
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Above: Downtown San Antonio. arrows indicate the Hyatt Hotel and the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center.

Below, the Rivercenter, a river cruise around downtown, and a local mission.





## Hands-On Workshop; Non-Merohedral Twinning at Texas A&M University May 23-24, 2002

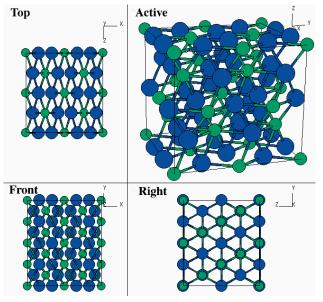
The Data, Standards, and Computing Committee will sponsor a two-day, hands-on workshop in practical non-merohedral twinning methods at Texas A&M University immediately before the 2002 annual meeting in San Antonio. This workshop will be held on May 23-24, 2002, which will allow participants to attend other regularly scheduled workshops at the meeting site beginning May 25th.

This workshop will focus on methods instead of theory. Several diffractometers will be available for data collection during the workshop. Experts committed to attending include Regine Herbst-Irmer, Simon Parsons, and Victor Young. All participants are encouraged to bring their own problem samples and data. For more information about the workshop site please see http://www.chem.tamu.edu/xray/.

The number of participants will be limited to 20 inorder to make this a productive time for all involved. A nominal fee of \$50 will provide coffee and snacks for breaks, as well as delivered lunches near the workshop site. A block of rooms at several reasonably priced hotels has been reserved. All necessary details for accommodations will be provided to participants by email.

Texas A&M University is approximately 120 miles from San Antonio. Participants are encouraged to fly into San Antonio and take rental cars for the remainder of the scenic trip to College Station, TX. The organizers will assist in pairing participants for ride sharing.

The organizers are **Victor Young: young@chem.umn.edu**, (612-625-6897) and **Joe Reibenspies: reibenspies @mail.chem.tamu.edu**, (979-845-9125). Please contact Victor Young by May 1, 2002 for registration and lodging details.



*TiSi<sub>2</sub>(C54)* from Inorganic Structures website, see page 19

## Gordon Research Conference: Diffraction Methods in Structural Biology Connecticut College, New London, Connecticut

# July 14-19, 2002

This biennial conference has, for many years, had the reputation as the premier conference focusing on development of diffraction methods for elucidating bio-molecular structure. One focus will be on the bottlenecks of high-throughput structure determination. Another emphasis will be functional and mechanistic interpretation, including the integration of structure with sequence mechanical and quantum mechanical computations. Seating is limited to 135 participants. Early registration is encouraged. All Conferees are encouraged to submit Poster Abstracts. A selection of Poster Presenters will be invited by Session Chairs to do mini-talks.

For further information, please visit the Gordon Conference site www.grc.uri.edu. or contact one of the Conference Co-Chairs, Michael Chapman: chapman@sb.fsu.edu or Tom Terwilliger: terwill@telomere.lanl.gov.

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## Addendum to the Meeting Report on 59. Pittsburgh Diffraction Conference, held Oct 25-27, 2001

The names of some of the speakers were inadvertently left out of the Winter, 2001 meeting report. (Photographs were subtitled with names, but not all the speakers were present when the *Newsletter* photographs were taken.)

Speakers in the 'Exotic Uses of the CCD in Non-Standard Crystallographic Investigations' symposium were: Susan Byram, Dieter Schwarzenbach, Simon Parsons, Maren Pink, Chuck Campana, Joe Reibenspies, Przemyslaw Dera, Jonathan Hanson, Tim Graber, Philip Coppens, Alan Pinkerton, Joe Ferrara. Victor Young, Alan Pinkerton, and John Parise were Co-organizers.

Speakers in the 'Intra- and Intermolecular Interactions' symposium in memory of George Jeffrey were: Alfred French, Stanley Nyburg, Dieter Mootz, Ned Seeman, B.C. Wang, Sine Larsen, John Rosenberg, Paul Baures, Christer Aakeroy, Robin Rogers, Lee Brammer, John Ruble, Larry Shapiro, John Finney, Dave Stout, Jonathan Parquette, Helen Berman, Martin Caffrey, Carol Brock, Michael Zaworotko, Yong Xiong, Miguel Garcia-Garibay, Bin Du, Anna Gudmundsdottir. The Co-organizers were Bryan Craven and Jeanette Krause Bauer.

A special thank you to Stanley Nyburg for regaling us with stories about George and Maureen Jeffrey. It made for an interesting and enjoyable banquet evening.

> Jeanette Krause Bauer, PDS President & Conference Chair





# **Meeting Calendar**

## MAY 2002

- 23-24 Hands-On Workshop; Non-Merohedral Twinning. Texas A&M University, College Station, TX.
- 25-30 American Crystallographic Association Annual Meeting. ACA-2002, San Antonio, TX.

## **JUNE 2002**

- 7-12 Electron Crystallography School 2002, Tampere, Finland.
- 10-14 2002 ICDD X-ray Clinics: Advanced Methods in X-ray Powder Diffraction, ICDD Headquarters, Newtown Square, PA.
- 21-21 6. International School and Symposium on Synchrotron Radiation in Natural Sciences, Jaszowiec, Poland.
- 21-21 **11 Annual Fibre Diffraction and Non Crystalline Diffraction Meeting,** Keele University, Staffordshire, England.
- 27-27 The (first) American Conference on Neutron Scattering (ACNS), Knoxville, TN. See the website or contact: Rob Briber, University of Maryland, rbriber@eng.umd.edu or Julie Borchers,NIST, julie.borchers @nist.gov or Paul Butler, ORNL, butlerpd@ornl.gov
- 24-26 **Time-Resolved** Chemistry: From Structure to Function, Manchester, UK.

#### JULY 2002

- 7-11 SPIE conference on "Advances in Neutron Scattering Instrumentation" Seattle, WA. See http://spie.org/ info/am/
- 14-19 International Conference on the Physics and Chemistry of Ice, Newfoundland, Canada.
- 14-19 Gordon Research Conference: Diffraction Methods in Structural Biology. Connecticut College, New London, CT.
- 29-02 **Denver X-ray Conference**, Denver, CO.

## **AUGUST 2002**

4-6 Crystal Chemistry of New Materials & Soft Matter Studied by Synchrotron & Neutron Diffraction. ESRF-ILL Grenoble are organizing this satellite meeting preceding the main IUCr-Geneva Congress.

- 4-6 Neutron and Synchrotron X-Ray Scattering in Condensed-Matter Research (NSCmr2002). Paul Scherrer Institut, Villigen, Switzerland.
- 6-15 IUCr XIX XIX Congress and General Assembly of the International of Crystallography, Geneva, Switzerland . Joel Bernstein, Chair, Organizing Committee, yoel@bgumail.bgu.ac.il; Menahem Kaftory, Chair, Program Committee, kaftory@techunix.technion.ac.il. See www.iucr@kenes.com/iucr/ and also www.geneva-tourism.ch and www.unige.ch/crystal/ahdf/ geneva02.html.
- 22-26 International Workshop on Photoionization, Hyogo, Japan.
- 25-29 **12 International Conference on Small Angle Scaterring,** Venice, Italy.
- 29-31 The forth international congress "Natural glasses: glasses in geosciences, environmental sciences and archeometry, Lyon, France.

## SEPTEMBER 2002

- 4-6 **Synchrotron Radiation in Polymer Science II,** Sheffield, UK. Sponsored by the European Physical Society, Macromolecular Group.
- 4-7 **6 International Conference on Quasielastic Neutron Scattering,** Potsdam (near Berlin), Germany.
- 8-12 **Chemistry towards Biology,** Portoroz, Slovenia. Organized by the Slovenian Chemical Society with the sponsorship of the Federation of European Chemical Societies.
- 10-14 XTOP 2002 6 biennal conference on High Resolution X-Ray diffraction and Topography, Grenoble-Aussois, France.

## **OCTOBER 2002**

7-9 29 Annual Stanford Synchrotron Radiation Laboratory Users' Meeting, Menlo Park, CA.

#### **JUNE 2003**

4-15 **High Pressure Crystallography** Erice, Italy.

## JULY 2003

21-26 Aperiodic-2003, Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

26-31 American Crystallographic Association Annual Meeting, ACA 2003, Cincinnati, Ohio.

## **AUGUST 2003**

- 10-13 AsCA'03/Crystal-23, Cable Beach Club resort, Broome, Western Australia.
- 14-15 Workshop on Biological Structure, Cable Beach Club resort, Broome, Western Australia.
- 14-19 **Sagamore Meeting** run by the IUCr Commission on Charge, Spin and Momentum Densities, Cable Beach Club resort, Broome,Western Australia.
- 24-30 **21 European Crystallographic Meeting**, Durban, South Africa

#### SEPTEMBER 2003

2-6 ECNS 2003 European Conference on Neutron Scattering, Montpellier, France. Contact: R. Vacher, CNRS-SPM, Montpellier, rene@ldv.univ-montp2.fr; tel: 33 4 67 14 34 49; fax: 33 4 67 14 34 98.

## **JUNE 2004**

10-21 **Polymorphism : Solvates and Phase Relationships.** Erice, Italy.

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## **Positions Available**



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## **POSITIONS PREVIOUSLY LISTED**

## **Protein Crystallographer - Tenure Track**

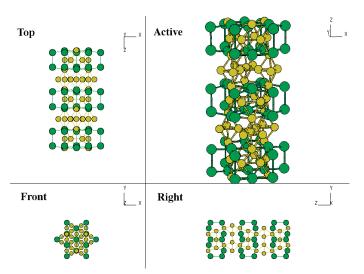
Applications are invited for a tenure-track, full-time faculty appointment at the Assistant or Associate Professor level in the Institute of Materials Science and Department of Molecular and Cell Biology at the University of Connecticut. Applicants must have a doctorate degree in a biochemical, chemical or biophysical field and postdoctoral experience. The research area of interest is X-ray crystallography of proteins or protein/nucleic acids complexes, which will complement current research strengths in structural biology. The successful candidate will teach undergraduate and graduate courses in the Department of Molecular and Cell Biology and will be affiliated with the Polymer Program of the Institute of Materials Science. The successful candidate will be expected to establish a productive, extramurally funded research program. A part of the 28-member Department of Molecular and Cell Biology will soon expand into a new building adjacent to the Institute. The Institute is an interdisciplinary research facility that houses the 14-member Polymer Program and the X-ray diffraction facilities. The anticipated starting date is August, 2002. To apply, submit curriculum vitae, a brief statement of

research and teaching interests, and arrange to have three letters of recommendation sent to: Search Committee #2, Institute of Materials Science, University of Connecticut, 97 North Eagleville Road, U-3136, Storrs, CT 06269-3136. Review of applications will begin after publication of this notice and will continue until the position is filled. We encourage applications from under-represented groups, including minorities, women and people with disabilities. (Search #02A170)

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