

## Astrophysical Chemistry Group of the RSC/RAS

### 1. Attendance and Apologies

Present: 15 members. No apologies were received.

### 2. Chair's report

No specific things to report by the Chair. Report of past meetings under Meetings item.

### 3. Secretary's report

- The membership of the astrochemistry group is currently at 237 with 20-odd RAS members. This presents a stable membership from the RSC. This makes us a medium-sized RSC Faraday interest group. RAS numbers are unclear, since RAS do not keep a record of this.
- Astrochemistry.org.uk has been transferred to Sheffield and has been updated to reflect changes in the committee etc.
- Sending emails to the membership is complicated, b/c of the way the RSC operate. In future emails will be distributed to the membership also via the APCHEM mailing list on Jiscmail ([apchem@jiscmail.ac.uk](mailto:apchem@jiscmail.ac.uk)).

### 4. Treasurer's report

Prof. Mason was not able to make the meeting, but was able to report that finances were healthy.

### 5. Elections

There was a vacancy for an ordinary member of the committee. Dr. Alessandra Candian (University of Leiden) was nominated by Prof. Brown (Sussex) and seconded by Prof. McCoustra. She was duly elected to serve a term until 2021. There were no nominations for treasurer. Prof. Mason would be asked to serve for another year (Post-meeting note: Prof. Mason accepted his nomination). Prof. Brown noted that her term as ordinary member runs until 2018 (Post-meeting note: Website updated to reflect this).

### 6. Past and Upcoming Meetings

#### Past Meetings

Support (either in kind or monetary) has been given in the past year to:

- CHM1401 Astrochemistry
- PCMI & European Lab astrophysics
- IAU Symposium 332 (£500 *via* Tom Millar)
- STFC Data Needs project
- ARTFUL Meeting at the Royal Society.

### Upcoming Meetings

- NAM is at the University of Hull this year. No formal delegation is attending this year.
- There will be a symposium to honour David Williams' 80<sup>th</sup> birthday at RAS in September. This will be supported financially by the interest group.
- There will be an IAU B5 Lab astrochemistry meeting at Jesus College, Oxford from 15-20 April 2018.
- Prof. McCoustra and Prof. Brown have been invited to the KIDA meeting in Bordeaux in September.
- NAM next year will be in Liverpool.
- Prof. McCoustra is involved with attempts to get the IAU general congress to Scotland in 2024. The group supports this endeavour.

### 7. Any other business

- Prof. McCoustra noted that it has been a few years since the last Faraday Discussion organized by members of the group. The next FD should be held around 2020.
- Dr. Meijer proposed that the next AGM will be held in Sheffield at the start of 2018. This proposal was accepted.
- It was noted that there is no formal link with the ACS Astrochemistry division. Some discussion was held about this, but no formal conclusion was reached.