

Robin will be remembered by many as someone who was very intellectually sharp. He had an endearing habit of arriving late for Psychology seminars yet would still be able to ask (usually the first) penetrating questions that often got to the heart of the debates at hand. This was all the more impressive as he was not, until relatively recently, trained as a psychologist and still saw himself as a crystallographer, computer scientist, and English poet. He had a genuine enthusiasm for ideas of all kinds.

Away from work he was External Activities Coordinator and then Chairman of the Wey Poets (Guildford & West Surrey Centre of the Poetry Society) and he organized and took part in poetry readings and participated at various festivals. He also lectured, published and broadcast on the subject of computer poetry and the programmed generation of

language generally. He was a member of the Computer Conservation Society and used to maintain a gallery of micro-computer exhibits at the Computer Museum, Bletchley Park.

He will be remembered as someone who was always to be seen at social events whatever they were. He was a Father Christmas at the staff-student Christmas parties for a number of years and also the target of many a fond student 'sketch' in the annual party review. He was always portrayed sympathetically (not the norm for many staff) reflecting the warmth and esteem with which the students regarded him.

Robin was one of the great characters of the University and he will be missed.

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Calendar of Meetings

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25–30 September 2005

ICXOM-XVIII International Conference on X-ray Optics and Microanalysis. Frascati (Rome), Italy. [Contact: Donatella Pierluigi, Tel: 39 (06) 9403 2317; Fax: 39 (06) 9403 2559; E-mail: icxom05@lnf.infn.it; Info: <http://www.lnf.infn.it/conference/2005/icxom/main.html>].

9–13 October 2005

32nd Annual Conference of the Federation of Analytical Chemistry and Spectroscopy Societies (FACSS). Quebec, Canada. [Contact: FACSS, Post Office Box 24379, Santa Fe, NM 87502, USA. Tel: 1 (505) 820 1648; Fax: 1 (505) 989 1073; E-mail: facss@facss.org; Info: <http://www.facss.org>].

17–19 October 2005

MECA SENS III Third Conference on Stress Evaluation by Neutron and Synchrotron Radiation. Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA. Supported by the Los Alamos National Laboratory. [Contact: Info: <http://www.lansce.lanl.gov/mecasens2005>].

28 November–2 December 2005

International Conference on Neutron Scattering. Sydney, Australia. [Contact: Brendan Kennedy, School of Chemistry, Building F11, University of Sydney, Sydney, NSW 2006, Australia. E-mail: b.kennedy@chem.usyd.edu.au; Info: <http://www.icns2005.org>].

28 May–3 June 2006

9th International Conference on Synchrotron Radiation Instrumentation. Daegu, Korea. Co-hosted by the Pohang

Accelerator Laboratory (Pohang, Korea) and the Japan Synchrotron Radiation Research Institute (Harima.) [Contact: Info: http://sri2006.postech.ac.kr/bottom_sri.htm].

9–13 July 2006

SAS2006 XIII International Conference on Small-angle Scattering. Kyoto, Japan. [Contact: SAS2006 Secretariat, A Cluster, Katsura, Kyoto University, Kyoto 615-8510, Japan. E-mail: SAS2006@alloy.polym.kyoto-u.ac.jp; Info: <http://www2.scphys.kyoto-u.ac.jp/sas2006/index.html>].

16–23 July 2006

7th International Conference on the Occurrence, Properties, and Utilization of Natural Zeolites. Socorro, New Mexico, USA. [Contact: Robert Bowman, New Mexico Institute of Technology, Socorro, New Mexico, USA. E-mail: bowman@nmt.edu].

22–27 July 2006

American Crystallographic Association Annual Meeting. Honolulu, Hawaii, USA. [Info: <http://www.hwi.buffalo.edu/aca>].

6–11 August 2006

23rd European Crystallographic Meeting. Leuven, Belgium. Held at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (founded 1425.) The official language of the meeting is English. [Contact: Organizing Secretariat Momentum, Grensstraat 6, B-3010 Leuven, Belgium. Tel: 32 (16) 40 45 55; Fax: 32 (16) 40 35 51; E-mail: info@momentum-pco.be; Info: <http://www.ecm23.be/GeneralInformation.htm>].

1–4 September 2006

EPDIC10 European Powder Diffraction Conference. Geneva, Switzerland. held at the Université. [Contact: Rado- van Cerny at Radovan. Cerny@cryst.unige.ch; Info: <http://www.sgk-sscr.ch/EPDIC10.html>].

25–28 September 2006

PNCMI 2006 Conference on Polarised Neutrons in Condensed Matter Investigations. Berlin, Germany. [Contact: E-mail: pncmi@hmi.de; Info: <http://www.hmi.de/pncmi2006/index.html>].

26–31 August 2007

24th European Crystallographic Meeting. Marrakech, Morocco. Held at the Université Cadi Ayyad. [Info: <http://www.ucam.ac.ma/fssm/ecm24/default.htm>].

Summer 2008

21st IUCr General Assembly and International Congress of Crystallography. Osaka, Japan.

Short Courses & Workshops

2–8 September 2005

New Frontiers in Electron Crystallography. Brussels, Belgium. Held just after the **20th IUCr Congress** in Florence. Organized by Stavros Nicolopoulos. [Contact: Congress Secretariat, XX Congress IUCr, Dipartimento di Energetica, Università di Firenze, via S. Marta 3, 50139 Firenze, Italy. Tel: 39 (055) 479 6240; Fax: 39 (055) 479 6342; E-mail: iucr@iucr2005.it; Info: <http://www.elcryst2005.de>].

5–15 September 2005

9th Oxford School on Neutron Scattering. Oxford, England, UK. Held at Mansfield College. Lectures and tutorials covering all aspects of the theory and practice of neutron diffraction, presented by international experts. Techniques and applications at both steady state and pulsed neutron sources will be described. [Contact: E-mail: osns@cclrc.ac.uk; Info: <http://www.isis.rl.ac.uk/conferences/osns2005>].

12–23 September 2005

9th Laboratory Course in Neutron Scattering. Juelich, Germany. Contact: R. Zorn, Forschungszentrum Juelich; E-mail: neutron@fz-juelich.de; Info: http://www.fz-juelich.de/iff/wns_lab05].

22–23 September 2005

13th Berlin Neutron Scattering Center Users' Meeting. Berlin, Germany. [Contact: Info: http://www.hmi.de/bensc/news/user2005/start_en.htm].

6–7 October 2005

Watching the Action: Powder Diffraction at Non-ambient Conditions. Stuttgart, Germany. Covering powder diffraction at high/low temperatures and high pressures, the data reduction of large series of powder patterns, and pattern fitting and Rietveld analysis in batch mode. Software for the analysis of the sample data sets will be provided. For the practical sessions, a laptop computer with Windows 2000 or XP is recommended. The official language of the workshop is English. [Contact: Prof. Dr. Martin Jansen, Max-Planck-Institute for Solid State Research, Heisenbergstrasse 1, D-70569 Stuttgart, Germany. Tel: 49 (711) 689 1500; Fax: 49 (711) 689 1500; E-mail: j.knapp@fkf.mpg.de; Info: <http://www.fkf.mpg.de/xray>].

6–10 November 2005

Advanced Course on Powder Diffraction. Mérida, Venezuela. A satellite activity of the **Congreso de la Sociedad Venezolana de Química**, under the auspices of **Sociedad Venezolana de Cristalografía**. [Contact: Graciela Díaz de Delgado (SVQ-SVCr meeting) at diaz@ula.ve; Miguel Delgado (powder diffraction course) at migueld@ula.ve].

18–20 November 2005

Canadian Light Source 8th Annual Users' Meeting and Workshops. Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. Held at the University of Saskatchewan. Workshops on **Synchrotron Applications in Palaeontology and Archaeology, Applications of Microtomography in Science, Plant-based Synchrotron Research**, and **Building Time-resolved Experimental Programs at the Canadian Light Source**. [Contact: Info: <http://www.lightsource.ca/uac/meeting2005>].

4–6 August 2006

Conference on Mathematical and Theoretical Crystallography. Leuven, Belgium. A satellite conference of the **23rd European Crystallographic Meeting**. Organized as a workshop with alternating lectures and exercises/examples. Topics: magnetic symmetry, black-white symmetry, ordered magnetism, anisotropy of magnetic properties, graph theory fundamentals and applications to crystallographic problems. [Contact: Info: <http://www.lcm3b.uhp-nancy.fr/mathcryst/leuven2006.htm>].

19–22 September 2006

Polarised Neutron School. Berlin, Germany. Held just prior to **Conference on Polarised Neutrons in Condensed Matter Investigations** (Berlin, 25–28 September 2006.) [Contact: E-mail: pncmi-school@hmi.de; Info: <http://www.hmi.de/pncmi2006/index.html>].

7–17 June 2007

Engineering of Crystalline Materials Properties: State-of-the-Art in Modeling, Design, and Applications. Erice, Italy. The 39th crystallographic course at the Ettore Majorana Centre. The course directors are D. Braga (Bologna) and J. Novoa (Barcelona). [Info: <http://www.crystalleric.org/2007.htm>].