



Minutes of the 2018 AGM of the Scanning Probe Microscopy Section of the Royal Microscopical Society which was held on Monday 25 June in Leeds, during the SPM Meeting

Present: Professor Michelle Peckham (President, in the Chair), Dr Paolo Actis, Mrs Joanna Bednarska, Dr Laurent Bozec, Dr L Dougan, Dr Laura Fumagalli, Dr Colin Grant, Prof Jamie Hobbs, Dr Jonathan Moffat, Dr Alice Pyne, Dr Neil Thomson, Dr Kislou Voitchovsky, PD Dr Tomaso Zambelli, Ms Allison Winton (RMS Chief Executive) and Mrs Victoria Masters (RMS Event Director).

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Professor Sonia Contera, Professor Oleg Kolosov, Dr Nuria Gavarra and Dr Neil Wilson.

2. Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting

The Minutes were signed and approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Report from Section Chair

'On behalf of the Chair of the SPM Section, Professor Sonia Contera, and the Section Vice-Chair, Professor Oleg Kolosov, I would like to welcome everyone to the SPM Section AGM.

The last AGM of this Section took place during mmc2017 at Manchester Central where we ran the Practical Tips for Atomic Force Microscopy Imaging and Spectroscopy pre-congress workshop, which was organised by Neil Wilson, Charles Clifford, and Patrick Gunning. Thank you to Neil, Charles and Patrick and the SPM manufacturers for supporting it. This was followed by four SPM sessions which ran during the mmc2017 meeting:

- Structures, Interfaces and Mechanics in Life and Health with AFM - Sonia Contera
- Frontiers of Scanning Probe Microscopy – Nic Mullin
- SPM nano-mapping of materials properties – Oleg Kolosov
- High resolution SPM – where Professor Bart Hoogenboom was presented with the SPM Medal - Stephanie Allen

And all the sessions were well attended. Thanks to all the session organisers.

The Conference Dinner was another fantastic networking occasion and held once again at Don Giovannis in Manchester.

This year, the annual SPM Meeting is being held here in Leeds and has been organised by Paolo Actis and his team. I hope that you'll agree with me that this has been an excellent meeting so far, and I'm sure that this will continue tomorrow. Thank you very much Paolo.

Moving on to our future plans, we will be running the AFM pre-congress workshop in Manchester again, just prior to mmc2019, as well as the following four sessions, which will be:

Functional Materials – Oleg Kolosov

Bio/Polymers/soft matter – Jamie Hobbs

Pharmaceuticals and Medicine – Stephanie Allen

Nano Mechanics – Nuria Gavara

We look forward to another great meeting, and hope to see many of you there.

I would also like to thank the AFM companies, who continue to support the activities of the committee by sponsoring/exhibiting, and this is very much appreciated.

I'd also like to thank the departing members of the Committee – Terry McMaster, the retiring Vice-Chair, who led this committee from when it first started up. Neil Wilson, who, has guided me through my first year as Chair, and Laurent Bozec and Bart Hoogenboom who are both standing down this year after also being involved with the committee from the start. My sincere thanks to them all. We look forward to Kislon Voitchovsky and Stephen Schofield joining the committee this year.

Finally, I'd like to thank the RMS team for their fantastic support over the last 12 months.

Thank you very much.'

5. Election of Officers

There being no other nominations, the following Officers were duly elected:

Chair: Professor Sonia Contera, University of Oxford

Deputy Chair: Professor Oleg Kolosov, Lancaster University

6. Election of Ordinary Members (8)

There being no other nominations, the following Ordinary Members were duly elected:

Dr Stephanie Allen, University of Nottingham

Dr Charles Clifford, NPL

Dr Lorna Dougan, University of Leeds

Dr Laura Fumagalli, University of Manchester

Dr Nuria Gavara, Queen Mary University of London

Professor Jamie Hobbs, University of Sheffield

Dr Stephen Schofield, UCL

Dr Kislon Voitchovsky, University of Durham

In addition to the nominated Committee Members, Dr Boumediene Boudjelida, Dr Colin Grant, Dr Jonathan Moffat and Dr Chris Mulcahy and have been co-opted onto the Committee.

7. Any Other Business

There was no other business.