



## Report International Organization for Crystal Growth

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According to our constitution, the president should make a report on the state of IOCG activities, something that is often called the triennial report. Due to the covid pandemic, however, the Naples meeting was held with one year delay in 2023, which means that this report covers a period of only two years.

### 1. New logo

It was decided to renew the logo of the IOCG. The original logo, from the foundation in 1971, features a number of natural snowflakes, but the original artwork has been lost and only low-resolution digital images were available. Inspired by the colors and design of the original logo, the graphic designer Elizabeth Derby (the daughter of Jeff Derby) made a number of new versions, of which the Executive Committee selected by vote the version that is shown on top of this report. Our website gives some additional details on the design.

### 2. Change of webmaster

For many years, Ivona Rozko was the webmaster of the IOCG with Hanna and Antoni Dabkowska as contact persons. Since Hanna stepped down as secretary, it was decided to look for a new webmaster and we found Shoshana Nash, who also does this task for the AACG, available and willing to do this. We are grateful to Ivona, Hanna and Antoni for keeping the website, which is our main portal to the outside world, up to date and in good shape for many years.

### 3. Guidelines for ICCGE/ISSCG meetings

The most important activity of the IOCG is to make sure that every three years the ICCGE and ISSCG meetings are organized. In order assist future organizers, a brief document with guidelines was made that we intend to update regularly. This will help to have consistent features in these meetings, while leaving room for the local organizers to give the meeting their own flavor.

### 4. Budget

The IOCG has a modest income (from the fees of the ICCGE meeting); the significant finances of the ICCGE and ISSCG always go via the local organizers. Nevertheless, we have made a more formal budget in order to keep our finances healthy in a sustainable way.

### 5. Prizes

The IOCG Frank and Laudise prize committee, chaired by Prof. Duffar, selected the following winners: Frank prize jointly to Prof. Jeffrey Derby (University of Minnesota, USA) and Prof. Koichi Kakimoto (Kyuchu University, Japan), while the Laudise prize was awarded to Prof. Michael Heuken (Aixtron SE, Germany). The committee for the Schieber prize, chaired by Prof. Derby, has selected Prof. Zakaria Al Balushi (University of California-Berkeley, USA) for this prize.

## 6. Other activities

As always, the IOCG Officers and Executive Committee are involved in assisting the organizers of the upcoming ICCGE/ISSCG meetings and make sure the various committees have new members and can perform their tasks. We are in regular contact with the National Organizations, in particular in order to keep the administration up to date, and support and advertise various international crystal growth meetings.