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ANNUAL INTEREST GROUP REPORT FOR 2005

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INTEREST GROUP NAME or AD REGION NAME	ASTROPHYSICAL CHEMISTRY
Chairman (to 01/05/2006)	Professor D.A. Williams, University College London
Secretary (to 01/05/2006)	Professor I.R. Sims, Université de Rennes 1
Treasurer (to 01/05/2006)	Dr A.M.S. Richards, Jodrell Bank Observatory
Submitted by	Prof I.R. Sims
Signed	
Date	19.05.06

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN 2005

Please report below on activities undertaken by the Group in 2005. If you have more detailed information about any particularly successful events, or advice for other Groups, you may use a separate sheet.

Date	Activity (including dates and venues where appropriate)	Attendance Numbers	Comments
January 6-7 2005	ASTROCHEMISTRY FROM LABORATORY TO TELESCOPE Cardiff University	59	Local organiser Dr Derek Ward-Thompson
June 14 2005	Frontiers in Circumstellar Chemistry: Examining The Vital Role of nLTE Chemistry, UCL	ca. 50	Local organiser Dr Jeremy Yates
September 19, 2005	Young Astrochemists' Meeting, UCL	ca. 40	Local organiser Dr Serena Viti
Jan 5-6 2006	The Chemistry of Planets and Where They Come From, University of Strathclyde	54	Local organiser Dr Helen Fraser: AGM held, new committee elected
April 24-26, 2006	Faraday Discussion 133: Chemical Evolution of the Universe	129	Chairs: Prof. Ian Sims and Prof. David Williams

Any comments which would help other Groups (eg. details of an excellent venue, speakers, cost savings, good poster board, suppliers etc)

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR 2006 and beyond

Please list below your planned activities with details, including dates and venues where known:

Annual General Meeting: AGM was held during January 2006 Annual Meeting in Glasgow.
Committee meetings: These are usually held electronically.
Continuing Professional Development activities: This is what we do all the time, isn't it?
Collaborations with other international groupings? Frequent interactions on an international level e.g. organisation of international meetings such as FD133.
Other activities: The group has played a key role in the organisation and support of Faraday Discussion 133, Chemical Evolution of the Universe, held at the Abbaye de St Jacut de la Mer, Brittany, France, 24-26 April 2006.
Are any activities planned in collaboration with other RSC Interest Groups or Networks? http://www.rsc.org/Membership/Networking/
Would you like to receive advice with respect to opportunities for running any of the above activities jointly with other groups?

AWARDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE GROUP

Please give details below: **None**

NEWSLETTER

Please give details if appropriate: **n/a**

ANY OTHER COMMENTS

At the AGM in January 2006, a new committee was elected, to take effect on May 1st after the Faraday Discussion meeting:

Function	Name	Proposer	Second
Chair	Ian Sims, Rennes	David Williams	June McCombie
Secretary	Helen Fraser, Strathclyde	Ian Sims	Monica Grady
Treasurer	June McCombie, Nottingham	Ian Sims	David Williams
C'tee member	Jeremy Yates, UCL	Anita Richards	Janet Bowey
C'tee member	Martin McCoustra, Nottingham	Ian Sims	Helen Fraser
C'tee member	Tom Millar, QUB	David Williams	Jonathan Rawlings
C'tee member	Serena Viti, UCL	David Williams	Anita Richards
C'tee member	David Nutter, Cardiff	Derek Ward-Thompson	Martin McCoustra
C'tee member	Anita Richards, Manchester	Ian Sims	Monica Grady

The AGM approved the above list of names and functions by a show of hands. It was noted that the new Committee may choose to co-opt other people as it sees fit to cover areas of the subject which are not currently well-represented.

FINAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2005

Please attach a copy of the financial report you have sent to the RSC Accounts Department

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