

Annual Report of the Mössbauer Discussion Group

The 45th meeting of the Mössbauer Discussion Group was held on the 7th of September 2004. The one-day meeting was held at University College, London; easily accessible by train and well serviced by overseas links. There were 11 attendees at the meeting including one participant from India.

Dr M F Thomas from the Department of Physics, Liverpool University gave a keynote lecture on 'Mössbauer studies of magnetic multilayers'. Six contributed talks were presented and one poster. Since there were no student talks or posters it was decided not to award any prizes this year.

The Discussion Group web site, kindly hosted by the RSC, continues to be a valuable resource for information on the technique and has enabled industry to find us to enable collaborations to commence.

The committee decided to conduct the next AGM during the 'International Conference on the Applications of the Mössbauer Effect' 5-9 September 2005, Montpellier France, which will be running when we normally have our one day UK meeting. Due to this the 46th Mössbauer Discussion Group one-day meeting will be held again in September 2006. The committee felt the meeting remains very useful in keeping the Mössbauer community active in the UK. However, due to falling numbers of researchers using the technique it was agreed that it would be difficult to get sufficient contributions to our meeting when the international conference had just taken place.

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