

DONATING USED X-RAY DIFFRACTION EQUIPMENT TO ICDD

Are you cleaning out closets in your X-ray Laboratory? If so, you may have some equipment that would be very useful to the International Centre for Diffraction Data for display and demonstration in the X-ray Diffraction Clinics. It is very common for industrial laboratories to donate used equipment to universities. This editorial is to indicate that ICDD is another organization that can benefit from your surplus equipment.

The ICDD Clinics on X-ray diffraction have proved highly successful, but attendees are always anxious to do "hands-on" projects. In the early part of 1997, ICDD decided to allocate space to a "diffraction laboratory", and equip it with examples of instruments from all levels of diffraction experimentation involving powders. Consequently, ICDD could use reasonable cast off equipment to stock this demonstration display. In June, ICDD completed space modifications in the Headquarters building for the laboratory. It was used for the first time during the 1997 Clinics with considerable success. In addition to using a generic diffractometer to discuss alignment, a working diffractometer

was used to collect some experimental data for evaluation. A few cameras were also available for discussion. For the first time, no attendee mentioned lack of "hands on" experience on the evaluation forms. However, considerably more equipment could be used in this laboratory including a couple of different working diffractometers, cameras of all types, and any other measuring devices related to powder diffraction. Unusual historical devices are also of interest.

If you have equipment for potential donation to a worthy cause, contact Ron Jenkins, General Manager, ICDD, 12 Campus Boulevard, Newtown Square, PA 19073-3273 (1-610-325-9814, jenkins@icdd.com).

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