evening of delicious cuisine and tropical drinks, the nightlife was not finished yet—a number of attendees attended a famous Brazilian soccer game (the local team vs. a team from the Northern part of the country). The result of the game was featured on the front page of the local newspaper the next morning. On Thursday night, a full-scale conference banquet took place, which was participated in by most attendees. A local band played Brazilian music in the background. The relaxing and friendly atmosphere promoted many scientific exchanges and further international collaborations at the dinner tables.

Attendees enjoyed the entire package – rich scientific program, fabulous tours, and the fantastic Brazilian feast. This was, indeed, an unforgettable week.

# **Calendar of Meetings**

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#### 6-10 June 2004

Second American Conference on Neutron Scattering. College Park, Maryland, USA. Held at the University of Maryland and organized under the auspices of the Neutron Scattering Society of America. [Contact: James Jorgensen (Argonne National Laboratory) at jjorgensen@anl.gov; Info: http://www.ncnr.nist.gov].

#### 19-24 June 2004

**Clay Minerals Society Annual Meeting.** Richland, Washington, USA. [Contact: Jim Amonette. Tel: 1 (509) 376 5565; Fax: 1 (509) 376 7972; E-mail: jim.amonette@pnl.gov; Info: http://www.pnl.gov/cms].

#### 27-30 June 2004

AsCA'04 Sixth Conference of the Asian Crystallographic Association. Kowloon, Hong Kong. [Contact: AsCA'04 Secretariat, Department of Chemistry, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Clear Water Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong. Tel: 852 () 2358 7370; Fax: 832 () 2358 1594; E-mail: asca04@ust.hk; Info: http://www.ust.hk/asca04].

#### 4-9 July 2004

**20<sup>th</sup> International Liquid Crystal Conference.** Ljubljana, Slovenia. Organized by the International Liquid Crystal Society. [Contact: Martin Copic, Department of Physics, University of Ljubljana, Jadranska 19, Ljubljana SI-1000, Slovenia. Tel: 386 (1) 476 6655; Fax 386 (1) 251 7281; E-mail: Martin.Copic.ilcc@fiz.uni-lj.si; Info: http:// www.ilcc2004.net].

#### 17-22 July 2004

ACA'04 American Crystallographic Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, Illinois, USA. [Contact: Bernie Santarsiero, bds@uic.edu; Karl Volz, kvolz@uic.edu; Info: http://www.uic.edu/orgs/aca2004].

#### 18-21 July 2004

8<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Surface Crystallography and Dynamics. Segovia, Spain. Studies of atomic-scale structure at clean and adsorbate-covered single-crystal surfaces. Held at the Monasterio de Santa Cruz la Real on the SEK University campus. [Info: http:// www.phantomsnet.com/ECSCD8].

#### 1-5 August 2004

Microscopy and Microanalysis 2004. Savannah, Georgia, USA. [Contact: MSA Meeting Manager, 7000 West Southwest Highway, Chicago Ridge, IL 60415, USA. E-mail: msameetingmanager@msa.microscopy.com; Info: http://www.msa.microscopy.com].

#### 2-6 August 2004

**53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Denver X-ray Conference.** Steamboat Springs, Colorado, USA. [Contact: E-mail: dxc@icdd.com; Info: http://www.dxcicdd.com].

#### 9-13 August 2004

ICVGE-12 International Conference on Vapor Growth and Epitaxy held jointly with ICCG-14 International Conference on Crystal Growth. Grenoble, France. [Info: http://iccg14.inpg.fr].

#### 19-21 August 2004

**4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Inorganic Materials.** Antwerp, Belgium. [Info: http://www.im-conference.com].

### 23–25 August 2004

**SRMS-4 Fourth Conference on Synchrotron Radiation in Materials Science.** Grenoble, France. Held at the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility (ESRF). [Contact: Fabienne Mengoni, ESRF, 6 rue Jules Horowitz, BP 220, 38043 Grenoble Cedex 9, France. Tel: 33 () 4 7688 2000; Fax: 33 () 4 7688 2020; E-mail: srms-4@esrf.fr; Info: http:// www.esrf.fr/Conferences/SRMS-4].

### 23-27 August 2004

**ICF9 International Conference on Ferrites.** San Francisco, California, USA. [Contact: Alex Goldman. Tel: 1 (515) 294 3585; E-mail: ferritetec@aol.com; Info: http:// www.ceramics.org].

### 26-31 August 2004

ECM-22 XXII European Crystallographic Meeting. Budapest, Hungary. Held at the ELTE Convention Centre, Eötvös Loránd University. [Contact: Conference Secretariat, Beáta Androsits, Hungarian Chemical Society, Föutca 68, H-1027 Budapest, Hungary. Tel: 36 (1) 201 6883; Fax: 36 (1) 201 8056; E-mail: ecm22.mke@mtesz.hu; Info: http:// www.ecm22.mtesz.hu].

### 2–5 September 2004

**EPDIC 9 Ninth European Powder Diffraction Conference.** Prague, Czech Republic. Held at Charles University. Includes a full-day session on phase analysis and size/strain software. [Contact: Radomir Kuzel, Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, Charles University, Ke Karlovu 5, 121 16 Praha 2, Czech Republic. Tel: 420 (2) 2191 1394; Fax: 420 (2) 2491 1061; E-mail: epdic-9@post.cz; Info: http://www.xray.cz/epdic].

### 7–10 September 2004

**X-TOP 2004 7<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference on High Resolution X-ray Diffraction and Imaging.** Prague, Czech Republic. Held at Pruhonice Castle (near Prague.) [Info: http:// www.physics.muni.cz/kfpf/xtop].

## 15-17 September 2004

15<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Diamond, Diamond-like Materials, Carbon Nanotubes, Nitrides, and Silicon Carbide. Riva del Garda, Italy. [Contact: April Williams, Elsevier, The Boulevard, Langford Lane, Kidlington, Oxford OX5 1GB, United Kingdom. Tel: 44 (1865) 843089; Fax: 44 (1865) 843958; E-mail: a.williams@elsevier.com; Info: http://www.diamond-conference.elsevier.com].

### 3-7 October 2004

**31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the Federation of Analytical Chemistry and Spectroscopy Societies (FACSS).** Portland, Oregon, USA. [Contact: FACSS, Post Office Box 24379, Santa Fe, NM 87502, USA. Tel: 1 (505) 820 1648; Fax: 1 (505) 989 1073; E-mail: facss@facss.org; Info: http://www.facss.org].

### 16-17 November 2004

**Crystallographic Society of Japan Annual Meeting.** Osaka, Japan. [Info: http://www.soc.nii.ac.jp/crsj/indexe.html].

## 14-18 February 2005

Australian X-ray Analytical Association 2005 Conference and Exhibition. Perth, Western Australia, Australia. [Contact: Tulips Meeting Management, Post Office Box 116, Salamander Bay, NSW 2317, Australia. Tel: 61 (2) 4984 2554; Fax: 61 (2) 4984 2755; E-mail: axaa@pco.com.au; Info: http://www.pco.com.au/axaa2005].

### 14-18 March 2005

International Centre for Diffraction Data, Spring Meeting. Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, USA. [Contact: Linda Shertz, International Centre for Diffraction Data, 12 Campus Boulevard, Newtown Square, PA 19073-3273, USA. Tel: 1 (610) 325 9814; Fax: 1 (610) 325 9823; E-mail: shertz@icdd.com; Info: http://www.icdd.com].

### 28 May-2 June 2005

American Crystallographic Association Annual Meeting.						
Orlando,	Florida,	USA.	[Contact:	Khalil	Abboud	at
abboud@c	chem.ufl.e	du;	Ed	Collins		at
edward_collins@med.unc.edu;				Info:	htt	p://
www.hwi.buffalo.edu/ACA].						

### 1-5 August 2005

**54<sup>th</sup> Annual Denver X-ray Conference.** Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA. [Contact: Terry Maguire, Conference Administrator, International Centre for Diffraction Data, 12 Campus Boulevard, Newtown Square, PA 19073-3273, USA. E-mail: maguire@icdd.com; Info: http://www.dxcicdd.com].

### 23-31 August 2005

20<sup>th</sup> IUCr General Assembly and International Congress of Crystallography. Florence, Italy. [Contact: Congress Secretariat, XX Congress IUCr, Dipartimento di Energetica, Università di Firenze, via S. Marta 3, 50139 Firenze, Italy. Tel: 39 (055) 479 6240; Fax: 39 (055) 479 6342; E-mail: iucr@iucr2005.it; Info: http://www.iucr2005.it].

#### 9-13 October 2005

**32<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the Federation of Analytical Chemistry and Spectroscopy Societies (FACSS).** Quebec, Canada. [Contact: FACSS, Post Office Box 24379, Santa Fe, NM 87502, USA. Tel: 1 (505) 820 1648; Fax: 1 (505) 989 1073; E-mail: facss@facss.org; Info: http://www.facss.org].

#### 28 November-2 December 2005

International Conference on Neutron Scattering. Sydney, Australia. [Contact: Brendan Kennedy, School of Chemistry, Building F11, University of Sydney, Sydney, NSW 2006, Australia. E-mail: b.kennedy@chem.usyd.edu.au; Info: http://www.sct.gu.edu.au/icns2005].