

## **Report of the Commission on Mineral and Inorganic Structures (CIMS) for the year ending 31 December 2002.**

The Commission on Mineral and Inorganic Structures (CIMS) has been approved at the 19th IUCr General Assembly in Geneva (August 2002). Consequently, the only activity done for the year ending 31 December 2002 has been to plan some future activity. Some members of the freshly appointed Commission met during the IUCr Conference in Geneva and in the occasion of the 18th General Meeting of the International Mineralogical Association (Edinburgh, 1-6 September 2002). Further contacts have been maintained via e-mail and the web site of the CIMS

<http://www.lcm3b.uhp-nancy.fr/cims/>

which is maintained by the consultant member Massimo Nespolo (Univ. Nancy).

The original plan of activity was agreed as follows:

- A symposium during 2003
- A school during 2004
- A strong presence of CIMS symposia (and possibly a satellite meeting) at the 20th IUCr Conference in Florence (August 2005).

So far the participation of the CIMS is assured as sponsor of the following meetings:

- 9<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Solid State Chemistry (3-6 September 2003, Stuttgart, Germany) <http://www.mpi-stuttgart.mpg.de/conf/ecssc9/>
- XV International Conference on X-Ray Diffraction Crystal Chemistry of Minerals (St. Petersburg, 15-19 of September 2003) [http://crystal.pu.ru/engl/info\\_E.shtml](http://crystal.pu.ru/engl/info_E.shtml)
- Satellite Meeting on Mathematical and Symmetry Aspects (Budapest 22-24 August 2004) in occasion of the ECM-22 (XXII European Crystallographic Meeting).