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Minutes of the FM members assembly on March 12th, 2026

Opening

The vice spokespersons of the FM division, Prof. Dr. Anna Grünebohm (AG) and Prof. Dr. Theo Andreas Scherer (TS) greet the participants and open the assembly shortly after 18:00. The head spokesperson Dr. Ing. Jan Schultheiß (JS) cannot unfortunately attend due to illness.

AG reminds the importance of being registered as division members and asks the participants to check on a regular basis if they are registered with a valid e-mail address. To register in the FM division, three simple steps are required:

- Go to DPG webpage (<https://www.dpg-physik.de>) and login into your account.
- Go to "My DPG" and select "Change your personal data and the data of your membership".
- Verify that your e-mail address and the other data are up-to-date and check the division assignments.

Spokesperson elections in Regensburg 2027

AG reminds that in the next year new spokespersons of the division have to be elected during the DPG Spring meeting (Regensburg, 14.03. – 19.03.2027). She asks for suggestions of suitable candidates and lists the main tasks of the spokespersons. These include

- motivate people to propose speakers, sessions, etc.
- collect and sort the suggestions
- sort contributions after the submission deadline, supported by the session organizers
- participate to the DPG meeting "Tag der Physik" in Bad Honnef (Friday-Sunday) in November, attend two further DPG online meetings
- being present at the DPG conference

As at the moment no suggestions for eligible candidates are available, all participants are invited to give thought to a possible candidature or to name possible candidates in the upcoming months.



Official section statute

Due to the new denomination of the section (from *Kristalline Festkörper und deren Mikrostruktur* to *Functional Materials*), a new statute (internal regulations of the section) has to be approved. AG shows the new statute to the attendants, explains that the only change with respect to the old regulations is indeed the denomination, and asks the participants to vote for (or against) the change. A secret vote is not necessary; the new statute is unanimously approved.

Organisation DPG 2027

AG asks for suggestion for plenary speakers. The candidates

- Gustau Catalan
- Sergei Kalinin

are proposed.

AG reminds that further suggestion for invited speakers, topics, symposia, focus sessions (decision day: June 11th, 2026; suggestions are required before this day) and chairpersons are highly appreciated and can be made via informal e-mail to AG, JS, TS. The participants are invited to think about organizing a focus session. One of the organizers of this year's focus session, Dr. M. Pionteck endorses the proposal, confirms that organizing the conference represents a manageable amount of work, and illustrates the tasks of the organizers. These are:

- writing a teaser text (in line with the FM division)
- advertising the session
- sorting the contributions
- chair the session on-site (or designate a chairperson)

Miscellaneous

The spokespersons as well as the participants wish to thank Prof. Dr. Lukas M. Eng for the get together event. This networking events had a very positive resonance and should be continued. Efforts in this direction are already being planned. Further networking and social events are discussed. A (possibly local) person is required to organize a bowling session in Regensburg, AG and M. Zahn will take care of organizing the traditional bouldering event. Further updates will appear on the division website.

Poster award

AG starts the poster prize ceremony by stating that many different posters had been nominated by the referees, mirroring the overall high quality of the poster contributions. The referees' decision was this year a very tight one, resulting in the following list:

3rd Place (*ex aequo*): Andrea Tobiassen and Raufar Shameem

2nd Place: Benyao Sun

1st Place: Clara Ward



AG closes the official part of the assembly at 18:45 and invites the participants to enjoy the refreshments.

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