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Minutes of the KFM members assembly on March 20th, 2025**Opening:**

The KFM head spokesperson Prof. Dr. Anna Grünebohm (AG), the vice spokespersons Dr. Ing. Jan Schultheiß (JS) and Prof. Dr. Theo Andreas Scherer (TS) greet the participants and open the assembly at 18:00.

AG reminds the importance of being registered as division members, asks the participants to check on a regular basis if they are registered with a valid e-mail address and explains how to register in the division.

- 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 assignment to the divisions.

AG and JS start the poster prize ceremony by motivating the decision of the jury and praising the overall high quality of the poster contributions. This year's prizes go to Christa Fink, Juliane Koch, and Maximilian Suhr.

Future plans:

The spokespersons suggest to change the name of the division to match the current development of the community and enhance the identification of the members with the division. The first suggestion, which may be refined further, is "*Crystalline Functional Materials*". The suggestion finds a very positive resonance and the agreement of the participants. None is against the change and none feels excluded by the new denomination.



The spokespersons motivate all the participants to contribute with their suggestions to the next year's DPG. Suggestions are welcome concerning chairpersons, sessions, symposia (involving at least another division), invited speakers, topics, tutorials, networking activities. Further suggestions concerning the organization of the poster prizes and miscellaneous activities (e.g. bouldering) are welcome too. Further information is available on the webpage.

AG announces upon request that the next year's topics will most probably include multiferroics, instrumentation, dislocation engineering, batteries, materials research and perspectives.

Open discussion and members' feedback

AG asks for any kind of general feedback from the audience, which provided following suggestions

- Add a teaser text in the submission process to describe sessions and topics and avoiding "blind submission". Such teaser exists; however, it is not appearing during the submission process.
- Organize a conference proceeding publication. Different variants are discussed. These include a Phys. Stat. Sol. dedicated issue as a proceeding of the division, to be published every 2nd year, or a joint session review embracing many contributions.
- Some contributions were misplaced, according to the contributing authors. Sorting the contributions in an educated way might increase the appeal of the conference for participants and contributors.

AG invites the audience to a common discussion. Following topics are shortly discussed.

- No show politics: How to handle absent presenters without excuses?
- Other host cities, feedback about Regensburg, Berlin, Dresden
- Further possibilities: Attaching the KFM of the solid-state DPG to other events, sessions, conferences.

Elections:

AG opens the elections with the search for new candidates who might want to contribute to the tasks of the spokespersons.



The audience attests the great job of AG, JS and TS in the last years and asks for continuity in the division leading, specifically to exploit the competences of the well-rehearsed team. However, AG has finished her mandate as the head spokesperson of the division. She suggests JS as the new head spokesperson, and together with TS, agrees to further support him as a vice spokesperson.

Prof. Dr. Lupascu takes the honors as a poll clerk. Secret voting is not required, the participants unanimously vote by open ballot for the election of JS as a new head spokesperson and AG and TS as vice spokespersons. The elected persons accept their new charges. The election is concluded with an acknowledgement to TS for his valuable and long standing support. The audience heartfully thanks the old (and new) spokespersons for their successful work.

AG closes the assembly at 18:50 and invites the participants to enjoy the refreshments.

Minute taker

(Simone Sanna)

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