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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

This is the first issue of what we hope will be an annual CCP13 NEWSLETTER. The articles in the Newsletter explain the purpose of CCP13, which started on 1st January 1992. However, it is worth emphasising its main objectives - namely to produce a generally accessible and useful suite of software for analysis and modelling of fibre diffraction patterns.

### What is a CCP?

CCP13 is funded by the UK Science and Engineering Research Council via its Science Board Computing Committee (Computing Science Initiative) and is one of 11 current CCPs. These are:

CCP1	Electronic structure of molecules
CCP2	Continuum states of atoms and molecules
CCP3	Computational studies of surfaces
CCP4	Protein crystallography
CCP5	Computer simulation of condensed phases
CCP6	Heavy particle dynamics
CCP7	Analysis of astronomical spectra
CCP8	-
CCP9	Electronic structure of solids
CCP10	-
CCP11	Biosequence and structure analysis
CCP12	Novel architecture computers in Fluid Dynamics
CCP13	Fibre diffraction

The general policy on CCPs and the evaluation of their progress etc is considered by the CCP Steering Panel, chaired by Dr. Richard Catlow (Royal Institution, UK). The Steering Panel comprises all the CCP Chairmen and various observers.

### International Cooperation

Although these CCPs are UK funded projects, there is a very strong interest in making them international through cooperation with interested scientists in other countries.

A natural link for CCP13 could, for example, exist with the Special Interest Group (SIG) in Fibre Diffraction of the American Crystallographic Association. Others exist with the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility at Grenoble and with the Photon Factory in Japan.

### Your Contribution

Interested groups or individuals are invited to contact any of the officers of CCP13 to obtain information about CCP13 Workshops, software developments, software standards and so on. Offers of home-written software that could be incorporated into the new FIBRE suite of programs would be much appreciated and will, of course, permanently carry the authors' attribution.

**IF YOU ARE A FIBRE DIFFRACTIONIST -  
THIS CCP IS FOR YOU - HELP TO MAKE IT WORK!**