

FiberNet is administered by a Steering Committee, very similar in function to the CCP13 Steering Committee. At present, the members of the committee are Gerald Stubbs (Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, chairman), Rengaswami Chandrasekaran (Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN), Tom Irving (Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL), Dan Kirschner (Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA), Jianpeng Ma (Baylor College of Medicine and Rice University, Houston, TX), Joseph Orgel (The Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, North Chicago, IL), and from CCP13, Trevor Forsyth (Keele and ILL), and John Squire (Imperial College London). The network has recently hired Wen Bian to develop software. Wen will be based at Vanderbilt, and will

coordinate his work with the CCP13 staff members. Wen is experienced in both software development and fibre diffraction, having worked with Chandrasekaran and Struther Arnott at Purdue University.

We are looking forward to a long and productive association between *FiberNet* and CCP13!

Gerald Stubbs - Vanderbilt University - January 2004

US-RCN Research Assistant Profile - Wen Bian

Dr Wen Bian

Wen Bian received his B.E. and M.A. degrees from Ocean University of China in 1994 and 1997, and his Ph.D. from Purdue University in 2001. At Purdue, he worked on the structures of industrially important polysaccharides and the relationship between structure and function in polysaccharides, using X-ray fibre diffraction analysis and computer modeling. His work at Purdue was primarily with Rengaswami Chandrasekaran, and also with Struther Arnott. While at Purdue, he developed a great interest in programming, so upon completion of his doctoral studies, he went on to complete an M.S. degree in computer science at Purdue.

Wen's software-related experience includes maintenance of in-house molecular modelling programs, development of various distributed applications, and data processing and visualization programs on Windows and UNIX platforms. He joined Gerald Stubbs's group at Vanderbilt University in January, 2004, where he will be the principal software developer for *FiberNet*, collaborating with the software developers for CCP13.



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