

Message from CISR President, Stefan Kycia:

As Canadian Institute for Synchrotron Radiation (CISR) is nearing the one-year anniversary since it's "reboot," I'd like to thank the current membership and leadership for their support this past year. As expected, the first year has been focused on setting the foundation for CISR to be successful in years to come. Some of the key activities that have been undertaken include:

The CISR Annual General Meeting was held in June 2023

The meeting included an overview of the revised bylaws, an update on the Board of Directors appointments and review of the financial statements to April 30, 2023. In addition, David Hawthorn provided a presentation of the member survey results that had been received to date from members and time was left for questions and answers at the end.

Membership and Survey Feedback

CISR has grown to 51 active individual memberships. As part of the registration process, members filled out an informative survey. This data provides valuable insight into the current synchrotron community and will help determine future needs. A summary of the survey results to date can be found [here](#). If you have any trouble accessing the link, please contact admin@cisr-icrs.ca.

We also received helpful feedback from members regarding the initial survey. Changes have been made to breakdown the survey into smaller sections that can be completed as time permits, making the survey less of a barrier to joining CISR.

CISR Sponsored Session at the CLS Annual User Meeting

CISR sponsored a session at the Canadian Light Source (CLS) Annual User Meeting and CISR invited three keynote speakers: Joel Brock from the Cornell High Energy Synchrotron Source, Andrew Grosvenor; University of Saskatchewan, and Christian Lavoie of IBM. Links to the abstracts can be found [online](#). The hybrid session was attended by over 130 participants.

CLS Board of Directors Round Table

In September 2023, CISR participated in an in-person roundtable panel discussion on future synchrotron science in Canada



Attendees included the CLS Board of Directors and invited science policy experts. Stefan Kycia, CISR President, served as moderator with panel members: TK Sham, Ontario Synchrotron Consortium Chair; Stephen Urquhart, CLS Beamteam Leaders Representative; Chris Jacobsen, CLS Science Advisory Committee Chair, David Hawthorn, CISR Board Chair; and Robert Green, CLS Users' Executive Committee Chair.

Over the next year, CISR plans to continue to grow membership both individually and at an institutional level, as well as involve the membership through sub-committees to work on various projects that align with CISR's mandate; such as, developing white papers that focus on the needs for synchrotron science in Canada.

We are looking forward to the next year of growth for CISR. The next Annual General Meeting is expected to take place in June, details will be shared with members closer to the date. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support,
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