

DGK 2009 in Hannover with four sessions on biological crystallography

From March 9 to 12, the 17th annual conference of the DGK (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Kristallographie) took place in Hannover. With about 80 participants, the biological community was well represented, as in the last years. In 24 talks and some 40 posters many interesting new results were presented, concerning methods as well as structural results. With few exceptions, the program was well organised for the biological sessions and events from Tuesday noon to Thursday noon. Aside from the Gesellschaftsabend, everything took place in the Welfenschloss. In the following, only a selected few of the many interesting results are summarised, mainly concerning findings of methodological interest.

Microsymposium on Crystallography in Industry

The second session organised by AK1 was chaired by Roman Hillig (Bayer Schering Pharma, Berlin). After Roman briefed the academic crystallographers on the central steps of the drug discovery process, five talks were presented by academic and industrial groups.

◆ J. Tan (Lübeck) reported about her structural studies on the SARS-unique domain. This domain is present in the SARS virus but not in other less pathogenic coronaviruses and is thus a potential target for antiviral therapy.

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