

SCHOOL of CHEMISTRY HEALTH and SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 16th June 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in room 7.27

In attendance: Prof. P.O'Brian (Chairman), Dr. E.M.Armstrong, Dr. D.J.Smith, Mr. K. Jones, Mr J. Robinson, Mr. T Graham, Ms. C.Davidge, Mr G. Smith, Mr. A.Sutherland, Dr. P. Quayle and Prof. F. Livens

1. Apologies

Dr. J.J.McDouall, Dr. R.Dryffe

2. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on Friday 7th April 2006 at 2:15 p.m. in room 7.27, were passed unamended.

3. Matters Arising

Item 5: EMA has had no success so far with persuading Estates to provide Porterage Staff for the Faraday Building but will continue to try. In the interim as people move out of the Faraday Tower efforts have been made to keep a representative in each area of the building and to avoid lone working.

4. Correspondence

Maintenance of the FireTrace systems in the fumehoods will commence 8th July for 2 weeks

The Brunswick Street building has been visited by representatives of the Royal and Sun Alliance Insurers with a favourable outcome. One point raised was re: risk assessments for people transporting equipment to and from Daresbury
EMA to coordinate

A note has been received re emptying of pockets of lab and work coats given in for laundering.

A circular was received concerning violence at work

A document on waste management **EMA to arrange for it to go on the School website**

Safety Alert re: Edwards pumps **EMA to bring to the attention of Peter Wilde**

DEFRA document on the risks associated with nanomaterials

5.

Chairman's Business

None

6. Last Fire Drill

Was completed successfully in 4:30 mins

7. Mass Spectroscopy Move

The Mass Spectroscopy suite is due to be moved into its new quarters in the new build in the final weeks in July. Until the new build is signed off access will be for authorised personnel only and alternative arrangements will be made for sample logging and entry.

8. Faraday Building H&S

At the last meeting concerns were raised re the signing off of rooms as people move out. Two sodium fires from earlier in the year were discussed. It was reported that Dr D.Beresford will be a representative on the MIB Safety Committee and will attend our meetings to liaise.

7. Inspection Reports and Arrangements for Inspections

4th Floor Wednesday 12th April at 9:30 pm EMA, DJS, GS

No specific items to report

2nd Floor Tuesday 9th May at 2:00 pm EMA, DJS, GS, FL, CD

An imbalance in the ventilation systems was noted. Consultants have been appointed who will try to measure the flows and pressures at various points on the System. The situation is complicated by failures to properly maintain and service the system and work needs to be done in cleaning and replacing the filters before more test points can be installed.

1st Floor Inspection t.b.a.

8. Dates of next meeting(s)

Friday 15th September at 2:15 p.m. in 7.27

A.O.B.

REACH - it was reported that this legislation may affect the supply of chemicals for synthesis and a seminar has been arranged on 6th July to discuss its implications

EMA, CD and others to attend

Extract rates in the glassblowing workshop need to be measured

Hole in wall in mechanical workshop leads to boiler room where work on asbestos lagging has taken place. EMA reports air monitoring has shown no asbestos in air in the boiler room

No cleaning services in the workshop

EMA to look into it

Support Services staff to be included on Inspection teams to look for electrical problems.

TG reported that the Fire Risk Assessment for the Brunswick Street building has been completed and a comprehensive report produced. He hopes to bring this to the next meeting.

Some fire extinguishers in the basement emergency cupboard were out of date

"PAT" and "Children in the Buildings" protocols have been passed by the Management Committee

There being no other business the meeting closed at 14:50 p.m.