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Science with and for Society: A Crystallographic Perspective

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Promoting and divulging science at all levels of education is a fundamental part of scientific activity, not the least in the field of crystallography. For this purpose, during the ECM in Basel in September 2016 GIG3 – The General Interest Group on Education in Crystallography was launched. The main objectives of GIG3 are the creation of a network for the efficient coordination of common activities and of new projects, and ultimately increasing the awareness of the general public about the existence, utility and versatility of crystallography as a field of study and application. Moreover, one aspect of the mission of a scientific association also includes the promotion of a positive culture among the next generations of scientists in order to overcome inequality issues, being them of gender, racial, religious or any other.

This presentation will outline some of the past and ongoing activities of the Group, and, more in general, the challenges that science and education (considered in its widest sense) are currently facing in terms of trust and in promoting a shared culture of equality.

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