

ISMS AND NSF: SOME HISTORY AND A LOOK FORWARD

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The International Symposium on Molecular Spectroscopy is celebrating its 75th anniversary, and the National Science Foundation recently celebrated its 70th. The two organizations have many confluences, and support from the NSF has enabled the research of many ISMS contributors. Both the Foundation and the Symposium have evolved over the years while adhering to their organizing principles. From the perspective of a former leader of the Mathematical and Physical Sciences Directorate of NSF (2013-2017) and a former Chief Operating Officer of NSF (2018-2021), I will discuss some of that history, the current state, and speculate on the future.