

International Meetings

April 7–11, **6th Meeting of the Federation of European Biochemical Societies**, Madrid (6th FEBS Meeting, Centro de Investigaciones Biológicas, Velazquez 144, Madrid 6, Spain).

April 15–16, **Biophysical Studies of Cell Membranes**, Birmingham (British Biophysical Society, c/o Institute of Biology, 41 Queens Gate, London SW7).

May 4–9, **Electrochemical Society Meeting**, New York (The Electrochemical Society, Inc., 30 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017, USA).

May 27–30, **3rd Congress of the European Thyroid Association**, Athens (Dr C. Beckers, Cliniques Universitaires St Pierre, 69, Brusselsestraat, Louvain, Belgium).

June 1–14, **Growth and Characterization of Electronic Materials**, Chania, Crete (E. D. Haidemenakis, 2 rue de Furstenberg, Paris 6^e, France).

June 2–3, **Polypeptides, their Chemical and Enzymatic Synthesis, their Role in Immunological Processes**, New York City (Dr Edward G. Bassett, Symposium Coordinator, Research Products Division, Miles Laboratories, Inc., Elkhart, Indiana 46514, USA).

June 4–6, **Automated Analysis**, Chicago (Jerome E. Golin, Technicon Corporation, Ardsley, New York 10502, USA).

June 5–11, **Forensic Sciences**, Toronto (Mr D. M. Lucas, Fifth International Meeting of Forensic Sciences, 8 Jarvis Street, Toronto 2, Ontario, Canada).

June 15–28, **Magnetism**, Chania, Crete (E. D. Haidemenakis, 2 rue de Furstenberg, Paris 6^e, France).

June 16–20, **Fuel Cells**, Brussels (Troisiemes Journées Internationales d'Etude des Piles a Combustible, SERAI, 1091 Chaussee d'Alseberg, Bruxelles 18, Belgium).

June 16–27, **Physics of Quantum Electronics**, Flagstaff, Arizona (S. F. Jacobs, Optical Sciences Center, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona 85721, USA).

June 30–July 1, **Fibres for Composites: Strength, Structure and Stability**, University of Sussex (Meetings Officer, Institute of Physics and the Physical Society, 47 Belgrave Square, London SW1).

June 30–July 3, **Computer Science and Technology**, Manchester (Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London WC2).

June 30–July 4, **Operational Research—Reliability**, Turin (Scientific Affairs Division, NATO, Brussels 39, Belgium).

July 7–11, **Operational Research—Cost Benefit Analysis**, The Hague (Scientific Affairs Division, NATO, Brussels 39, Belgium).

July 7–11, **Applications of Mass Spectrometry in Chemical Research**, Michigan (Engineering Summer Conferences, The University of Michigan, Chrysler Center, Department 265, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105, USA).

July 8–10, **Three Body Problem in Nuclear and Particle Physics**, Birmingham (Institute of Physics and the Physical Society, 47 Belgrave Square, London SW1).

July 14–19, **Optical Instruments and Techniques**, Reading (Dr A. Thetford, New Applied Physical Science Building, The University, Whiteknights, Reading, England).

July 15–16, **Enamine Chemistry**, Salford (Dr P. W. Hickmott, Department of Chemistry, University of Salford, Salford M5 4WT, England).

July 15–19, **Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy**, Birmingham (Dr John F. Gibson, Scientific Affairs Officer, The Chemical Society, Burlington House, London W1V 0BN).

BRITISH DIARY

Monday, January 6

INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS (at Savoy Place, London, WC2), at 5.30 p.m.—Dr K. W. Plessner: "Dielectrics for Energy Storage".

INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS (at Savoy Place, London, WC2), at 5.30 p.m.—Mr L. L. Freris and Mr A. M. Sasson: "An Investigation of the Load-Flow Problem".

INSTITUTION OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS, NUCLEAR ENERGY GROUP (at 1 Birdcage Walk, Westminster, London, SW1), at 6 p.m.—Discussion meeting on "Numerical Estimation of Reliability of Engineering Equipment".

SOCIETY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, LONDON SECTION; and the HEAVY ORGANIC CHEMICALS GROUP (at 14 Belgrave Square, London, SW1), at 6.30 p.m.—Dr R. J. Morley and Mr J. M. Swinstead: "Coal Chemicals, Past, Present and Future".

Tuesday, January 7

INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS (at Savoy Place, London, WC2)—Colloquium on "Engineering Applications of Spectral Analysis".

PHYTOCHEMICAL SOCIETY (at the School of Pharmacy, University of London)—Symposium on "Recent Work on Plant Products of Therapeutic Interest".

INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS (joint meeting with the Institute of Measurement and Control, and the Automatic Control Group of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, at Savoy Place, London, WC2), at 5.30 p.m.—Professor J. K. Royle: "Fluidics".

INSTITUTION OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS, RAILWAY ENGINEERING GROUP (at 1 Birdcage Walk, Westminster, London, SW1), at 6 p.m.—Discussion meeting on "New Materials and Techniques and their Effect on Design".

Tuesday, January 7—Wednesday, January 8

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (at the Institute)—Symposium on "Recent Advances in Inorganic Reaction Mechanisms".

Tuesday, January 7—Thursday, January 9

CHEMICAL SOCIETY (in the University Chemical Laboratory, Lensfield Road, Cambridge)—Symposium on "Orbital Symmetry Correlations in Organic Reactions".

Wednesday, January 8

SOCIETY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, FOOD GROUP (joint meeting with the Microbiology Group, at the Borough Polytechnic, London, SE1), at 6.15 p.m.—Symposium on "Microbiological Standards for Foods".

Wednesday, January 8—Thursday, January 9

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (at the Institute)—Symposium on "Adsorption from Solution".

Thursday, January 9

BRITISH BIOPHYSICAL SOCIETY, PHYSICAL BIOCHEMISTRY GROUP (at the Department of Biochemistry, University of Birmingham)—Meeting on "Structural Applications of Fluorescence Techniques".

MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY (at the Geological Society of London, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W1), at 5 p.m.—Anniversary Meeting. Professor G. M. Brown: "The Mineralogy of Layered Basic Intrusions".

INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS (at Savoy Place, London, WC2), at 5.30 p.m.—Mr D. T. Hollingsworth: "Underground Power Cables—Past, Present and Future" (Eleventh Hunter Memorial Lecture).

INSTITUTION OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS, EDUCATION AND TRAINING GROUP (at 1 Birdcage Walk, Westminster, London, SW1), at 6 p.m.—Discussion meeting on "Carcers Guidance".

Thursday, January 9—Friday, January 10

BIOCHEMICAL SOCIETY (at the University, Manchester)—490th Meeting. Colloquium on "Control of Carbohydrate Metabolism"; Discussion Forum on "Enzymic Processes Involved in Polynucleotide Biosynthesis"; Pharmacological Biochemistry Group Meeting on "Metabolic Fate of Compounds Bound to Plasma Proteins".

Friday, January 10

INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS, JOINT IEE/IERE COMPUTER GROUP (at Savoy Place, London, WC2)—Colloquium on "New Peripherals".

MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY; and the ROYAL MICROSCOPICAL SOCIETY (at the Geological Society of London, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W1)—Meeting on "Microscopic Techniques and their Application in Mineralogy and Ceramic Materials".

Monday, January 13

INSTITUTION OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS, MANUFACTURE AND MANAGEMENT GROUP (at 1 Birdcage Walk, Westminster, London, SW1), at 6 p.m.—Discussion meeting on "Making the Most of the Industrial Training Act".

REPORTS and other PUBLICATIONS

(not included in the monthly Books Supplement)

Great Britain and Ireland

Ministry of Health: Scottish Home and Health Department. Central Health Services Council: Scottish Health Services Council. Hospital Treatment of Acute Poisoning: Report of the Joint Sub-Committee of the Standing Medical Advisory Committees. Pp. 34. (London: H.M. Stationery Office, 1968.) 3s. 6d. net. [412]