

July 7–11, **New Horizons for Chemistry and Industry in the 1990's**, Lancaster (W. E. Cowley, The Associated Octol Company Limited, PO Box 17, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire).

July 8–10, **Rational Development and Application of Drugs**, Nijmegen (Organizing Committee, Symposium on the Rational Development and Application of Drugs, Department of Pharmacology, University of Nijmegen, Geert Grooteplein 21, Nijmegen, The Netherlands).

July 8–10, **Isotope Effects**, York (Dr John F. Gibson, Scientific Affairs Officer, The Chemical Society, Burlington House, London W1V 0BN).

July 14–18, **Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy**, Sheffield (AAS Conference Secretary, Society for Analytical Chemistry, 9–10 Savile Row, London W1).

July 14–19, **Optical Instruments and Techniques**, Reading (Dr A. Thetford, c/o Applied Optics, New Applied Physical Science Building, The University, Whiteknights, Reading, Berkshire, UK).

July 15–17, **Oral Pathology**, Johannesburg (Professor M. Shear, Conference Chairman, International Academy of Oral Pathology, Oral and Dental Hospital, Milner Park, Johannesburg, South Africa).

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

July 17–19, **Surface Area Determination**, Bristol (Professor D. H. Everett, School of Chemistry, University of Bristol, Bristol BS8 1TS, UK).

July 21–24, **Clustering Phenomena in Nuclei**, Bochum (P. Kramer, Theoretical Physics Department, Gartenstrasse 47, D 74 Tübingen, Germany).

July 22–24, **Synthetic Methods and Rearrangements in Alicyclic Chemistry**, Oxford (Dr John F. Gibson, Scientific Affairs Officer, The Chemical Society, Burlington House, London W1V 0BN).

July 24–28, **Neuroradiology**, Rio de Janeiro (Dr A. Tomax Rezende, Hospital dos Servidores do Estado, ZC-05 rua Sacadura Cebral 178, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil).

August 3–7, **Society for Cryobiology Annual Meeting**, Buffalo (Mr Richard E. Greco, Local Committee, Society for Cryobiology, 3175 Staley Road, Grand Island, New York 14072, USA).

August 25–29, **Formation and Organization of Human Motion**, Eindhoven (2nd International Seminar on Biomechanics, J. Vredendregt, Instituut voor Perceptie Onderzoek, Insulindelaan 2, Eindhoven, Holland).

Sabbatical Itinerants

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BRITISH DIARY

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".

Tuesday, January 14—Wednesday, January 15

ROYAL SOCIETY (at 6 Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1), at 9.30 a.m. daily—Discussion Meeting on "The Irish Sea" organized by Professor D. J. Crisp, FRS, and Mr J. W. Ramster, on behalf of the British National Committee on Oceanic Research.

Wednesday, January 15

INSTITUTE OF NAVIGATION (at the Royal Institution of Naval Architects, 10 Upper Belgrave Street, London, SW1), at 5 p.m.—Mr J. Watt: "Marine Radar Display Systems".

ROYAL METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY (at 49 Cromwell Road, London, SW7), at 5 p.m.—Scientific Papers.

INSTITUTE OF FUEL (at the Duke of York's HQ, Sloane Square, London, SW3), at 5.30 p.m.—Mr D. N. Simpson: "Modern Methods of Coal Production and Preparation".

INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS (at Savoy Place, London, WC2), at 5.30 p.m.—Mr J. Brennan: "Project Planning and Control".

INSTITUTION OF THE RUBBER INDUSTRY (at the Eccleston Hotel, Eccleston Square, London, SW1), at 5.30 p.m.—Mr R. P. Torr: "Marine Applications of Rubber"; Mr M. E. Cain: "Rubber-bound Antioxidants—a Solution to Leaching Problems".

INSTITUTION OF ELECTRONIC AND RADIO ENGINEERS, INSTRUMENTATION AND CONTROL GROUP (at 8–9 Bedford Square, London, WC1), at 6 p.m.—Discussion meeting on "Auto/Manual, and Back-up Control Problems in Plant Operation".

INSTITUTION OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS, APPLIED MECHANICS GROUP; and JOINT BRITISH COMMITTEE FOR STRESS ANALYSIS (at 1 Birdcage Walk, Westminster, London, SW1), at 6 p.m.—Discussion meeting on "Recent Techniques in Strain Measurement".

SOCIETY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS (in the Mechanical Engineering Department, Imperial College, London, SW7), at 6 p.m.—Mr J. H. A. Crockett: "The Environmental Problems in Civil Engineering Projects".

ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS (at John Adam Street, Adelphi, London, WC2), at 6 p.m.—Lord Ritchie-Calder, CBE: "Science and the Public" (Peter Le Neve Foster Lecture).

Wednesday, January 15—Thursday, January 16

INSTITUTION OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS, TRIBOLOGY AND PROCESS ENGINEERING GROUPS, at 1 Birdcage Walk, London, SW1—Symposium on "Lubrication in Hostile Environments".

Thursday, January 16

INSTITUTION OF MINING AND METALLURGY (at the Geological Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W1), at 5 p.m.—Professor F. M. Yokes: "Regional Metamorphism of the Palaeozoic Geosynclinal Sulphide Ore Deposits of Norway"; Dr A. C. Waltham: "Classification and Genesis of Some Massive Sulphide Deposits in Norway"; Mr M. P. Jones and Dr J. Gavrilovic: "Automatic Searching Unit for the Quantitative Location of Rare Phases by Electron-Probe X-ray Microanalysis".

INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS (at Savoy Place, London, WC2), at 5.30 p.m.—Mr E. W. Allwright: "The Work of the Organization for Legal Metrology".

SOCIETY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, ROAD AND BUILDING MATERIALS GROUP (at 14 Belgrave Square, London, SW1), at 6 p.m.—Mr W. G. Wilman and Mr L. Jenner: "Polymer Tar Blends for Surface Dressing".

ROYAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE (at Manson House, 26 Portland Place, London, W1), at 7.30 p.m.—Dr M. A. C. Dowling and Dr W. L. Barton: "Human Resources in Tropical Health Programmes—Some Aspects of Long-term Planning and Training" followed by a Discussion.

Friday, January 17

SOCIETY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, FINE CHEMICALS GROUP (at 14 Belgrave Square, London, SW1), at 6.30 p.m.—Professor R. R. Porter: "The Chemical Structure of Antibodies".

Monday, January 20

SOCIETY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, PESTICIDES GROUP (at the Royal Aeronautical Society, 4 Hamilton Place, London, W1), at 2.15 p.m.—Meeting on "Control of Insects in Stores of Home-Grown Grain".

INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS (at Savoy Place, London, WC2), at 5.30 p.m.—Captain G. Huggett, RN: "Computer Aided Instruction".

INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS (at Savoy Place, London, WC2), at 5.30 p.m.—Dr G. S. Brayshaw: "Kirchoff and After—120 Years of Network".

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON (at King's College, Strand, London, WC2), at 5.30 p.m.—Professor Sir Alistair Hardy: "Science and the Experimental Faith".

REPORTS and other PUBLICATIONS

(not included in the monthly Books Supplement)

Great Britain and Ireland

Ministry of Overseas Development. Report of the Anti-Locust Research Centre for 1967. Pp. iii + 36 + 4 plates. (London: H.M. Stationery Office, 1968. Available from the Anti-Locust Research Centre only.) 7s. net. [1112]

CHART (Co-operative Hereditary Abnormalities Research Team). Catalogue and Bibliography of Canine Genetic Anomalies. By Roy Robinson.