

International Meetings

April 22–30, **International Chemical and Petroleum Engineering Exhibition**, London (F. W. Bridges and Sons, Ltd, Commonwealth House, New Oxford Street, London WC1).

May 10, **Basic Genetics**—L. J. Stadler Memorial Symposium, Missouri (Dr G. Kimber, Department of Genetics, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri 65201, USA).

May 26–28, **52nd Chemical Conference of the Chemical Institute of Canada**, Montreal (Chemical Institute of Canada, 151 Slater Street, Ottawa 4, Ontario, Canada).

May 26–28, **Diversity and Stability in Ecological Systems**, New York (Symposium Committee, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Associated Universities Inc., Upton, LI, NY 11973, USA).

June 9–27, **Marine Geochemistry**, Rehovot (Weizmann Institute of Science, London Foundation Office, Rex House, 4/12 Regent Street, London SW1).

June 23–July 6, **Chemistry of Solid/Liquid Interfaces**, Cavtat (Professor B. Težak, Institute "Ruder Bošković", POB 171, Zagreb, Yugoslavia).

July 10, **Measurement and Mathematical Techniques in Combustion/Heat-Transfer Systems**, Leatherhead (Mr G. G. Thurlow, Director B, BCURA Industrial Laboratories, Randalls Road, Leatherhead, Surrey, UK).

July 13–16, **Physiology and Biochemistry of Muscle as a Food**, Wisconsin (Mr E. J. Briskey, Muscle Biology Laboratory, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin 53706, USA).

July 28–31, **Computational Physics**, Culham (Meetings Officer, The Institute of Physics and the Physical Society, 47 Belgrave Square, London SW1).

August 18–22, **Marine Biomedicals**, Oregon (Dr P. Catalfomo, School of Pharmacy, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon 97331, USA).

August 24–29, **Gasdynamics of Explosions and Reactive Systems**, Novosibirsk, USSR (International Academy of Astronauts of the International Astronautical Federation, 250 Rue Saint-Jacques, Paris 5, France).

August 25–29, **IXth International Embryological Conference**, Moscow (Professor A. S. G. Curtis, Department of Cell Biology, The University, Glasgow W2, UK).

September 1–5, **Hormones and the Environment**, Sheffield (Professor J. G. Phillips, Department of Zoology, University of Hull, or Dr G. K. Benson, Department of Veterinary Anatomy, University of Liverpool).

September 3–5, **Product Development and Manufacturing Technology**, Glasgow (Mr R. J. Brown, Information Officer, University of Strathclyde, George Street, Glasgow C1).

BRITISH DIARY

Monday, April 28

SOCIETY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, FOOD GROUP (in the Congress Theatre, Eastbourne), at 2.30 p.m.—Meeting on "The Influence of Food Technology on the Changing Patterns in the Catering Industry".

INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS (at Savoy Place, London, WC2), at 5.30 p.m.—Mr W. Kemp: "Educational Television".

Tuesday, April 29

INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS (at Savoy Place, London, WC2)—Colloquium on "Distributed Parameter Systems".

CIBA FOUNDATION (at the Royal Institute of British Architects, 66 Portland Place, London, W1), at 5 p.m.—Professor Giuseppe Moruzzi (University of Pisa): "Sleep and Instinctive Behaviour" (21st (annual) Ciba Foundation Lecture).

SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS (at Hanover Grand Film Theatre, 6 Hanover Street, London, W1), at 5.15 p.m.—Sir Christopher Cockerell, CBE, FRSE: "Developments in Hovercraft"; Film—"The Last Great Journey on Earth".

INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS (at Savoy Place, London, WC2), at 5.30 p.m.—Dr I. R. Smith and Mr P. A. Nisar: "A Brushless Self-excited Three-phase Synchronous Machine".

INSTITUTION OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS, AUTOMATIC CONTROL GROUP (joint meeting with the Institution of Electrical Engineers, at 1 Birdcage Walk, London, SW1), at 6 p.m.—Discussion meeting on "Systems Approach as a Basis for Engineering Education".

Wednesday, April 30

BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL FEDERATION, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON (at the Institute of Child Health, 30 Guilford Street, London, WC1), at 5.30 p.m.—Dr J. G. Humble: "Leukaemias" (last of three lectures on "The Scientific Basis of Dentistry").

INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS (at Savoy Place, London, WC2), at 5.30 p.m.—Discussion meeting on "Transistor Microwave Power Amplifiers".

INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS (at Savoy Place, London, WC2), at 5.30 p.m.—Mr G. H. Hickling, Mr A. I. Winder: "Surge Transfer through Transformer Generator Units"; Mr E. L. White: "Surge Transference Characteristics of Generator Transformer Installations".

SOCIETY FOR ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY, MICROCHEMICAL METHODS GROUP (at "The Feathers", Tudor Street, London, EC4), at 6.30 p.m.—Discussion meeting on "The Use of Instruments in the Analysis of Organic Materials" introduced by Mr A. G. Jones.

SOCIETY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, OILS AND FATS GROUP (at 14 Belgrave Square, London, SW1), at 6.30 p.m.—Dr B. J. F. Hudson: "The Changing Scene in Lipid Research".

Thursday, May 1

ROYAL SOCIETY (at 6 Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1), at 4.30 p.m.—Dr F. Sanger, FRSE: "Sequences in Nucleic Acids".

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON (in the Chemistry Theatre, Gower Street, London, WC1), at 5.30 p.m.—Dr C. A. Vernon: "Bee Venom" (Inaugural Lecture).

INSTITUTE OF REFRIGERATION (at the National College for Heating, Ventilating, Refrigeration and Fan Engineers, Southwark Bridge Road, London, SE1), at 6 p.m.—Dr M. E. Darlington: "The Use of Liquid Nitrogen in the Field of Refrigeration".

SOCIETY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, MICROBIOLOGY GROUP (at the Constitution Club, 86 St James's Street, London, SW1), at 6 p.m.—Annual General Meeting, followed by discussion meeting on "The Proper Aims of the Microbiology Group".

SOCIETY OF COSMETIC CHEMISTS OF GREAT BRITAIN (at the Royal Society of Arts, John Adam Street, London, WC2), at 7.30 p.m.—Mr Leonard Matchan: "An Industrialist Looks at the Cosmetic Industry" (Medal Lecture).

Friday, May 2

ROYAL INSTITUTION, PHOTOCHEMISTRY DISCUSSION GROUP (at 21 Albemarle Street, London, W1), at 1 p.m.—Dr J. F. McKellar: "Photochemical Problems in the Dyestuff Industry".

ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY (at Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W1), at 3 p.m.—Geophysical Discussion on "Anisotropy in the Upper Mantle". Chairman: Dr H. I. S. Thirlaway.

INSTITUTION OF ELECTRONIC AND RADIO ENGINEERS, JOINT IEE/IERE COMPUTER GROUPS (at the Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London, WC2), at 5.30 p.m.—Discussion meeting on "Why Computer Grid?"

Monday, May 5

INSTITUTE OF PHYSICS and the PHYSICAL SOCIETY (at the Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London, WC2)—Conference on "Organization and Management of Research and Development".

INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS (at Savoy Place, London, WC2), at 5.30 p.m.—Mr S. S. D. Jones: "VLF Navigation".

SOCIETY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, FINE CHEMICALS GROUP (at 14 Belgrave Square, London, SW1), at 6.30 p.m.—Dr R. E. Bowman: "Profadol—a New Potent Analgesic".

Sabbatical Itinerants

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