

announcements

Meetings

20 September, **Materials Selection in Food Processing**, London (The Institution of Metallurgists, Northway House, Whetstone, London N20, UK).

20–21 September, **Safety Aspects of Instrumentation**, London (Beverly Humphrey, Scientific Symposia Ltd, 33/35 Bowling Green Lane, London, EC1, UK).

20–23 September, **Optics '78**, Bath (Mrs D. L. Harmer, Royal Greenwich Observatory, Hertsmonceux Castle, Hailsham, Sussex, UK).

20–22 September, **Complex Metallurgy 1978**, Clausthal-Zellerfeld (The Institution of Mining and Metallurgy, 44 Portland Place, London W1, UK).

24–29 September, **29th Annual Session American Association for Laboratory Animal Science**, New York (AALAS, Dr Alfred G. Edward, Wayne State University, 540 E. Canfield, Detroit, Michigan 48201).

25–27 September, **The Immune System: Function and Therapy of Dysfunction** (Serono Symposia, Via Casilina, 125, 00176 Rome, Italy).

25–27 September, **The Skin of Vertebrates, London** (Linnean Society of London, Burlington House, London W8, UK).

25–27 September, **AGU Midwest Meeting**, St Louis (AGU, 1909 K St. N.W. Washington D.C. 20006).

25–28 September, **6th International Symposium on the Chemistry and Biology of Pteridines**, La Jolla (G. M. Brown, MIT, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139).

25–29 September, **12th International Symposium on Chromatography**, Baden-Baden (Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker, Geschäftsstelle, Abteilung Fachgruppen, Postfach 90 04 40, 6000 Frankfurt/Main 90, FRG).

25–29 September, **Trends in Physics**, York (The Institute of Physics, 47 Belgrave Square, London SW1, UK).

25–29 September, **3rd International Congress on Noise as a Public Health Problem**, Freiberg (Jerry V. Tobias, Institut für Arbeits- und Sozialmedizin Universitätsklinikum, Johannes Gutenberg Universität, Obere Zahlbacher Strasse 67, D-6500 Mainz, FRG).

25 September–1 October, **Palaeontological Association**, Maastricht (DR D. G. Montagne, Natuurhistorisch Museum, Bosquetplein 7, Maastricht, The Netherlands).

27–29 September, **Wave and Tidal Energy**, Canterbury (BHRA Fluid Engineering, Cranfield, Bedford, UK).

28–29 September, **AGU 25th Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting**, Tacoma (Z. F. Danes, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington 98416).

Reports and publications

UK & Ireland—July

The Computer and Society. By Tom Crowe and John Hywel Jones. Pp. 16. (Fabian Tract 457.) (London: The Fabian Society, 11 Dartmouth Street, SW1, 1978.) 50p. [247]

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