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## Calendar of Meetings

### 1994

#### 12–13 October

**International Centre for Diffraction Data Fall Technical Meetings**, ICDD Headquarters, Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, USA. [Contact: Ms. Josephine Felizzi, International Centre for Diffraction Data, Newtown Square Corporate Campus, 12 Campus Boulevard, Newtown Square, PA 19073, USA. Phone (610) 325-9814].

#### December 1994

**Materials Research Society Fall Meeting**, Boston, Massachusetts, USA. [Contact: Materials Research Society, Meetings Department, 9800 McKnight Road, Suite 327, Pittsburgh, PA 15237, USA. Phone (412) 367-3003; FAX (412) 367-4373].

### 1995

#### 23–28 July

**Annual Meeting of the American Crystallographic Association**, Montreal, Canada. [Contact: M. Cygler, Local Chair,

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#### 6–11 August

**Sixteenth European Crystallographic Meeting (ECM-16)**, Lund, Sweden. The meeting is intended as a forum for interdisciplinary contacts between all diverse subfields of crystallography. The programme committee is anxious to attract all types of crystallographic contributions. [Contact: Ake Oskarsson (Chairman of the Organizing Committee), Department of Inorganic Chemistry 1, Chemical Center, Lund University, P.O. Box 124, S-221 00 Lund, Sweden. Phone: Int+46 46 108102. E-mail: Ake.Oskarsson@INORGK1.LU.SE].

### 1996

#### 8–17 August

**Seventeenth IUCr General Assembly and International Congress of Crystallography**, Seattle, Washington, USA. [Contact: Professor R. F. Bryan, Department of Chemistry, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA 22903, USA].

## Book Reviews

### METAL & ALLOYS INDEXES

*International Centre for Diffraction Data, Swarthmore, PA, \$500.00.*

The ICDD recently published a new set of indexes for the Metals & Alloys subfile of the Powder Diffraction File (PDF). The new Metals & Alloys Indexes consist of an Alphabetical Formula Index, a Pearson Symbol Code Index, a Common Names Index, and a Strukturbericht Symbol In-

dex. No data from the database are included. The indexes are intended primarily for use with the Powder Diffraction File sets 1-41 (more than 10 000 patterns), but could also be used in conjunction with other databases such as the Crystal Data File or Crystmet.

While this set of indexes serves as a time-saving entry to the Metals & Alloys subfile of the PDF, none is a PDF search manual. Instead, crystallographic information is given so that searches on structure and structure data can be conveniently