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Calendar of Meetings

17–21 March 1997

International Centre for Diffraction Data Annual Spring Meeting. Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, USA [Contact: Linda Shertz, International Centre for Diffraction Data, 12 Campus Boulevard, Newtown Square, PA 19073-3273, USA, Tel: 1 (610) 325 9814; Fax: 1 (610) 325 9823; E-mail: Shertz@ICDD.com]

31 March–4 April 1997

Spring 1997 Meeting of the Materials Research Society. San Francisco, California, USA. The 9th International Symposium on the structure and properties of magnetic ultrathin films, multilayers, and surfaces. [Contact: Materials Research Society, E-mail: info@mrs.org]

14–18 April 1997

British Crystallographic Assoc. Annual Spring Meeting. Leeds, England [Contact: Dr. Mark Thornton-Pett, School of Chemistry, University of Leeds, Leeds LS32 9JT, England, Tel: 44 (113) 233 6423; Fax: 44 (113) 233 6565; E-mail: chm6mtp@cif.leeds.ac.uk]

21–23 April 1997

EUROMAT 97 5th Conference of the Federation of European Materials Societies. Maastricht, The Netherlands [Contact: EUROMAT 97, P.O. Box 390, NL 3330 AJ Zwijndrecht, The Netherlands. Tel: 31 78 619 2655, Fax: 31 78 619 5735; E-mail: bvm@metropolis.nl]

25–28 May 1997

EPDIC-5 Fifth European Powder Diffraction Conference. Parma, Italy [Contact: Prof. G. Artioli, Dipartimento di Science della Terra, Università di Milano, Via Botticelli 23, I-20133 Milano, Italy. Tel: 39 (2) 2369 8320; Fax: 39 (2) 7063 8681; E-mail: artioli@iummi4.terra.unimi.it]

15–21 June 1997

ICC 97 Eleventh International Clay Conference. Ottawa, Canada [Contact: Dr. Jeanne Percival, Geological Survey of Canada, 601 Booth Street, Ottawa, ON, Canada K1A 0E8. Fax: 1 613 943-1287; E-mail: icc97@gsc.emr.ca]

24–27 June

Fifth International Symposium on Pharmaceutical Sciences. Ankara, Turkey [Contact: Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Ankara, 06100 Ankara, Turkey. E-mail: ankpharm@pharmacy.ankara.edu.tr; Info: <http://www.pharmacy.ankara.edu.tr>]

14–18 July 1997

ICCM-11 Eleventh International Conference on Composite Materials. Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia [Contact: Prof. Murray L. Scott, RMIT Fishermen's Bend, GPO Box 2476V, Melbourne, Victoria 3001, Australia. Tel: 61 (3) 9645 1149; Fax: 61 (3) 9645 1027; E-mail: acss@aero.rmit.edu.au; Info: <http://www.acss.aero.rmit.edu.au/iccm-11>]

20–27 July 1997

ACA '97 American Crystallographic Association Annual Spring Meeting. St. Louis, Missouri, USA [Contact: Prof. Lee Brammer, Department of Chemistry, University of Missouri/St. Louis, 8001 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis, MO 63121-4499, USA. Tel: 1 (314) 553-5345; Fax: 1 (314)-553-5342; E-mail: Lee.Brammer@umsl.edu]

August 1997 (tentative)

International Centre for Diffraction Data Technical Meetings. Steamboat Springs, Colorado, USA [Contact: Linda Shertz, International Centre for Diffraction Data, 12 Campus Boulevard, Newtown Square, PA 19073-3273, USA. Tel: 1 (610) 325 9814; Fax: 1 (610) 325-9823; E-mail: Shertz@ICDD.com]

4–8 August 1997

46th Annual Denver X-ray Conference. Steamboat Springs, Colorado, USA [Contact: Paul Predecki or Carole Collier, Department of Engineering, University of Denver, Denver, CO 80208, USA. Tel: 1 (303) 871 3515; Fax: 1 (303) 871 3515; Fax: 1 (303) 871 4450; E-mail: denxrcon@du.edu; Homepage: <http://www.engr.du.edu>]

17–21 August

OCC 97 Tenth Symposium on Organic Crystal Chemistry. Rydzyna, Poznan, Poland [Contact: Prof. Urszula Rychlewska, Faculty of Chemistry, A. Mickiewicz University, Grunwaldzka 6, 60-780 Poznan, Poland. Tel: 48 (61) 699 181 ext 489; Fax: 48 (61) 658 008; E-mail: OCC97@plpuam11.amu.edu.pl]

24–28 August 1997

ECM-17 European Crystallographic Meeting. Instituto Superior Técnico. Lisboa, Portugal [Contact: ECM-17 Secretariat, Dept. Engenharia Quimica, Instituto Superior Técnico, Av. Rovisco Pais, 1096 Lisboa, Portugal, Tel: 351 (1) 442 6246 ext 237/341; Info: <http://alfa.ist.utl.pt/ecm-17>; E-mail: romao@itqb.unl.pt]

25–28 August 1997

17th Conference on Applied Crystallography, Cieszyn, Poland [Contact: Prof. H. Morawiec, Institute of Physics and Chemistry of Metals, University of Silesia, Bankowa 12, 40-007 Katowice, Poland. Tel: 48 (32) 596 929; Fax: 48 (32) 599 605; E-mail: dana@uscetoul.cto.us.edu.pl]

27 August–3 September 1997

APERIODIC '97 International Conference on Aperiodic Crystals. Palais des Sports et des Congres, Alpe d'Huez (close to Grenoble), France [Contact: Aperiodic '97 Secretariat, Attn, Mme. B. Aubert, Institut Laue-Langevin, BP

156, 38042 Grenoble Cedex 9, France, Tel: (33)76-20-70-08, Fax: (33)76-48-39-06; after 18 Oct 96, Tel: (33)04-76-20-70-08, Fax: (33)04-76-48-39-06; E-mail: aprd97@ill.fr; Info: http://www.inpg.fr/ltpcm/aprd97/aprd97_1.html]

8–18 September 1997

Fifth Oxford Summer School in Neutron Scattering, Oxford, UK [Contact: Prof. B. T. M. Willis, Chemical Crystallography Laboratory, 9 Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3PD, UK. Tel: 44 (1865) 270 833; Fax: 44 (1865) 272 690; or Dr. C. J. Carlile, ISIS Pulsed Source, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Chilton, Didcot, OX1 0QX, UK. Tel: 44 (1235) 445 684; Fax: 44 (1235) 445 383; E-mail: cjc@isise.rl.ac.uk].

8–15 July 1998

IMA '98 17th General Meeting of the International Mineralogical Association. Toronto, ON, Canada

4–13 August 1999

18th IUCr General Assembly and International Congress of Crystallography, Glasgow, Scotland [Contact: Dr. C. J. Gilmore, Department of Chemistry, University of Glasgow, Glasgow G12 8QQ, Scotland. Tel: 44(141)339-8855, Fax: 44(141)330-4418; E-mail: chris@Fcrystal.glasgow.ac.uk or Prof. J. A. K. Howard, University of Durham, Department of Chemistry, South Road, Durham DH1 3LE, England. Tel: 44(191)374-1617, Fax: 44(191)374-3745; E-mail: j.a.k.howard@durham.ac.uk]

Regional Reports

Colloquium on Materials Structure Characterization Techniques. Jaroslav Fiala, Central Research Institute, SKODA, 316 Plzen, Czech Republic

Colloquium "Materials Structure Characterization Techniques," organized by the Czech and Slovak Crystallographic Association (CSCA) were held 24–28 June 1996 at Stare Hamry, Czech Republic.

The contributions were classified into four categories: crystallography in materials science and mineralogy; crystallography in chemistry and biology; crystallography in physics; and surfaces and thin layers. In all, 32 oral contributions and 24 posters were presented at the colloquium of which namely "Principles of Some Modern Deconvolution Methods" (M. Cernansky), "Diffraction Tensometric Characterization of Non-Conventional Methods Separation" (N. Ganev and I. Kraus), "Applications of X-ray Diffraction in Medicine" (D. Krausova), "X-ray Study of Chemical Reaction" (L. Benes *et al.*), "X-ray Diffraction Study of Silver Films Deposited by R. F. Reactive Sputtering" (P. Tutta, Q. Jackuliak *et al.*), "Notes to the Methods and Interpretation of Phase and Structure Analysis of Hydroxylapatite" (A. Buchal), "X-ray Diffraction Profile Analysis for Polymer Mixtures" (M. Hork, J. Baldrian) were of direct concern of

powder diffraction. In addition to this, a number of other contributions aroused the interest of attendees, like "Possibilities of Phase Analysis at the Interpretation of Electron Diffraction Patterns" (Z. Novy), "Possibilities of Modern Transmission Microscopy" (A. Orlova), "LEED in Surface Crystallography" (I. Barto), "Use of Ion Back Scattering for Study of Crystal and Real Structure of Materials" (D. Machajdik), "Application of NMR Spectroscopy for Study of 3D-Structure of Biopolymers" (V. Sklenar) and "X-ray Crystallography in Czech Pharmaceutical Industry" (B. Kratochvil). Proceedings of the colloquium, edited by P. Kuel, were published as two separate issues of the third volume of the journal "Materials Structure in Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Technology" (280 pp. together) and delivered to the attendees upon registration. Scientific instruments exhibition, annual meeting of CSCA members, a trip to the surrounding Beskydy mountains, and a farewell party completed the program which was enjoyed by some 80 participants (mostly from the Czech and Slovak Republics) who expressed their satisfaction to both the Organizing Committee (chaired by D. Krausova and J. Kamenicek) and the Program Committee (chaired by J. Hajek and R. Kuzel).