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### Books Received

*The following books have been received by the Editor. Brief and generally uncritical notices are given of works of marginal crystallographic interest; occasionally, a book of fundamental interest is included under this heading because of difficulty in finding a suitable reviewer without great delay.*

**Crystallography across the sciences.** Edited by H. SCHENK. Chester: International Union of Crystallography; Copenhagen: Munksgaard, 1998. Pp. iii + 269. Price US \$25.00. ISBN 87-16-16327-3. This volume is a hardback reprint of the special commemorative issue of *Acta Crystallographica* [Vol. A54, (1998), Part 6, Number 1]. The reviews celebrate 50 years of the journal and the IUCr. Additional details on contributors and topics covered may be found in the advertisement on the outside back cover of the March 1999 issue of the journal.

**Ultrafast dynamics of quantum systems. Physical processes and spectroscopic techniques.** NATO ASI Series B: Physics, Vol. 372. Edited by BALDASSARE DI BARTOLO. New York: Plenum Press, 1998. Pp. xii + 725. Price US \$140.00 ISBN 0-306-45929-9. The book presents the Proceedings of the course of the same name, organized by the International School of Atomic and Molecular Spectroscopy of the 'Ettore Majorana' Centre for Scientific Culture, and held in Erice, Italy, from 15 to 30 June 1997. Topics covered include 'the study of ultrafast phenomena, such as nonequilibrium phonon effects, evolution of excitations at surfaces, dynamics of electrons in semiconductors and metals, rapid conformational changes in molecules and optical control of the quantum states of molecules and solids'.

**Crystallography.** By D. SCHWARZENBACH. Pp. ix + 241. Chichester: John Wiley & Sons Ltd, 1996. Price £65. ISBN 0-471-95598-1. This is a translation into English, by Professor Alan Pinkerton, of the author's French language *Cristallographie*, published in 1993 and reviewed in this journal by Professor François Brisse [*Acta Cryst.* (1994), **A50**, 652].

**Einfuehrung in die kristallographie**, 18th edition. By W. KLEBER† with H.-J. BAUTSCH and J. BOHM. Berlin: Verlag Technik, 1998. Pp. 416. Price not given. ISBN 3-341-01205-2. Despite the '*stark bearbeitete Auflage*' attached to this edition, the differences between it and the 17th edition of this stalwart text are quite minor, with only a few new figures and paragraphs.