the meeting (three working days) little
time was allotted to each paper and three
simultaneous sessions had to be organized,
with typically six papers in a 75
minute session. Most chairmen used
about half the allotted time for short
presentations and the remainder for dis-
cussion. This made the sessions more
coherent, but made it difficult to attend
selected papers in different sessions.

However, even though an ideal format
for such a meeting was not reached in
Bordeaux, a serious attempt was made
to eliminate the drudgery of a long in-
coherent succession of short contributed
papers. Equally important, the atmos-
phere at the meeting was exciting, many
new contacts were established and one
came away with the feeling that conti-

cent-wide collaboration between crys-
tallographers in Europe had received a
boost which can only be beneficial.

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Crystallographers

This section is intended to be a series of short
paragraphs dealing with the activities of crys-
tallographers, such as their changes of posi-
tion, promotions, assumption of significant new
duties, honours, etc. Items for inclusion, sub-
ject to the approval of the Editorial Board, should be
sent to the Executive Secretary of the International Union of
Crystallography (J. N. King, International Union of Crystallography,
13 White Friars, Chester CH1
1NZ, England).

Professor Charles A. Coulson died on
Monday, January 7th. His very varied
career, which included appointments in
mathematics, physics, chemistry and even a year of research in biology, re-
 reflects his wide and absorbing interest in
the mathematical understanding of the
structure of matter and particularly
of molecules. His influence on chemical
crystallography was intimate and pro-
found. For years, crystallographers have
brought results of all accurate structure
analyses to Charles Coulson and have
taken from his a new understanding of
their observations and new ideas for re-
search. He was a remarkably lucid lec-
turer, who spoke all over the world on
scientific problems, and on science and
religion. Yet he seemed to be always at
home in Oxford for those who needed
him. He held the Rouse Ball chair of
applied mathematics at Oxford from
1952 to 1972 and then, in the last years
of his life, became in name what he had
long been in fact, the University’s first
Professor of Theoretical Chemistry.

Professor E. C. Lingafelter succeeds
R. A. Young as President of the Ameri-

can Crystallographic Association for
1974. Dr M. H. Mueller will continue
to serve as Secretary of A.C.A. until the
end of 1975. Dr R. D. Burbank and Dr
C. N. Caughlan have been elected
Vice-President and Treasurer, re-

spective for 1974.

Professor A. C. T. North has been ap-
pointed to the Chair of Biophysics and
Head of the Astbury Department of Bi-
ophysics at the University of Leeds. Pre-
viously he was a Senior Research Officer
in the Laboratory of Molecular Bio-
physics at the University of Oxford.

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Crystallography

Commission on
Crystallographic Computing

Call for Material for Supplement
to the Third Edition of the
World List of Crystallographic
Computer Programs

The third edition of the World List of
Crystallographic Computer Programs
has been published in the Journal of
Applied Crystallography (1973), 6 (4),
pp. 309–346. The required
information for submission of programs to this list
was first described in an announcement
[Acta Cryst. (1971), A27 (4), 393–396],
and again as part of the World List.

Since a large number of useful crystallo-
graphic computer programs were
not included in the third edition, the
Commission on Crystallographic Com-
puting has decided to publish supple-
ments to the list on an annual basis,
until such time as a completely new list
is required. This work is done for the
benefit of crystallographers in general,
and to avoid any wasteful duplication of

This relatively small book is rather of
the nature of a final research report of
the author’s own extensive work concern-
ing the examination of polished sections
of some 350 meteoritic stones. As the title
indicates, the interest here is not in the
dominant silicate minerals but in the
less abundant opaque or semi-opaque
minerals and the emphasis is on the

domestic meteorites. By PAUL RAMDOHR.

Pp. 245, Plates 70. Amsterdam:
Elsevier, 1973. Price f 65 (about
U.S. $ 25.20).

Notes and News

Announcements and other items of crystallo-
graphic interest will be published under this head-
ing at the discretion of the Editorial Board. The
notes (in duplicate) should be sent to the Exec-
utive Secretary of the International Union of
Crystallography (J. N. King, International Union
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The Montpellier Documentation Centre
has just issued a new index of French
industrial and university laboratories
which produce mineral crystals. This
index supersedes the index prepared in
1967.

This index may be obtained by send-
ing the sum of three francs (postage-
stamps) or four international reply
coupons to Professor Vergnoux, Centre
de Documentation sur les Synthèses
Cristallines, Université des Sciences et
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Book Reviews

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of York, Heslington, York Y01 5DD, England).
As far as practicable books will be reviewed in a
country different from that of publication.

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