

Notes and News

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International Union of Crystallography

World List of Crystallographic Computing Programs

The Commission on Crystallographic Computing is compiling a list of existing computer programs relating to crystallography and associated subjects. Information for this list, which is being prepared under the general editorship of D. Shoemaker (M.I.T., Cambridge, Mass., U.S.A.), is solicited in the form already adopted for the Computer Program Listing of the American Crystallographic Association.

All programs reported for the ACA list by 1 January 1962 will be automatically included. Present entries in that list should be made complete as to status, availability, and (where desirable) a short abstract. Other programs should be reported by 1 January 1962 in a prescribed form. Instructions and forms for this purpose are available from the appropriate machine consultant or regional correspondent, as listed below, to whom application should be made.

- S. Åsbrink (Inst. of Inorg. and Phys. Chem., U. of Stockholm, Kungstengatan 45, Stockholm, Sweden): *Scandinavia*.
- D. W. J. Cruickshank (Chemistry Dept., U. of Leeds, Leeds, England): *PEGASUS*.
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- D. Rogers (Imperial College, U. of London, London S.W. 7, England): *ZEBRA; Australia, New Zealand; Union of South Africa; U.K.*
- J. S. Rollett (Computing Lab., U. of Oxford, South Parks Road, Oxford, England): *DEUCE, MERCURY*.
- D. Sayre (Res. Lab., IBM Corp., Yorktown Heights, N.Y., U.S.A.): *Canada, U.S.A.*
- D. W. Smits (Mathematisch Inst., U. of Groningen, Reitdiepskade 4, Groningen, Netherlands): *Belgium, Netherlands*.
- Y. Takéuchi (Dept. of Mineralogy, U. of Tokyo, Motofujimachi, Bunkyo, Tokyo, Japan): *Japan*.

All enquiries not specified above should be made to the Chairman of the Commission on Crystallographic Computing, G. A. Jeffrey, (Cryst. Lab., U. of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh 13, Pa., U.S.A.).

Pittsburgh Diffraction Conference

The annual Pittsburgh Diffraction Conference will be held at Mellon Institute, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1-3 November 1961. Sessions will be devoted to metals and alloys, instrumentation, structures, polymers and fibers, refractories, and electron probe including special sessions on electron diffraction and X-ray diffraction microscopy. The evening meeting will be addressed by Dr Peter J. W. Debye, emeritus professor of chemistry, Cornell University. Further information can be obtained from T. B. Massalski, Mellon Institute, 4400 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

International Conference on Scientific Information in the Field of Crystallography and Solid-State Physics

Nishinomiya (near Osaka), Japan, 3-4 October 1961

A conference under the above title is being planned by the Crystallographic Society of Japan, to be held at the Department of Chemistry, Kwansai Gakuin University, Nishinomiya, Japan, during the week after the International Conference on Magnetism and Crystallography in Kyoto.

Useful data of interest in crystallography and solid-state physics are now being published in various languages in a great number of periodicals and other publications. Since a number of organizations are making abstracts and collecting data from those materials in suitable forms for different purposes, it is highly desirable for workers engaged in this task to meet and discuss topics of common interest.

The conference will be arranged broadly under two subjects: (a) information on periodicals and other publications of interest written in languages not appearing in *Acta Crystallographica* or in other international journals; and (b) collecting data from electron and neutron-diffraction sources.

A small number of people are invited to present papers on the two subjects, and it is hoped that preprints will be available at the time of the meeting.

Further information can be obtained from Professor T. Watanabé, Department of Physics, Osaka University, Nakanoshima, Osaka, Japan.