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Report of Executive Committee for 1961

Personal notes

The Executive Committee regrets to report that in 1961 the community of crystallographers lost three senior members: Professor William Thomas Astbury (4 June), Sir Kariamanikkam Srinivasan Krishnan (14 June) and Professor Carl Hermann (12 September); and it wishes to express its sympathy with the British, the Indian and the German crystallographers in their loss of these scientists. Professor Krishnan was a member of the Executive Committee during the triennium 1951-1954, and participated in this capacity in the work of the Union. The Union is also indebted to Professor Hermann, who was editor of the original Internationale Tabellen zur Bestimmung von Kristallstrukturen, the precursor of the present International Tables for X-ray Crystallography. Obituaries devoted to Professors Astbury, Krishnan and Hermann were published in Nature (1961), 191, 331, 541; 192, 604. Reference may also be made to an obituary published in ICSU Review (1961), 3, 211, in which Professor Krishnan's role in various international organizations has been recalled.

On 18 December the 70th birthday of the Vice-President of the Union, Academician N. V. Belov, was officially celebrated at the Soviet Academy of Sciences; and he was awarded the order of Lenin.

Meetings

By invitation of the Science Council of Japan, the Union participated, through its Commission on Electron Diffraction, in an International Symposium on Electron and Neutron Diffraction, which was held as Part II of an International Conference on Magnetism and Crystallography in Kyoto, Japan, from 25 to 30 September. During thirteen morning, afternoon and evening sessions 118 invited and contributed papers were read. Two of these sessions were actually joint sessions with Part I of the Conference, and devoted to neutron-diffraction studies of magnetic materials. The Conference was attended by about 600 Japanese and 225 foreign scientists; and the approximate ratio of those mainly interested in Parts I and II respectively amounted to 3 to 1.