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Interested crystallographers are requested to contact any one of the following:

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A copy of a preliminary compilation can be obtained from Dr N. M. Butt.


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Book Reviews

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This volume is the latest in a series containing the lectures given at Summer Schools sponsored by the IUCr Commission on Crystallographic Computing. The text of some 34 presentations, as well as a number of brief contributions by participants, is included, covering many aspects of crystallographic computing. Any crystallographer browsing through the index will recognise the names of many accepted experts in the field. It would be impossible within the space constraints of this review to comment in detail on every paper, so a brief description of the sections of the book will be given.

The first section, quite logically, is entitled Data measurement and processing. The reader is given a quick overview of diffractometer control techniques, and some of the more up-to-date methods of data collection in a couple of chapters by W. Clegg. H. D. Flack then looks at the correction of data for systematic effects. These chapters are bracketed by descriptions of topics that are less routinely available; the use of area detectors by U. W. Arndt, and a description of the data collection systems at the 'Photon Factory', a synchrotron radiation facility at Tsukuba, Japan.

Solution techniques covers a wide range of techniques. J. E. Johnson describes the application of Patterson methods to the structures of proteins. H. Shenk and his co-workers present three chapters on structure invariants and semi-invariants, covering an introduction to triplets and quartets, and their generation and application in symbolic addition programs such as SIMPEL. Multi-solution methods, as exemplified by the MULTAN family of routines, are described by M. M. Woolfson. The final three chapters in this section are devoted to macromolecules,