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Structure Reports

Volume 48B of *Structure Reports* has recently been published. It is in two parts (vi+772 and vi+1080 pages) and covers the literature for organic compounds (including organometallic compounds) for 1981. The price of the new volume is 510 Netherlands guilders for subscribers with standing orders. The full price for individual copies is 600 guilders but personal subscribers may buy a copy for their own use at 300 guilders. Orders for this publication may be placed direct with the publishers, D. Reidel Publishing Company, PO Box 17, 3300 AA Dordrecht, The Netherlands, with Polycrystal Book Service, PO Box 27, Western Springs, IL 60558, USA, or with any bookseller.

The last volume printed in this series was Volume 46B, for 1980. Volume 47B will be the cumulative index for the years 1971-1980 inclusive.

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Appointments in the IUCr Office

Dr D. W. Penfold resigned as Technical Editor and Computer Manager last year. Dr Penfold joined the International Union of Crystallography staff in 1971 as Assistant Technical Editor. He was appointed Technical Editor for *Acta Crystallographica* and the *Journal of Applied Crystallography* on Mr Stephen Bryant's retirement in 1975. Other publications for which he was Technical Editor are *Anomalous Scattering*, published in 1975, and the *International Tables for Crystallography*, Volume A, published in 1983. He brought great enthusiasm to all aspects of his work and was soon investigating the feasibility of in-house composition for *Acta Crystallographica* and the *Journal of Applied Crystallography*. Following this study he became involved with the acquisition of a computer for the Chester office, and with developing the necessary associated software. His position was redesignated in 1983 as Technical Editor and Computer Manager in recognition of his contributions in this area. He has recently been investigating various electronic means for the centralized checking of papers submitted for publication in the Union's journals - especially the checking of structural data in conjunction

with the organic/organometallic database at Cambridge and the inorganic database at Bonn. His increased interest in such advanced publication techniques, particularly the use of machine-readable data in printing that is currently being considered for Volumes B and C of *International Tables*, led him to submit his resignation and accept the joint post of Technical Director of H. Charlesworth & Co, the present printer of *Journal of Applied Crystallography*, and Managing Director of Text Management Services.

Mr Michael H. Dacombe was appointed Technical Editor to succeed David Penfold from 1 January 1986. Mr Dacombe graduated from Leeds University in 1972 with a first class degree in Chemistry/Earth Sciences. He then worked in the Information Department of the British Non-ferrous Metals Technology Centre, Wantage, before joining the Union as an Editorial Assistant in October 1975. He was later promoted to Senior Editorial Assistant (a position subsequently retitled Assistant Technical Editor).

It was decided to appoint two Assistant Technical Editors (the position formerly entitled Deputy Technical Editor). Miss Susan E. Lowe was appointed to one of these positions, from 1 January 1986. She also is a graduate of Leeds University, obtaining an upper second degree in Biophysics in 1973, after which she worked as a Scientific Officer at the University College of North Wales in Bangor. She joined the Union as an Editorial Assistant in October 1978.

Mr Peter R. Strickland has been appointed to the other position and joined the office in April. He graduated from Sheffield University in 1977 with a lower second degree in Chemistry and worked as a literature analyst with the Royal Society of Chemistry in Nottingham until 1980. He then became a technical editor for Billiton Research in Arnhem, The Netherlands, and in 1982 moved to the Encyclopedias Department of Pergamon Press in Oxford, where he was Editorial Manager and Deputy Managing Editor.

Mr Brian McMahon has been appointed as Editorial Assistant and also joined the office in April. He graduated from Oxford University in 1978 with a class II degree in Physics and obtained an MA degree in 1982. He was Assistant Librarian in the Department of Astrophysics at Oxford from 1981 to 1983 and then joined Adam Hilger Ltd as Desk Editor.

The other member of the technical editing staff is Andrea Sharpe who joined the office as Editorial Assistant in 1980 having gained a degree in biological chemistry at the University of Essex.

The staff numbers are now returned to last summer's.