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Acta A – a new look for 1989

From January 1989, *Acta Crystallographica* Section A will be published monthly. Additionally it will incorporate a new *Fast Communications* section. This section will include papers covering all aspects of crystallography on topics of current interest for which rapid publication is essential; these papers will be speedily refereed and prepared on a desktop publishing system in Chester for onward transmission to the printer as camera-ready copy. The average publication time from the receipt of a paper by a Co-editor until it appears in print will be about 3 months. In addition, Letters to the Editor will be considered for this new section, along with reports of IUCr Commissions.

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The paper should not exceed two printed pages (about 2000 words or eight pages of double-spaced typescript including tables and figures);

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If the paper is available on 3.5 or 5.25" IBM PC-compatible or Macintosh diskettes it would be helpful if these could be sent with the manuscript together with details of the word-processing package used.

Papers submitted for the *Fast Communications* section but judged by the Co-editor *not* to merit rapid publication will be considered for publication in the appropriate section of *Acta Crystallographica* or in *Journal of Applied Crystallography*.

Book Reviews

Works intended for notice in this column should be sent direct to the Book-Review Editor (R. O. Gould, Department of Chemistry, University of Edinburgh, West Mains Road, Edinburgh EH9 3JJ, Scotland). As far as practicable books will be reviewed in a country different from that of publication.

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Molecular crystals. By JOHN D. WRIGHT. Pp. vii + 178. Cambridge University Press, 1987. Price £32.50, US \$54.50.

This book covers a wide field, dealing with physical and chemical properties of crystals. Many of these properties are obviously connected with crystallography, but for various reasons most crystallographers are not familiar with

a number of them, since they are considered instead to be a part of 'solid-state physics'. However, even within solid-state physics itself, organic crystals have until recently received substantially less attention than have inorganic crystals. Consequently, a guide to this field is particularly useful, even to specialists, especially in view of its fast-growing range of applications.

The theoretical knowledge for a thorough understanding of all the phenomena described here is rather extensive, and is not generally understood by non-specialists. In order