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**Report of Executive Committee for 1977**

The Report of the Executive Committee for 1977 has been published in *Acta Crystallographica*, Section A [*Acta Cryst.* (1978), A34, 1031-1046]. It reports on the meetings and publications of the Union, the work of its Commissions, and the work of bodies not belonging to the Union on which the Union is represented.

**Notes and News**

Announcements and other items of crystallographic interest will be published under this heading at the discretion of the Editorial Board. The notes (in duplicate) should be sent to the Executive Secretary of the International Union of Crystallography (J. N. King, International Union of Crystallography, 13 White Friars, Chester CH1 1NZ, England).

**The Warren Award**

The Fourth Bertram Eugene Warren Diffraction Physics Award will be presented at the meeting of the American Crystallographic Association in Boston, Massachusetts in August, 1979.

This award was established by students and friends of Professor Warren on the occasion of his retirement from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. It is to be given for an important recent contribution to the physics of solids or liquids using X-ray, neutron, or electron diffraction techniques. This includes work such as elastic or inelastic scattering studies of imperfections in crystals, or studies of liquids or amorphous materials, or developments in diffraction theory appropriate to such problems, to give a few examples; it does not include crystal structure determinations. Work that is to be eligible for this award must have been published between 1 July 1972 and 30 June 1978. There are no restrictions as to age, experience, or nationality of recipients. The award consists of a certificate and \$1000 and is to be given every three years.

The following committee has been appointed to select the 1979 award recipient: D. Chipman, S. Cargill, and J. B. Cohen, Chairman.

The selection committee will welcome suggestions for possible recipients by 1 January 1979 from any interested persons. Suggestions should be addressed to Professor J. B. Cohen, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, The Technological Institute, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois 60201, USA.

**Book Reviews**

Works intended for notice in this column should be sent direct to the Book-Review Editor (J. H. Robertson, School of Chemistry, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT, England). As far as practicable books will be reviewed in a country different from that of publication.

**Diffraction from materials.** By L. H. Schwartz and J. B. Cohen. Pp. xv+558. New York: Academic Press, 1977. Price US \$27.50, £19.95.

This book contains a thorough introduction to diffraction methods by means of X-rays, neutrons, and electrons. It is written for students in the senior or first grad-