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**Deadline for applications for IUCr sponsorship of meetings**

In order to facilitate the handling of requests for IUCr sponsorship and sup-

port of scientific meetings, the Executive Committee has decided that requests must reach the Chairman of the IUCr Calendar Sub-committee no later than nine months before the start of the meeting. The change will allow proper publicity of the sponsorship in the literature to be distributed, and earlier funding of conferences. The change (from a six month deadline) will go into effect three months after the first appearance of this notice. The present Chairman of the IUCr Calendar Sub-committee is Professor P. Coppens, Department of Chemistry, State University of New York at Buffalo, Acheson Hall, Buffalo, NY 14214, USA, from whom the sponsorship request forms may be obtained.

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**Sixteenth International Congress of Crystallography, 21–29 August 1993, Beijing, China. Proposals for programme topics and categories**

The XVI Congress of the International Union of Crystallography will be held in Beijing, 21–29 August 1993. The Chairman of the Organizing Committee is Professor Meichen Shao (Department of Chemistry, Peking University, Beijing 100871, People's Republic of China).

The first circular will be mailed by November 1991.

It is planned to have 14 Main Lectures, 42–46 Microsymposia and four General Lectures. There will be two Main Lectures, six Microsymposia and two to three Open Commission Meetings held in parallel each day plus poster sessions.

The lists of topics and categories within these topics for the submission of papers are subject to final revision and the Microsymposia topics will be included as a subset of the general list of topics. The following list sets out the proposed categories:

- 01 – Instrumentation and Experimental Techniques (X-rays, Neutrons, Electrons *etc.*)
- 02 – Methods of Analysis, Computing and Graphics
- 03 – Crystallography of Biological Macromolecules

- 04 – Crystallography of Biological Small Molecules
- 05 – Molecular Modelling and Design for Proteins and Drugs
- 06 – Crystallography of Organic Compounds
- 07 – Crystallography of Organometallic and Coordination Compounds
- 08 – Inorganic and Mineralogical Crystallography
- 09 – Physical and Chemical Properties of Materials in Relation to Structure
- 10 – Surfaces, Interfaces and Thin Films
- 11 – Amorphous, Imperfectly Ordered and Quasi-periodic Materials
- 12 – Defects, Microstructures and Textures
- 13 – Diffraction Physics and Optics
- 14 – Crystal Growth
- 15 – Molecular Structure Determination by Methods other than Diffraction
- 16 – Symmetry and its Generalizations
- 17 – Data Handling and Communications
- 18 – Crystallographic Teaching and the History of Crystallography
- 19 – Industrial Crystallography.

On behalf of the Programme Committee, I now invite all crystallographers to submit proposals for: topics and speakers for Main Lectures; topics, chairpersons and speakers for Microsymposia; revisions of the list of categories; other matters concerning the scientific programme.

The following Satellite Meetings are planned:

1. Hefei School on Crystallographic Computing
2. Neutron Scattering
3. Powder Diffraction
4. Synchrotron Radiation in Crystallography
5. Molecular Structure.

All of these Satellite Meetings will be organized by or in conjunction with the relevant Commissions of the Union.

Please send me your proposals before **28 February 1992**. Replies after this date will not be considered.

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