

News from the International Union for Pure and Applied Biophysics

FORTHCOMING SYMPOSIA

A Symposium entitled 'THE INTERACTIONS BETWEEN SUBUNITS OF BIOLOGICAL MACROMOLECULES' to be held under the auspices of the Commission of Molecular Biophysics of the International Union for Pure and Applied Biophysics, at Cambridge (England), 24-27 June 1968. The subjects to be discussed include viruses, muscle and other motile systems, oligomeric enzymes, and multi-enzyme systems. In each case emphasis will be laid on structure and mode of aggregation rather than on function.

The conference will be restricted to about 300 scientific delegates.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from:

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The Commission on Cell and Membrane Biophysics of IUPAB is proposing to hold a SYMPOSIUM ON BIOPHYSICAL ASPECTS OF PERMEABILITY at Jerusalem, Israel, from 2 to 9 July 1968. The topics to be discussed will be:

- (1) Transport Problems in Animals and Plants Exposed to Arid Conditions.
- (2) Transport across Epithelia.
- (3) Water Transport in Biological Systems.
- (4) Physical Chemistry of Charged Membranes.
- (5) The Theoretical Interpretation of Tracer Fluxes.

For each topic, the Commission will invite two speakers to give introductory talks, and will select eight others from submitted abstracts. The selection will be made strictly on the grounds of relevance of the proposed contribution to the particular session.

Those who wish to attend this meeting should seek further information from the Secretariat Symposium on Biophysical Aspects of Permeability, Polymer Department, Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovoth, Israel.

1968 CODATA CONFERENCE

The First International CODATA Conference will be held at Arnoldshain in the Taunus Mountains near Frankfurt/Main from 30 June to 5 July, 1968. This Conference will be under the auspices of the Committee on Data for Science and Technology (CODATA) of the International Council of Scientific Unions. It will be run along the lines of the Gordon Conferences in the U.S.A. and the EUCHEM and EUROMECH Conferences in Europe. The location in the beautiful Taunus Mountains will be well suited to this informal type of meeting. The General Chairman of the Conference will be Prof. Dr W. Klemm, vice-president of CODATA and recently president of IUPAC.

CODATA is a committee of ICSU started in 1966 to stimulate and coordinate informally on a world-wide basis the rapidly growing effort to collect, evaluate, compile and publish the numerical data of science and technology. Six major countries (France, Germany, Japan, U.K., U.S.A. and U.S.S.R.) and eleven International Unions (ours among them) of ICSU are represented on the committee.

The programme, to be published later, will aim at a full exchange of information, and discussion of common problems, by compilers of evaluated data from many areas of science and by others who provide support, encouragement, and standards for the systematic evaluation and publication of numerical data.

Information and application forms to attend the meeting may be obtained from Dr Guy Waddington, Executive Director, Central Office, CODATA, c/o National Academy of Sciences, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20418, U.S.A.