

Notices

PARTICLE SIZE ANALYSIS GROUP: VISIT TO THE N.P.L.

TEDDINGTON, APRIL 1ST, 1974

OWING to unavoidable circumstances, the visit to the Division of Inorganic and Metallic Structure at the National Physical Laboratory originally announced for March 6th (see the February issue of *Proceedings*, p. 39) has been postponed until April 1st. The closing date for applications is now **March 25th**.

Further information can be obtained from Dr. R. Wilson, Division of Inorganic and Metallic Structure, National Physical Laboratory, Teddington, Middlesex (Telephone: 01-977-3222, Extension 3499).

ELEMENTAL ANALYSER USERS' FORUM

APRIL 11TH, 1974, LONDON

SINCE Pregl introduced the techniques of microchemical elemental analysis over 50 years ago, some notable advances have been made. In recent years, the greatest potential impact has come with the introduction of automatic analysers, particularly for carbon, hydrogen and nitrogen.

However, while such instruments have obvious advantages to offer the micro-analyst, they also give rise to problems, not only of an instrumental nature but in particular how to use these instruments to their best advantage.

With this in mind, the Microchemical Methods Group is sponsoring an Elemental Analyser Users' Forum, which will meet at regular intervals with the object of promoting discussion not only between the actual users of this type of instrument but also the manufacturers. From these discussions, it is hoped that all aspects of users' problems can receive helpful answers and that a closer interchange of ideas between users and manufacturers will eventually lead to improved instrumentation.

The inaugural meeting of the Forum will take place at the City of London Polytechnic on April 11th, 1974, at 2 p.m.

Further information can be obtained from B. T. Saunderson, Department of Chemistry, City of London Polytechnic, Sir John Cass School of Science and Technology, 31 Jewry Street, London, EC3N 2EY.

SYMPOSIUM ON HIGH-SPEED LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY

APRIL 17TH, 1974, KINGSTON UPON THAMES

THIS one-day Symposium will be concerned with the theory and practice of high-speed liquid chromatography and is intended for those new to the field as well as established practitioners.

The following programme has been arranged and will be followed by a panel discussion: "The Principles of High-speed Liquid Chromatography," by J. Knox; "A Comparative Account of Instrumentation," by T. Wilkins; "Adsorption and Partition Chromatography—A Matter of Degree," by C. Simpson; and "The Theory and Applications of Exclusion Chromatography," by M. E. Van Kreveld.

Further details can be obtained from Dr. D. Kealey, Kingston Polytechnic, Penrhyn Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT1 2EE. It should be noted that the Symposium is being held one week later than the date originally announced under "Short Courses" in the January issue of *Proceedings* (p. 8).

SYMPOSIUM ON PEPTIDE HORMONES

APRIL 22ND AND 23RD, 1974, LONDON

THE Biological Council has organised a Symposium on Peptide Hormones, which will be held in the Edward Lewis Theatre, Middlesex Hospital Medical School, Cleveland Street, London, W1P 6DB, on April 22nd and 23rd.

It is intended that the morning of each day shall be devoted to current general topics of endocrine research, relevant to the whole field of peptide hormones. The afternoon of each day will be devoted to reviews of specific groups of hormones, intended to present the current state of knowledge, ideas and problems in a form intelligible to those working with other groups.

The speakers will include the following: M. Grossman (Los Angeles), R. Guillemin (San Diego), J. Landon (London), H. D. Niall (Boston), J. A. Parsons (London), W. S. Peart (London), J. T. Potts, Jr. (Boston), J. Rudinger (Zürich), R. J. Ryan (Rochester, Minn.), R. Schwyzer (Zürich) and D. F. Steiner (Chicago).

Further details can be obtained from Dr. J. A. Parsons, National Institute for Medical Research, Mill Hill, London, NW7 1AA.

FIFTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ATOMIC SPECTROSCOPY

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA, AUGUST 25TH TO 29TH, 1975

At the Fourth International Conference, which was held at Toronto from October 29th to November 2nd, 1973, it was decided that the Fifth Conference in this series will be held at Monash University near Melbourne, Australia, on August 25th to 29th, 1975. The Conference will be sponsored by the Australian Academy of Science, and, as other Conferences in the series, will be particularly concerned with the applications of atomic spectroscopy to spectrochemical analysis. Further details can be obtained from Dr. J. B. Willis, CSIRO Division of Chemical Physics, P.O. Box 160, Clayton, Victoria 3168, Australia.