ANNOUNCEMENTS

First International Conference on Evaluation of Biomaterials

The conference will be held on September 26–28, 1977, at the Université Louis Pasteur, Strasbourg, France. It is being organized by the European Society for Biomaterials.

The purpose of the meeting is to review the methods which are presently employed in the evaluation of materials for use in medicine and surgery. Contributions are invited from those working in the fields of medicine engineering, biology, chemistry, and physics. The meeting will include three main sessions: 1) methods of mechanical evaluation of materials; 2) toxicity testing and tissue compatibility; and 3) compatibility of materials used in the blood circulatory and urino-genital systems.

Call for Papers: Anyone who wishes to submit a paper should write immediately to Dr. Leray at the address given below, outlining the subject matter. The main concern of the selection committee will be to obtain a coherent program relevant to the theme of the conference.

Further Information: A preliminary program and registration details will be published early this year. Communications concerning the conference should be addressed to:

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Third Conference on Materials for Use in Medicine and Biology

This conference will be held at Keele University, Keele, Staffordshire, England, on September 13–15, 1978. The focus of the meeting, which is being organized by the Biomaterials Group of the Biological Engineering Society, will be "Mechanical Properties of Biomaterials."

Objectives: The aim of the meeting is to review the present state of knowledge about the mechanical aspects of human tissues and implant materials relevant to orthopedics, cardiovascular surgery, neurosurgery, plastic and reconstructive surgery, and dentistry. Participation is sought from scientists in several disciplines including mechanical and electronic engineering, physics, and materials science, including polymer science and technology, ceramics and metallurgy, and surgery.

Call for Papers: Anyone who wishes to submit a paper should write immediately to Garth Hastings at the address given below, outlining the subject matter. The main concern of the selection committee will be to obtain a coherent program relevant to the theme of the meeting.

Further Information: A preliminary program and registration details will be published early in 1978. Communications concerning the conference should be addressed to:

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