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 11-13 April 1994  
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Baltimore, USA  
J C Jacco, Philips Components, 5083 Kings Highway, Saugerties, NY 12477, USA  
Tel: (914) 246-281
- August 9-13      **International Conference on Scanning Tunneling Microscopy**  
Beijing, China  
Chunli Bai, Institute of Chemistry, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing 100080, China
- August 15-19      **UPS 6: 6th Symposium on Unconventional Photoactive Solids**  
Leuven, Belgium  
Professor F C De Schryver, Department of Chemistry, K U Leuven, B-3001, Celestijnenlaan 200 F, Heverlee, Belgium  
Tel: (+32) 16-200-656; FAX: (+32) 16-210-215
- August 15-20      **34th IUPAC Congress**  
Beijing, China  
Professor Xinqi Song, Secretary General of 34th IUPAC Congress, c/o Chinese Chemical Society, PO Box 2709, Beijing 100080, China Tel: +86(1) 256-8157 or 256-4020
- August 16-19      **Fourth International Conference on the Structure of Surfaces [SOS(IV)]**  
Shanghai, China  
S Y Tong, Dept Physics, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI 53201, USA FAX: 414-229-5589 or Professor Xide Xie
- August 21-26      **9th International Symposium on Homogeneous Catalysis**  
Jerusalem, Israel  
ISHC-9 Secretariat, PO Box 50006, Tel Aviv 61500, Israel
- August 21-29      **16th Congress and General Assembly of the International Union of Crystallography**  
Beijing, China  
Professor M-c Shao, Institute of Physical Chemistry, Department of Chemistry, Peking University, Beijing 100871, China
- August 22-25      **International Symposium on Zeolites & Microporous Crystals**  
Nagoya, Japan  
Yusuke Izumi, Secretary, ZMPC '93, Dept of Applied Chemistry, School of Engineering, Nagoya U, Furo-cho, Chikusa-ku, Nagoya 464-01, Japan
- August 22-27      **Lifetime, Degradation and Stability of Macromolecular Materials (ACS Meeting)**  
Chicago, USA  
N C Billingham, School of Chemistry and Molecular Sciences, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton BN1 9QJ  
Tel: 0273-606-755; FAX: 0273-677-196
- August 29-September 1      **Biointeractions '93**  
Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands  
John Herriot, Conference Organiser, Biointeractions '93, Meetings Management, Straight Mile House, Tilford Road, Rushmoor, Farnham, Surrey GU10 2EP, UK Tel: +44(0) 25-125-2101
- August 29-September 2      **TAPPI Conference on Polymers, Laminations & Coatings**  
Chicago, USA  
Meetings Department, PO Box 105113, Atlanta, Ga 30348-5113, USA
- August 30-September 3      **5th International Symposium on Macromolecule-Metal Complexes**  
Bremen, Germany  
Professor D Wöhrle, Institute of Organic & Macromolecular Chemistry, University of Bremen, Leobener Str NW 11, W-2800 Bremen 33, Germany
- August 31-September 4      **The 3rd IUMRS International Conference on Advanced Materials (IUMRS-ICAM-93)**  
Tokyo, Japan  
The 3rd IUMRS International Conference on Advanced Materials, c/o The Nikkan Kogyo Shimbun Ltd. Business Bureau, 8-10, Kundan-Kita-Chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102 Japan Tel: +81-3-3222-7162; FAX: +81-3-3221-7137
- September 1-3      **7th International Conference on Polymers in Medicine and Surgery**  
Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands  
Debbie Schorer, Conference Organiser, The Institute of Materials, 1 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5DB, UK  
Tel: 071-976-1339; FAX: 071-839-3576
- September 3-8      **Interfaces and Colloidal Systems**  
York, UK  
Dr Josip Hendekovic, European Science Foundation, 1 quai Lezay-Marnésia, F-67080 Strasbourg Cédex, France  
Tel: (33) 88-76-71-35; FAX: (33) 88-36-69-87; TELEX: 890440
- September 5-10      **44th Meeting of the International Society of Electrochemistry**  
Berlin, Germany  
Dechema e.V. Exhibitions & Congresses, Theodor-Heuss-Allee 25, D-6000 Frankfurt am Main 15, Germany
- September 6-10      **The 14th Riso International Symposium on Materials Science - High Temperature Electrochemical Behaviour of Fast Ion and Mixed Conductors**  
Roskilde, Denmark  
The Materials Department, Riso National Laboratory, DK-4000 Roskilde, Denmark Tel: +45 42-37-12-12; FAX: +45 42 35 11 73
- September 6-10      **International Meeting on Chimie Douce: Soft Chemistry Routes to New Solids**  
Nantes, France  
Jean Rouxel, Institut des Matériaux de Nantes, Laboratoire de Chimie des Solides, 2 rue de la Houssinière, 44072 Nantes, Cedex 03, France Tel: 40-37-39-07; FAX: 40-37-39-95
- September 6-10      **International Conference on Advanced Polymer Materials**  
Dresden, Germany  
Technische Universität Dresden, Dezernat 5, Zentrales Tagungsbüro, Mommsenstrasse 13, Dresden, 0-8027, Germany

- September 7-11 **Polymers for Advanced Technologies**  
Oxford, UK  
Professor Roger Epton, (Organising Co-chairman), c/o PAT '93 Conference Secretariat, PO Box 13, Kingswinford, West Midlands DY6 0HQ, UK Tel: 44 384 279324; FAX: 44 384 294463
- September 12-15 **Sensors and their Applications VI**  
Manchester, UK  
Meetings and Conferences Department, Institute of Physics, 47 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QX
- September 12-17 **9th International Conference on Solid State Ionics**  
The Hague, The Netherlands  
Mrs A M C Barrow, Secretariat SSI-9, Faculty of Chemical Technology and Materials Science, Delft University of Technology, Julianalaan 136, NL-2628 BL Delft, The Netherlands
- September 15-17 **Polymer Degradation Discussion Group (a sub-group of Macro Group (UK)), Annual Meeting, Degradation & Stabilization of Fibre-Forming Polymers**  
Bolton, UK  
Professor N S Allen, Department of Chemistry, Manchester Metropolitan University, Chester Street, Manchester M1 5GD
- September 18-23 **Electronic Structure of Solids: Surfaces, Interfaces and Localised Defects**  
Thessaloniki, Greece  
Dr Josip Hendekovic, European Science Foundation, 1 quai Lezay-Marnésia, F-67080 Strashourg Cédex, France  
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- September 19-22 **4th International Workshop on Purification of Materials for Crystal Growth and Glass Processing (IWP-4)**  
Bristol, UK  
Dr P Capper, Secretary of BACG, Philips Infrared Defense Components Ltd., PO Box 217, Millbrook Industrial Estate, Southampton SO9 7QG, UK
- September 20-22 **Solid State Chemistry and Superconductivity II**  
UMIST, Manchester, UK  
Dr W R Flavell, Department of Chemistry, UMIST, PO Box 88, Manchester M60 1QD UK  
Tel: 061-236-3311; FAX: 061-228-7040
- September 20-22 **European Symposium on Impact and Dynamic Fracture of Polymers and Composites**  
Sardinia, Italy  
Dr R Frassine, Dipartimento di Chimica Industriale, e Ingegneria Chimica "G Natta", Politecnico di Milano, Piazza Leonardo da Vinci 32, 20133 Milano, Italy
- September 21-23 **1993 Meeting of the International Society for Molecular Electronics and Biocomputing**  
Gaithersburg, USA  
Lori Philips, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Bldg 101, Room A903, Gaithersburg Md 20899, USA
- September 21-23 **12th Symposium on Industrial Crystallization**  
Warsaw, Poland  
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Aachen, Germany  
Dipl-Ing M Valdor, Klinikum der RWTH Aachen, Institut für Pathologie, Pauwelsstrasse 30, 5100 Aachen, Germany  
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- September 24-29 **Molecular Liquids**  
Canterbury, UK  
Dr Josip Hendekovic, European Science Foundation, 1 quai Lezay-Marnésia, F-67080 Strashourg Cédex, France  
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Budapest, Hungary  
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- September 26-30 **Dynamical Properties of Solids**  
Lunteren, The Netherlands  
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- September 27-October 1 **Europhysics Conference on Macromolecular Physics 1993. Transitions in Oligomer and Polymer Systems**  
Ulm, Germany  
Professor Dr H G Kilian, Universitat Ulm, Experimentelle Physik, Albert-Einstein-Allee 11 D-7900 Ulm, Germany  
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London, UK  
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- April 11-13 **Microscopy of Composite Materials II**  
Oxford, UK  
The Royal Microscopical Society, 37/38 St Clements, Oxford OX4 1AJ, UK

- April 11-14      **Deformation, Yield and Fracture of Polymers**  
Cambridge, UK  
Mrs Debbie Schorer, Conference Department (C406), The Institute of Materials, 1 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5DB, United Kingdom Tel: 071-839-4071; FAX: 071-839-3576
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- July 4-9          **Materials and Mechanisms of Superconductivity/High T<sub>c</sub>.**  
Grenoble, France  
M Cyrot, CNRS, 25 Avenue des Martyrs, 38042 Grenoble, Cedex, France
- July 11-15      **35th International Symposium on Macromolecules: MACROAKRON '94**  
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Macroakron '94, Cathy Manus-Gray, Symposium Coordinator, Institute of Polymer Science, The University of Akron, Akron, OH 44325-3909, USA
- June 29-  
July 4          **8th CIMTEC: Forum on New Materials and World Ceramics Congress**  
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- September 5-9      **6th International Symposium. Scientific Bases for the Preparation of Heterogeneous Catalysts**  
Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium  
Dr G. Poncelet, Unité de Catalyse et Chimie des Matériaux Divisés, Place Croix du Sud, 2 boîte 17, 1348 Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium
- September 6-9      **International Conference on Liquid Crystal Polymers**  
Beijing, China  
Professor Xibai Qiu, Chinese Chemical Society, PO Box 2709, Beijing 100080, China
- September 11-14      **Ceramic Processing Science and Technology**  
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