



ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY

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Busy Months Ahead

THE Division of Analytical and Micro Chemistry and ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY will cosponsor a Symposium on Analytical Methods in Nuclear Chemistry, to be held at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., Friday and Saturday, August 13 and 14. The officers of the division and the editors of this publication intend that a summer symposium shall be held each year. Such affairs will provide ample opportunity to cover some one subject of great importance in the field of analytical chemistry in greater detail than is possible at the regular sessions of the division held during the national meetings of the Society.

The subject selected for the initial symposium is one of such special significance that we feel that it is unnecessary to sell it to the analytical chemists. Through the fine generosity of R. K. Summerbell, head of the Chemistry Department at Northwestern Technological Institute, the excellent facilities at Evanston will be made available to us, including a limited amount of dormitory space. Under the able direction of Philip J. Elving, chairman of the division, a number of committees are hard at work arranging the program. We anticipate a heavy attendance and earnestly suggest that those who wish to attend signify their intention to do so as soon as the complete details are announced, as they will be in both *Chemical and Engineering News* and ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY.

It is obvious that analytical chemists are in for a busy summer period, for we also are privileged to announce that under the auspices of the Netherlands Chemical Society an international congress on analytical chemistry will be held at Utrecht, Holland, on June 1, 2, and 3. The organizing committee is headed by C. J. van Nieuwenburg, with H. A. J. Pieters as secretary. The three-day session will be divided into five sections, as follows:

1. General Methods; Standardization
2. Electrical Methods
3. Emission Spectrography
4. Optical Methods; Chromatography
5. Microbiological Methods and Traces

Further details are published on page 185 of this issue.

It is a happy augury to us that on both sides of the Atlantic special meetings of analytical chemists will be held this coming summer, indicating a strong resurgence of interest in the field of analytical chemistry. We hope that a number of British and European analysts will find it possible to be with us in August and also that a representative delegation of American analytical chemists will be in attendance at Utrecht in June. Such gatherings at international meetings will advance the science rapidly and will help to lay the groundwork for close cooperation within the various commissions of the International Union which have to do with matters of analytical chemistry. We think it unnecessary to elaborate in detail on the desirability of international agreement. Standardization in many directions is badly needed and long overdue. There is nothing like frequent personal contact to bring about a meeting of minds. Correspondence often has just the opposite effect.