

News and Notes

British Association for the Advancement of Science—150th Annual Meeting, Oxford 1988

This Association was established in 1831 and its aims are: 1, to enhance public understanding and awareness of science and technology and their impact on society; to help people to recognize science as part of our culture and heritage and to share in a scientific approach to solving problems; and 2, to increase public support for science, and to defend the public interests of science.

The Association's work is multidisciplinary, covering all the natural, social and applied sciences. It provides a forum for debate and a focus for educational activities for people of all ages and experience. An independent body, its membership is open to all. The Annual Meeting is the largest general scientific meeting held in Britain. Open to all, its programmes of several hundred talks, exhibitions and demonstrations form a festival of science that attracts several thousand participants each year.

The Scientific Programme covers: physics; chemistry; geology; biological sciences; geography; economics, engineering; anthropology and archaeology; medical sciences; psychology; agriculture and forestry; education; sociology; general; and mathematics. Core topics will include: evolution; molecular electronics; education and science; the challenge for British science; and biotechnology. Lectures will range over such subjects as: The death of the dinosaurs; physics in the home; geology and society; protein engineering; recreation and leisure; the prospects for full employment; robotics and automation; local archaeology; medical imaging; brain localization; the agricultural policy of the EEC; are teachers professionals? and class and public policy.

The Association also has a Youth Section and almost two-thirds of its work involves young people. There will be a great deal to interest younger scientists in the main programme as well as in a special day of events for BAYS (British Association Youth Section). Many delegates will wish to attend the Mason Conferences, during which specialists will describe the latest advances in their various fields. These will be held, among others, by the Institute of Scientific Information, the Institute of Biology, the Royal Society of Chemistry Food Chemistry Group and the Royal Astronomical Society.

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XIIIth International Leprosy Congress, 11–17 September, 1988, The Hague, The Netherlands

Full details of the sessions have already been printed in this journal; see Number 1, **58**, 1986.

The Congress Location and Hotel Accommodation: The 13th ILA Congress will be held in The Netherlands Congress Centre, The Hague, The Netherlands, from 11–17 September 1988. Hotel accommodation will be provided in several price categories ranging from ca. Dfl. 50,- to Dfl. 250,- and more. *Congress Bureau*: For all information concerning the congress, please contact the Congress Bureau: QLT Convention Services, Keizersgracht 792, 1017 EC Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Tel. +31 (0)20-26 1372, Tlx. 31578 inter nl att qlt. This Meeting is co-sponsored by the World Health Organization.

XIIth International Congress for Tropical Medicine and Malaria, September 1988

This congress will be held in the International Congress Center RAI in Amsterdam from 18–24 September 1988, immediately after the International Leprosy Congress (above).

Information can be obtained at: Organisatie Bureau, Amsterdam, Europaplein 12, 1078 GZ Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Tel. +31 (0)20-440807, Tlx. 13499.

Meeting of the International Society of Dermatology, Oxford, September 1988

A joint meeting of this Society with the International Society of Dermatopathology will take place in Oxford, UK, 4–8 September, 1988. There will be at least two sessions on leprosy, including histopathology, together with exhibits and demonstrations, one of which will come from the Wellcome Institute of Tropical Medicine in London. Further details: Mrs Christine Cherry, Department of Dermatology, the Slade Hospital, Headington, Oxford, OX3 7JH, England.