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Election of Officers of the Union and Chairmen of Commissions

Dr J. Karle was elected President of the International Union of Crystallography at the Twelfth General Assembly of the Union, which was held in Ottawa in August. The full membership of the Executive Committee of the Union until mid 1984 is as follows: President – Dr J. Karle, Vice-President – Dr S. Ramaseshan, General Secretary and Treasurer – Professor K. V. J. Kurki-Suonio, Immediate

Past President – Professor N. Kato, Ordinary Members – Professor S. Amelinckx, Professor Th. Hahn, Professor M. Nardelli, Professor H. Neels, Dr V. I. Simonov, Professor M. M. Woolfson.

Dr S. C. Abrahams was reappointed Editor of *Acta Crystallographica* and Chairman of the Commission on Journals, Professor M. Hart was reappointed Editor of the *Journal of Applied Crystallography* and Co-Chairman of the Commission on Journals. Professor M. Nardelli and Professor R. Norrestam were appointed as Co-editors of *Acta Crystallographica* and Professor G. Allegra and Dr S. Jagner have retired. Professor G. Ferguson was appointed as Editor of *Structure Reports*, succeeding Professor J. Trotter who has retired as Editor of this publication. Professor M. G. Rossman was elected Chairman of the new Commission on Biological-Macromolecule Crystallography, Dr M. J. Cooper was elected Chairman of the Commission on Charge, Spin and Momentum Densities, Dr E. Kaldis was re-elected Chairman of the Commission on Crystal Growth and Characterization of Materials (formerly the Commission on Crystal Growth), Professor S. Abrahamsson was re-elected Chairman of the Commission on Crystallographic Apparatus, Dr S. R. Hall was elected Chairman of the Commission on Crystallographic Computing, Dr I. D. Brown was elected Chairman of the Commission on Crystallographic Data, Dr S. C. Abrahams continues as Chairman of the Commission on Crystallographic Nomenclature as a result of his reappointment of Chairman of the Commission on Journals, Dr B. Buras was elected Chairman of the Commission on Crystallographic Studies at Controlled Pressures and Temperatures, Professor P. Krishna was elected Chairman of the Commission on Crystallographic Teaching, Dr P. Goodman was elected Chairman of the Commission on Electron Diffraction and Dr M. S. Lehmann was elected Chairman of the Commission on Neutron Diffraction.

The full membership of the Commissions of the Union, and the Union representatives on other bodies, will be given in the report of the Twelfth General Assembly and International Congress of Crystallography, which will be published in Section A of *Acta Crystallographica* in due course.

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