

# Oral Contributions

## **[MS42] The history of the ECA**

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### **[MS42-01] Crystallography in Europe in the 1970s – Birth of the European Crystallographic Committee**

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The development of Crystallography in Europe after the Second World War is outlined and the balance of forces in the 1960s-1970s is briefly described. The motivations which led to the creation of the European Crystallographic Committee, ancestor of the ECA, were discussed at Stony Brook during the 1969 IUCr Congress and at the 1971 Manchester Meeting, later labelled ECM0. The spirit of the time and the difficulties encountered in the early days, in particular due to East-West oppositions are recalled in the talk. The first task of the newly formed ECC was to organize ECM1 in Bordeaux 1973, starting a long list of successful meetings.