

Notes and News

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Appointment of Executive Secretary

At their meeting of 29–30 June 1968, the Executive Committee of the International Union of Crystallography decided that a full-time salaried Executive Secretary should be appointed as soon as possible and applications were invited shortly afterwards. The decision was taken after discussions of reports by the (Honorary) General Secretary and the (Honorary) Treasurer, from which it was clear that the volume of daily work made it impossible for them, or indeed any successors, to continue with the present manner of operation. The Executive Secretary is to take over the day-to-day administration and will thus relieve the Honorary Officers of much of their work. The establishment of the new post is subject to confirmation by the Eighth General Assembly in August 1969.

The Executive Committee is glad to announce the appointment of Dr J. N. King as Executive Secretary of the Union.

Dr King is British and was born in 1937. He studied physics at Imperial College, London, where he took his B.Sc., M.Sc. and Ph.D. (solid state physics) degrees. He went to Australia in 1963, where he worked on the preparation of thin metal films and their examination by electron diffraction and electron microscopy, at the Aeronautical Research Laboratories, Melbourne.

Dr King was Secretary of the Organizing Committee of the International Conference on Electron Diffraction and the Nature of Defects in Crystals, Melbourne 1965, which was sponsored jointly by the Union and the Australian Academy of Science, with the support of the Commission on the Solid State of IUPAP. He returned to England in September 1968.

Combined office accommodation is to be found in Chester, England for the Executive Secretary and the Union's Technical Editor, Mr S. A. Bryant. Until further notice all correspondence for the Technical Editor should continue to be addressed to his present office at 1 Stanley Place, Chester, England.

Dr King started work on 1 February 1969, and will be visiting the General Secretary and the Treasurer before taking over the daily administration of the Union. Correspondence should *not* be directed to Dr King for action in his capacity as Executive Secretary until notice is given.

However, it will be appreciated if information copies of appropriate correspondence are sent to Dr King at the Technical Editor's present address.

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Supplement to *Acta Crystallographica*, Section A

The Abstracts of the Communications to the Eighth International Congress of Crystallography and Topical Meetings to be held in the U.S.A. in August 1969 will be published as part S3 of *Acta Crystallographica*, Section A. It is hoped that this Supplement will be available in May 1969. It will be distributed free of charge not only to subscribers to Section A, but also to those subscribers to Section B and to the *Journal of Applied Crystallography* who do not subscribe to Section A.

Bragg *Festschrift*

In March 1970 the Union journals (Sections A and B of *Acta Crystallographica*, and the *Journal of Applied Crystallography*) will form a *Festschrift* in honour of the eightieth birthday of Professor Sir Lawrence Bragg, F.R.S. Contributions are invited, which may be either strictly scientific or of an informal or biographical nature. Scientific papers should be submitted in the ordinary way to the appropriate Co-editor; other contributions should be submitted to the Editor. In order to allow sufficient time for refereeing and printing the closing date for receipt of contributions is 31 July 1969.

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Prices of publications to customers in the Netherlands

Owing to the recent introduction of the turnover tax in the Netherlands, it is necessary to increase the prices of some Union publications to customers in the Netherlands. The increases apply to the publications handled by A. Oosthoek's Uitgevers Mij N.V. and are: *Structure Reports* Dfl. 5.00 per volume (Dfl. 2.50 for personal subscribers), *Fifty Years of X-ray Diffraction* Dfl. 2.00, and *Symmetry Aspects of M. C. Escher's Periodic Drawings* Dfl. 1.00. The prices of the small incidental publications remain unaltered. *These increases do not apply to orders placed with Messrs Oosthoek from countries outside the Netherlands.*