

Departments

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Calendar of Meetings: Organizers of scientific meetings wishing to inform the readers of *Powder Diffraction* of their plans are welcome to submit meeting announcements to the Departments Editor. The announcements may be accompanied by text giving particulars of the meeting and programs. The additional matter in such expanded announcements will be printed on a space-available basis. While we will accept announcements of meetings on topics even remotely related to powder diffraction as a service to our readers, the editors, at their discretion, reserve the right to reject announcements of meetings concerning totally unrelated subjects. The deadlines in the instructions to authors apply to meeting announcements. There is no charge for this service. Meeting organizers wishing to purchase advertisements are invited to contact *Powder Diffraction's* Advertising Manager.

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Short Courses and Workshops: This journal will print announcements of short courses and workshops in fields relating to the interests of its readers. Organizers of such programs are invited to send short descriptive announcements to the Departments Editor. See below for typical contributions that will be printed free of charge. The editors reserve the right to determine suitability for printing with regard to course or workshop content.

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Helein Hitchcock New Departments Editor

As noted in Deane Smith's editorial in Volume 3, No. 3, responsibility for this department has changed hands. Material from our readers will be welcomed and should be sent to me at: NASA, DM-MSL-1, Kennedy Space Center, Florida 32899.

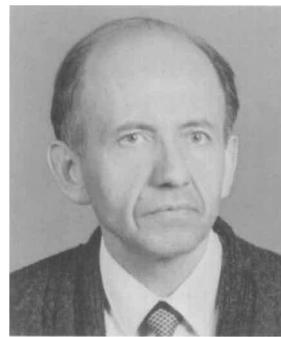


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Regional Correspondent for Czechoslovakia

The editorial staff of *Powder Diffraction* takes pleasure in announcing the appointment of Dr. Jaroslav Fiala from the Central Research Institute SKODA, Czechoslovakia, as regional correspondent. Dr. Fiala studied physics of solids at Charles University in Prague and physics of metals in Bratislava. Since 1964 he has worked at the Central Research Institute SKODA, Plzen, in X-ray diffraction. His main fields of interest are X-ray diffraction, identification of substances (not only by X-ray diffraction), and materials science. He has published 33 papers in scientific journals and made 140 technical reports, lectures and contributions to various proceedings.

Readers in Dr. Fiala's geographical area desiring publication of their conferences, etc., in *Powder Diffraction* should contact Dr. Jaroslav Fiala, Central Research Institute SKODA, 31600 Plzen, Czechoslovakia.



Jaroslav Fiala

NBS is now NIST

The National Bureau of Standards has been renamed the National Institute of Standards and Technology. NIST will maintain the traditional functions of NBS and will continue to offer the full array of measurement and quality assurance services that were provided by NBS. In its new broadened role, NIST will provide programs to support use of new technologies in American industry, included among these will be development of Regional Centers for the Transfer of Manufacturing Technology and an Advanced Technology Program.

Regional Contributors to Departments Sought

The effectiveness of the Departments section of *Powder Diffraction* is enhanced by contributions from regional correspondents. We seek correspondents to cover Japan, Korea and China; the Near East; Africa; and South and Central America.

The names of the regional correspondents will appear in a redesigned masthead for the magazine and correspondents will receive a complimentary subscription to *Powder Diffraction*. Correspondents will make quarterly contributions in the form of notices of forthcoming meetings, short courses and workshops; reports of past meetings (with photographs, if possible); book reviews; Commercial Announcements ... and provide input to Computer Comments.

If you are interested, please write the Departments Editor.

Calendar of Meetings

1989

40th Pittsburgh Conference and Exposition
March 6-10, 1989
Atlanta, Georgia

JCPDS—International Centre for Diffraction Data
Spring Technical Meetings and Annual Meeting
March 15-16, 1989
Wilmington, Delaware
Contact: Ms. Josephine Felizzi, JCPDS—International Centre for Diffraction Data, 1601 Park Lane, Swarthmore, PA 19081, U.S.A. Phone (215) 328-9403.

British Crystallographic Association
Spring Meeting
April 4-7, 1989
Oxford, United Kingdom
Contact: M. Glazer, Department of Physics, Clarendon Laboratory, Parks Road, Oxford, OX1 3PU, United Kingdom; 0865-272290.

Materials Research Society
Spring Meeting
April 24-28, 1989
San Diego, California
Contact: M. Geil, Materials Research Society, 9800 McKnight Road, Suite 327, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 U.S.A. Phone (412) 367-3003.

3rd International Congress of ICAM
May 14-17, 1989
Montreal, Canada
This meeting was postponed from 1987 and will now take place in 1989 as part of the Annual Canadian Geology/Mineralogy meeting.
Contact: Dr. W. Petruk, Chairman MAC-ICAM-CAM 1989, CANMET, 555 Booth Street, Ottawa, ONT., Canada K1A 0G1

International Workshop on the Rietveld Method
June 13-15, 1989
Petten, The Netherlands
Contact: Public Relations Office, Netherlands Energy Research Foundation ECN, P.O. Box 1, 1755 ZG Petten, The Netherlands
Sponsored by the International Union of Crystallography and organized by the Commission on Powder Diffraction in cooperation with the ECN, the emphasis of the meeting will be on the successes and difficulties encountered in applying the Rietveld method to problems of current scientific interest and on the development of new techniques to improve the power, precision, and range of productive application of Rietveld refinement with both neutron and X-ray powder diffraction data.

Short Summer Course in X-Ray Powder Diffraction
June 16-23, 1989 Fundamentals
June 26-30, 1989 Advanced
State University of New York at Albany
Contact: Professor Henry Chessin, State University of New York at Albany, Department of Physics, 1400 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12222 U.S.A. Phone (518) 442-4512.

28th International Geological Congress
July 9-19, 1989
Washington, DC, U.S.A.
Contact: 28th International Geological Congress, P.O. Box 727, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101, U.S.A.

American Crystallographic Association
Annual Meeting
July 23-28, 1989
Seattle, Washington
Contact: American Crystallographic Association, 335 E. 45th Street, New York, NY 10017 U.S.A. Phone (212) 661-9404.

1989 Annual Denver Conference on
Applications of X-ray Analysis
July 31-August 4, 1989
Denver, Colorado U.S.A.
Contact: Lynne Bonno, Conference Secretary, Dept. of Engineering, University of Denver, 2390 South York Street, Denver, CO 80208, U.S.A. Phone (303) 871-3515.

12 International Congress on X-ray Optics and
Microanalysis
August 28-September 1, 1989
Kraków, Poland
Contact: 12 ICXOM, Institute of Metallurgy, Academy of Mining and Metallurgy, al Mickiewicza 30, 30-059 Kraków, Poland

JCPDS—International Centre for Diffraction Data
Fall Technical Meetings
October 25-26, 1989
Wilmington, Delaware
Contact: Ms. Josephine Felizzi, JCPDS—International Centre for Diffraction Data, 1601 Park Lane, Swarthmore, PA 19081, U.S.A. Phone (215) 328-9403.

Geological Society of America
Annual Meeting and Geoscience Exposition
November 6-9, 1989
St. Louis, Missouri
Contact: GSA Meeting Department, P.O. Box 9140, Boulder, CO 80301 U.S.A. Phone (303) 447-2020.

Materials Research Society
Fall Meeting
November 27-December 2, 1989
Boston, Massachusetts
Contact: M. Geil, Materials Research Society, 9800 McKnight Road, Suite 327, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 U.S.A. Phone (412) 367-3003.