

NEW AND/OR INTERESTING IN MICROSCOPY

INTER/MICRO '97, sponsored by the McCrone Research Institute, will be held on July 21-24, 1997 at the Knickerbocker Hotel, Chicago, IL.

This four-day symposium will give you the opportunity to come up-to-date on new instruments for, new techniques in, and new applications of microscopy. In addition to general microscopy, instrumentation, history and art, forensic and pharmaceutical microscopy will be covered.

The newest microscopical instrumentation and accessories will be exhibited.

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The 10th Annual Microscopists Golf Tournament is planned, just prior to Microscopy and Microanalysis '97, for Sunday morning, August 10th at Pine Hills Golf Course, a lush, rolling jewel located in Hinckley, Ohio. The four person scramble format is an enjoyable way to get better acquainted or re-acquainted with your fellow microscopist golfers. This event was not included within the registration and call for papers booklet which was received with the listing of social events and hotel information. There are a limited number of late morning tee times, so sign up early. The cost is \$60 per person and includes green fees, cart, and transportation from the downtown meeting hotels. Rental clubs are also available, but advance notice is required. Corporate sponsors are invited to help with this event by contributing modest prizes. For additional information or to reserve your tee time, contact Joe Polak at tel.: (216)368-3454 or fax: (216)368-4650.

NEW ELEMENT DISCOVERED - ADMINISTRATIUM

The heaviest element known to science was recently discovered. The element, tentatively named ADMINISTRATIUM, has no protons or electrons and thus has an atomic number of 0.

However, it does have 1 Neutron, 128 Assistant Neutrons, 75 Vice-Neutrons and 111 Assistant Vice-Neutrons. This gives it an atomic weight of 315. These 315 particles are held together in a nucleus by a force that involves the continuous exchange of meson-like particles called Morons.

Since it has no electrons, ADMINISTRATIUM is inert. However, it can be detected chemically as it impedes every other reaction with which it comes into contact. According to the discoverers, a minute amount of ADMINISTRATIUM caused one reaction to take over four days to complete, when it would normally occur in less than one second.

ADMINISTRATIUM has a normal life of approximately 3 years, at which time it does not decay, but instead, undergoes a reorganization in which Assistant Neutrons, Vice-Neutrons and Assistant Vice-Neutrons exchange places. Some studies have shown that the atomic weight actually increases after each reorganization.

Research at other laboratories indicates that ADMINISTRATIUM occurs naturally in the atmosphere. It tends to concentrate at certain points such as government, large companies, healthcare facilities and universities, and will often be found in the newest, best buildings.

Scientists point out that ADMINISTRATIUM is known to be toxic at any level of concentration and can easily destroy any productive reactions where it is allowed to accumulate. Sad but all too true!!!

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