

NOTES AND NEWS

1963 INTERNATIONAL CLAY CONFERENCE

STOCKHOLM, 12-16 AUGUST, 1963

This Conference, organized by the Comité International pour l'Etude des Argiles (CIPEA) and sponsored by the International Union of Geological Sciences, was attended by some 200 clay mineralogists from 23 countries. The British Clay Minerals Group was well represented, having 17 participants.

The Conference arrangements were very efficiently made by Professor I.Th. Rosenqvist and Dr. P. Graff-Petersen, President and Secretary of CIPEA, together with an Organizing Committee appointed by the Swedish Society for Clay Research, who were the official hosts. The papers were presented under six sections covering:

1. Clay mineral structures and compositions;
2. Clay mineral genesis;
3. Ion exchange on clay minerals;
4. Clay-electrolyte-water systems;
5. Clay-organic complexes;
6. Clay minerals in industrial applications.

Meetings of the Executive and Nomenclature Sub-Committees of CIPEA were also held. Despite the heavy programme only on one day was it necessary to run meetings of two sections simultaneously. The papers formally presented at the Conference were printed in advance and published as Volume 14 of the International Series of Monographs on Earth Sciences by Pergamon Press, London (price £5). Authors were then given five minutes to cover the main points of their paper and the remaining time was allotted to discussion and to presentation of brief communications elicited by the contributions in the published volume. A subsequent volume containing the discussions and additional papers is to be published later by Pergamon Press. Both these volumes will form a valuable addition to the literature of clay mineralogy.

During the Conference a field trip was arranged to visit varved clays in the Uppsala region and after the Conference two longer field trips—one to southern Sweden and Bornholm and the other to western Sweden and south-eastern Norway—were arranged.

The thanks of all participants are due to the Organizing Committee for the excellent arrangements made for this Conference and particularly to the President and Secretary of CIPEA for the tremendous amount of work which they so willingly undertook.

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