

hierarchy for both color and form continues, since psychophysics has suggested differences in the processing of color as compared with processing of other types of visual information, such as brightness and form. At Canberra this hierarchy was extended into the area of stereopsis with a report that depth perception occurred only with differences in brightness and was impossible with color differences alone. Some neurophysiological data suggested a tendency for color and form specificity to be inversely related in cortical cells, which imply separate hierarchical channels for these two features; these channels could develop after much spatial selectivity had already occurred.

A breakthrough in vision research has been the development of techniques for studying single neurons in awake, trained monkeys. This approach is undoubtedly going to facilitate the ex-

ploration of higher brain centers, which must be very depressed in the anesthetized state. The initial successes with this method are taking place in visual motor systems, where eye movements can be directly related to neuronal activity.

The meeting made it clear that vision research will proceed to develop better techniques to link structure with function in all visual centers in order to uncover the general rules nature uses to construct visual brains—and ultimately man's visual world—by interconnecting nerve cells.

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## A Matter of High Priority:

### IV Jornada de Flora y Fauna Amazonica

The Fourth Meeting on Amazon Flora and Fauna was opened by the Bolivian Secretary of Agriculture on 15 October 1971 in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. The Secretary of Industry and Commerce, a competent economist, explained the importance of ecological surveys in a variety of areas, including political decision-making; integral studies of the renewable natural resources to assure the sustained yield management of commercially valuable species; well-defined and protected national parks and wildlife refuges to stimulate the tourist industry and market; lists of endangered species; and examples of ecological catastrophes caused by well-meaning, but incompetent, agricultural and forestry practices. The ministerial speeches and the subsequent lectures and discussions were taped and broadcast, so that the actual audience of the meeting was far larger than the almost 200 persons who physically attended. Some of us wondered skeptically what the media "rating" of such programs would be, but the organizing commission assured us that the use of transistor radios is widespread, and that people are interested in topics that concern their own region. Dr. Valdivieso (a Bolivian member of the American Academy of Orthomolecular Psychiatry and of the World Center of Group Psycho-

therapy) discussed the future of Bolivian Amazonia from data based on anthropological, clinical, and sociocultural studies. He stated that, "in terms of mental health, the failure of the natural defenses in the human organism leads to suicide. In ecological terms, the failure to comprehend rationally the importance of the conservation of flora and fauna means collective suicide." The people living in the Amazon Basin do not want to commit suicide. Some 30 papers were presented that covered topics ranging from problems caused by the introduction of the African bee to problems of regional planning of future settlements to avoid overcrowded cities. J. D. Candia, dean of the University for Tropical Agriculture, spoke about the ecological conditions of the chapare. Several other papers dealt with legislative programs, and the report of the delegate from Ecuador, who presented his country's new wildlife legislation and ordinance of implementation, was highly praised. It was especially pleasing to the group to know that many of the recommendations of the Third Meeting on Amazon Flora and Fauna held in Tena, Ecuador, in 1970 have already been implemented.

Traditionally part of the meetings consist of field trips. The participants

at the Fourth Meeting were given an opportunity to fly over one of Bolivia's projected national parks and also to visit a wildlife refuge near Trinidad (Department Beni). Perhaps the most impressive testimony to the fact that, in spite of all difficulties, something can be done to promote conservation in the Amazon Basin is the Botanical Garden of Santa Cruz. In 1965, Prof. Kempff transformed a piece of wilderness into the *Hortus Amazonicus Tropicalis Boliviensis*. He left the existing vegetation, labeled it, added some more species from the Amazon Basin (but no plants from outside the region).

It is interesting to reflect on the history of these gatherings. The first meeting was held in Belem, Brazil, and was cosponsored by the Association for Tropical Biology (ATB). The second meeting (in Florencia and Leticia, Colombia) still had the moral support of the ATB, but all expenses were paid for by the host country. The third and fourth meetings were organized entirely without the financial or moral support of any international biological, ecological, or conservation agency. This, however, did not diminish the appeal of the conference, where representatives of governments could meet expert scientists and enthusiastic students to discuss the most urgent problems and the best ways to confront these problems. The meeting in Santa Cruz made 18 recommendations. Copies of these can be obtained from Noel Kempff Mercado, Presidente, Comisión Organizadora Casilla 123, Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

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### Forthcoming Events

#### August

5-6. **Perform Tests and/or Examinations on People Who Have Shown Sensitivity to Fluorides from Fluoridation**, Fact Finding Committee, Milwaukee, Wis. (R. J. H. Mick, 915 Stone Rd., Laurel Springs, N.J. 08021)

14-16. **Association for Computing Machinery**, Boston, Mass. (C. Giltner, Lincoln Lab., Massachusetts Inst. of Technology, P.O. Box 73, Lexington 02173)

14-17. **Biometric Soc.**, Western North American Region, Montreal, P.Q., Canada. (J. W. Kuzma, Dept. of Biostatistics, Loma Linda Univ., Loma Linda, Calif. 92354)

14-17. **American Statistical Assoc.**,

Montreal, P.Q., Canada. (J. W. Lehman, ASA, 806 15th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20005)

14-18. Australian and New Zealand Assoc. for the **Advancement of Science**, 44th congr., Sydney, Australia. (Mrs. D. Stretton, Dept. of Physiology, Univ. of Queensland, St. Lucia 4067, Brisbane, Australia)

14-18. Symposium on **Cosmochemistry**, Intern. Assoc. of Geochemistry and Cosmochemistry, Cambridge, Mass. (A. G. W. Cameron, Belfer Graduate School of Science, Yeshiva Univ., Amsterdam Ave. and 186 St., New York 10033)

14-18. **American Ornithologists' Union**, Grand Forks, N.D. (R. C. Banks, Bird and Mammal Labs., National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C. 20560)

14-18. **Physics and Chemistry of Ice**, intern. symp., Royal Soc. of Canada, Ottawa, Ont., Canada. (M. K. Ward, National Research Council, Ottawa K1A 0R6)

14-18. **Social Science and Medicine**, 3rd intern. conf., Elsinore, Denmark. (P. J. M. McEwan, Center for Social Research, Univ. of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton, BN1 9QN, Sussex, England)

15-17. **Science and Policy in the North**, 23rd Alaska science conf., Alaska Div., American Assoc. for the Advancement of Science, Fairbanks. (G. S. Harrison, Inst. of Social, Economic and Government Research, Univ. of Alaska, College 99701)

15-17. Society for the **Study of Amphibians and Reptiles** (15th annual) and **Herpetologists League**, Lake Texoma, Okla. (V. H. Hutchinson, Dept. of Zoology, Univ. of Oklahoma, Norman 73069)

15-18. **American Astronomical Soc.**, East Lansing, Mich. (H. M. Gurin, AAS, 211 FitzRandolph Rd., Princeton, N.J. 08540)

15-18. **Primateology**, 4th intern. congr., Intern. Primateological Soc., Portland, Ore. (W. Montagna, Oregon Regional Primate Research Center, 505 NW 185 Ave., Beaverton 97005)

15-25. **International Cartographic Assoc.**, 4th general assembly, Montreal, P.Q., Canada. (B. Timmermans, Dept. of Energy, Mines, and Resources, Ottawa, Ont., Canada)

16-18. **Radiationless Processes in Gas-Phase Molecules**, intern. conf., Boulder, Colo. (W. C. Lineberger, Joint Inst. for Laboratory Astrophysics, Univ. of Colorado, Boulder 80302)

16-19. **Strontium Metabolism**, 2nd intern. conf., Glasgow, Scotland. (J. M. A. Lenihan, Dept. of Clinical Physics and Bioengineering, Western Regional Hospital Board, 11 W. Graham St., Glasgow G4 9LF)

17-19. **American Acad. of Clinical Toxicology**, Chicago, Ill. (E. G. Comstock, AACT, P.O. Box 2565, Houston, Tex. 77001)

17-22. **Jaw Tumors/Baro Pathology**, Intern. Soc. of Geographical Pathology, 11th conf., Newcastle upon Tyne, England. (I. Rannie, Sutherland Dental School, Newcastle upon Tyne)

20-22. **American Acad. of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation**, Denver, Colo. (C. C. Herold, AAPMR, 30 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60602)

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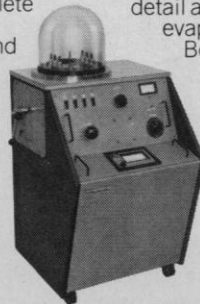
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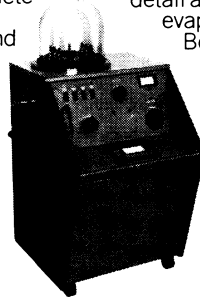
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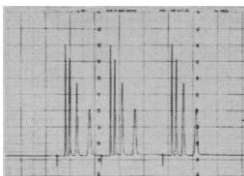
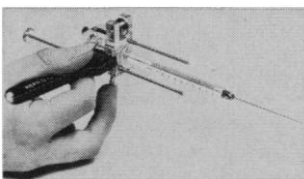
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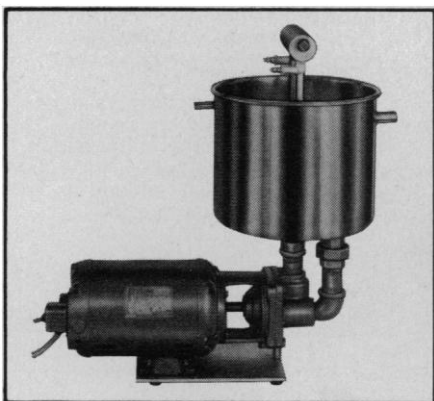
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20-25. **Combustion**, 14th intern. symp., Combustion Inst., University Park, Pa. (CI, 986 Union Trust Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219)

20-25. Federation of **European Biochemical Soc.**, 8th annual, Amsterdam, Netherlands. (FEBS-BIOCHEM 72, RAI Gebouw N.V., Europaplein 8, Amsterdam)

20-26. **Low Temperature Physics**, 13th intern. conf., Intern. Union of Pure and Applied Physics, Boulder, Colo. (D. G. McDonald, National Bureau of Standards, Boulder 80302)

21-23. **Polymer Characterization**, 2nd intern. symp., Battelle Memorial Inst., Seattle, Wash. (F. A. Sliemers, Battelle, 505 King Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43201)

21-24. International Assoc. of **Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians**, 59th annual, Milwaukee, Wis. (H. H. Thomasson, IAMFE, Shelbyville, Ind. 46176)

21-25. **Cloud Physics**, intern. conf., American Meteorological Soc., London, England. (AMS, 45 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.)

21-25. **Extended Atmospheres and Circumstellar Matter in Spectroscopic Binary Systems**, Intern. Astronomical Union, Victoria, B.C., Canada. (K. O. Wright, Dominion Astrophysical Observatory, R.R. 7, Victoria)

21-25. **Histochemistry and Cytochemistry**, 4th intern. congr., Kyoto, Japan. (K. Ogawa, Dept. of Anatomy, Kansai Medical School, Moriguchi, Osaka, Japan)

21-25. International Conf. on **Hydrogen Bonding**, Chemical Inst. of Canada, Ottawa, Ont. (M. K. Ward, Div. of Chemistry, National Research Council of Canada, Ottawa K1A 0R6)

21-25. **Liquid Crystal**, 4th intern. conf., Kent, Ohio. (G. H. Brown, Liquid Crystal Inst., Kent State Univ., Kent 44240)

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21-25. **Science of Catalysis**, 5th intern. congr., North American Catalysis Soc., Miami Beach, Fla. (V. Haensel, Universal Oil Products Co., 30 Algonquin Rd., Des Plaines, Ill. 60016)

21-25. **Underwater Physiology**, 5th symp., Undersea Medical Soc., Freeport, British Bahamas. (C. J. Lamberts, Inst. for Environmental Medicine, Univ. of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa. 19104)

21-26. **Theoretical and Applied Mechanics**, 13th intern. congr., Moscow, U.S.S.R. (G. K. Mikhailov, Leningradskii Prospekt 7, Moscow A-40)

21-30. International **Geological Congr.**, 24th, Montreal, P.Q., Canada. (Secretary-General, 24th Intern. Geological Congr., 601 Booth St., Ottawa 4, Ont., Canada)

22-26. International Soc. on **Thrombosis and Haemostasis**, 3rd congr., Washington, D.C. (H. R. Roberts, Box 630, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514)

22-30. International Congr. of **Entomology**, 14th, Canberra, Australia. (C. N. Smithers, Australian Museum, College St., Sydney 2000)

23-25. **Aspects of Biological Gerontology**, 2nd annual Rocky Mountain symp. on aging, Fort Collins, Colo. (Office of Conferences and Institutes, Room 178, Student Center, Colorado State Univ., Fort Collins 80521)

23-25. **Chemical Education Conf.**, Div. of Chemical Education, American Chemical Soc., South Hadley, Mass. (Miss A. J. Harrison, Dept. of Chemistry, Mt. Holyoke College, South Hadley 01075)

23-25. American Congr. of **Rehabilitation Medicine**, Denver, Colo. (C. C. Herold, ACRM, 30 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60602)

25-27. **Rural Sociological Soc.**, Baton Rouge, La. (H. M. Sauer, Dept. of Rural Sociology, South Dakota State Univ., Brookings 57006)

27. **Genetics Soc. of America**, Minneapolis, Minn. (M. W. Shaw, Room 523, Dept. of Biology, M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Inst., Houston, Tex. 77025)

27-30. American Inst. of **Chemical Engineers**, 73rd natl., Minneapolis, Minn. (AICE, 345 E. 47 St., New York 10017)

27-1. American Inst. of **Biological Sciences**, Minneapolis, Minn. (J. R. Olive, AIBS, 3900 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20016)

27-1. American **Chemical Soc.**, New York, N.Y. (F. T. Wall, ACS, 1155 16th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036)

27-1. **General and Molecular Genetics**, Genetics Soc. of America, 41st annual, Minneapolis, Minn. (P. Snustad, Dept. of Genetics, 301 Snyder Hall, Univ. of Minnesota, St. Paul 55101)

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27-1. American Soc. of **Plant Physiologists**, Minneapolis, Minn. (W. H. Klein, Smithsonian Radiation Biology Lab., 12441 Parklawn Dr., Rockville, Md. 20852)

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27-1. Society of **Protozoologists**, Minneapolis, Minn. (D. M. Hammond, Zoology Dept., Utah State Univ., Logan 84321)

27-1. World Congr. of **Rehabilitation International**, 12th intern., Sydney, Australia. (Rehabilitation International, 219 E. 44 St., New York 10017)

27-1. Society for the **Study of Evolution**, Minneapolis, Minn. (D. L. Jameson, Dept. of Biology, Univ. of Houston, Houston, Tex. 77004)

27-1. American Soc. of **Zoologists**, Minneapolis, Minn. (G. Sprugel, Jr., Illinois Natural History Survey, 179 Natural Resources Bldg., Urbana 61801)

27-2. International Soc. of **Electrochemistry**, 23rd congr., Stockholm, Sweden. (G. Wranglén, Royal Inst. of Technology, 100 44 Stockholm 70)

27-2. **Transfusion Congr.**, American Assoc. of Blood Banks and Intern. Soc.

of Blood Transfusions, Washington, D.C. (AABB, Suite 401, 915 19th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20006)

28. American **Fern Soc.**, Minneapolis, Minn. (R. L. Hauke, Dept. of Botany, Univ. of Rhode Island, Kingston 02881)

28-29. Use of **Tracers to Study Heterogeneous Catalysis**, intern. conf., New York Acad. of Sciences, New York, N.Y. (W. Likely, NYAS, 2 E. 63 St., New York 10021)

28-30. **Mathematical Assoc. of America**, Hanover, N.H. (H. Adler, Dept. of Mathematics, Univ. of California, Davis 95616)

28-31. American **Sociological Assoc.**, New Orleans, La. (N. J. Demerath, ASA, 1001 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036)

28-1. **Advances in Microbial Engineering**, 1st intern. symp., Mariánské Lázně, Czechoslovakia. (Microbiological Inst., Czechoslovak Acad. of Sciences, Budějovická 1083, Prague 4)

28-1. **Biochemistry of Lipids**, 15th intern. conf., The Hague, Netherlands. (B. H. Tritten, Unilever Research, P.O. Box 114, Vlaardingen, Netherlands)

28-1. **Cybernetic Modeling of Adaptive Organizations**, Science Committee, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Porto, Portugal. (D. Howland, College of Administrative Science, Ohio State Univ., 1775 S. College Rd., Columbus 43210)

28-1. **Electron Microscopy Soc. of America**, Los Angeles, Calif. (G. C. Cocks, Olin Hall, Cornell Univ., Ithaca, N.Y. 14850)

28-2. **Antibiotics: Biosynthesis and Function**, EUCHEM conf., Aarhus, Denmark. (J. Hedegaard, Dept. of Microbiology, Polytechnical Univ., DK 2800 Lyngby, Copenhagen, Denmark)

28-3. **Phycological Soc. of America**, Minneapolis, Minn. (Miss P. L. Walne, Dept. of Botany, Univ. of Tennessee, Knoxville 37916)

29-1. **Discharges and Electrical Insulation in Vacuum**, 5th intern. symp., Poznan, Poland. (A. S. Denholm, Energy Sciences Inc., 111 Terrace Hall Ave., Burlington, Mass. 01803)

30-2. **Status of Physicians and Paramedical Staff**, intern. conf., Bratislava, Czechoslovakia. (Czechoslovak Medical Soc., Michiewiczova 18, Bratislava)

31-3. **High-Resolution Infrared Spectroscopy**, 2nd intern., Prague, Czechoslovakia. (Inst. of Physical Chemistry, Czechoslovak Acad. of Sciences, Máchova 7, Prague)

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1-7. **Electroencephalography and Clinical Neurophysiology**, 8th intern. congr., Marseille, France. (Mme. G. C. Lairy, Laboratoire d'EEG, Hôpital Henri Rousset, 1, rue Cabanis, Paris 14, France)

1-8. American **Psychological Assoc.**, Honolulu, Hawaii. (K. B. Little, APA, 1200 17th St., NW, Washington, D.C.)

1-8. **Psychometric Soc.**, Honolulu, Hawaii. (W. B. Schrader, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, N.J. 08540)

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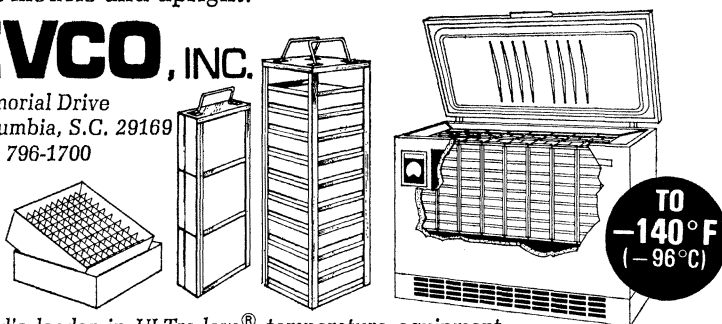


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3-5. **Parapsychological Assoc.**, 15th annual, Edinburgh, Scotland. (J. G. Pratt, P.O. Box 152, Univ. of Virginia Hospital, Charlottesville 22901)

3-9. International Union of **Nutritional Sciences** Congr., Mexico City, Mexico. (A. Chavez, IUNSC, Viaducto Tlalpan Y San Fernando, Mexico 22, D.F.)

4-8. International Committee on **Rheology**, 6th intern. congr., Lyon, France. (C. Smadja, VI<sup>e</sup> Congr. Intern. de Rheologie, Boite Postale 1, 69 Lyon-Mouche)

4-8. **Physical Organic Chemistry**, 1st conf., Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry and Swiss Chemical Soc., Crans sur Siere, Switzerland. (H. Zollinger, Dept. of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry, Swiss Federal Inst. of Technology, 6 Universitätsstrasse, CH-8006 Zurich, Switzerland)

4-9. International Council on **Alcohol and Drug Addictions**, 30th intern. congr., Amsterdam, Netherlands. (Case postale 140, 1001 Lausanne, Switzerland)

4-9. International Congr. of **Pharmaceutical Sciences**, 24th general assembly, Lisbon, Portugal. (Organizing Committee, Sindicato Nacional dos Farmaceuticos, 18 rua da Sociedade Farmaceutica, Lisbon 1)

4-10. European Soc. of **Hematologists**, 11th intern. symp., Reading, England. (N. G. M. Hague, Univ. of Reading, Bldg. 1, Spur J, Earley Gate, Whiteknights Rd., Reading RG6, 2AR)

4-10. **World Future Research** Conf., 3rd, Bucharest, Romania. (Romanian Organizing Commission of the Third World Future Research Conf., Bucharest I, Calea Victoriei 125)

5-7. **Occupational Safety and Health of Young Workers**, intern. symp., Belgrade, Yugoslavia. (L. Parmeggiani, Occupational Safety and Health Branch, International Labour Office, CH 1211, Geneva 22, Switzerland)

5-8. Conference on **In Situ Composites**, Naval Air Systems Command, Office of Naval Research and Natl. Materials Advisory Board, Lakeville, Conn. (F. D. Lemkey, United Aircraft Research Labs., East Hartford, Conn. 06108)

5-8. International Soc. of **Internal Medicine**, 12th intern. congr., Boston, Mass. (H. Ludwig, Burgenspital, Basle, Switzerland)

5-8. **Metrology**, Intern. Measurement Confederation, intern. symp., Bratislava, Czechoslovakia. (Insymet '72, Organizing Committee, Dom techniky SVTS, Kocel'ova 17, Bratislava)

5-8. **New Developments in Reactor Physics**, Kiamesha Lake, N.Y. (N. C. Francis, 2311 Plum St., Schenectady, N.Y. 12309)

5-8. American **Political Science** Assoc., Washington, D.C. (E. M. Kirkpatrick, APSA, 1527 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036)