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1. 8th International Congress of Heterocyclic Chemistry - Graz, Austria, August 23-28, 1981. The 8th ICHC will be held in Graz, Austria, August 23-28, 1981. The first circular announcing this meeting has been received by most members. The organizers, Professors T. Kappe and H. Junek of the Institute for Organic Chemistry, University of Graz, Austria have announced the Plenary Lectures for that meeting as follows:

R. M. Acheson, Oxford: "Heterocycles From Activated Acetylenes," Karl Gewald, Dresden: "Recent Synthesis of Heteroaromatic Amines by Cyclization of Nitriles"; Tetsuzo Kato, Sendai: "Diketene in Heterocyclic Synthesis"; Karoly Lempert, Budapest: "Quinazolinoamidates and some Related Systems"; Hans Neunhoeffer, Darmstadt: "Synthetic Studies on Nitrogen-Containing Heterocycles"; Wolfgang Oppolzer, Geneva: "New Aspects of Regio- and Stereoselective Synthesis of Heterocycles and Natural Products"; Roland K. Robins, Provo, Utah: "Novel Nitrogen Heterocycles as Potential Medicinal Agents"; Stewart W. Schneller, Tampa, Florida: "Quinazolines, Quinoxalines, and Ring Separated Pteridines"; Jacob Szmuszkovicz, Kalamazoo, Michigan: "Some Novel Aspects of Heterocyclic Chemistry"; and Henk C. van der Plas, Wageningen, will present the award address (see next item): "Reactivity of Pteridines and Deazapteridines towards Nucleophiles in Enzymatic and Non-enzymatic Reactions."

Professors Kappe and Junek have also announced special sessions for the Congress as follows:

Malononitrile in Heterocyclic Synthesis (Chairman: E. C. Taylor, Princeton); Heterocycles in Anticancer and Antiviral Research (Chairman: J. A. Montgomery, Birmingham, Alabama); Heteroatom Directed Metallations in Heterocyclic Synthesis (Chairman: G. Newkome, Baton Rouge, Louisiana); Heterocumulenes in Heterocyclic Synthesis (Chairman: E. Schaumann, Hamburg); and Heterocycles as Fluorescent Agents (Chairmen: R. Raue, Leverkusen and H. Schwander, Basel).

The 8th ICHC looks to be a great one. We hope to see all of you there.

2. Professor Henk C. van der Plas is the first recipient of the International Award in Heterocyclic Chemistry. President Leroy Townsend is proud to announce that Henk C. van der Plas, Wageningen, The Netherlands, is the first recipient of the new international Award in Heterocyclic Chemistry sponsored by the Warner-Lambert Company. Prof. van der Plas will present the award address at the 8th ICHC in Graz (see above). The awards consists of \$2,000, a scroll or plaque and travel expenses to the Graz meeting. Congratulations Henk.

3. Nominations. Professor Miha Tisler is the Chairman of the Nominating Committee for the International Society. He needs to have nominations for the offices of President-Elect, Secretary-General and members of the Advisory Committee (five are to be elected). These nominations must be in the hands of the Secretary-General by February 15, 1981. Please write to Miha at once if you have suggestions for these offices: Chemistry Department, University of Ljubljana, Murnikova 6-POB 537, 61000 Ljubljana, Yugoslavia.

4. 9th International Congress of Heterocyclic Chemistry to be held in Asia in 1983. Two proposals have now been received for the 9th ICHC in 1983, one from Japan and one from Israel. Additional proposals are welcome, however, the time is very short. The site for Congress 9 must be decided in April or May, 1981. Proposals should be sent to: Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Pfleiderer, Universität Konstanz, Fachbereich Chemie, 7750 Konstanz, Postfach 733, West Germany.

5. Due Notices. Due notices for those whose membership will lapse on December 31, 1980 are being sent by the Society Treasurer, Prof. Ludwig Bauer. If the date on the address for this newsletter is 12/80, and you do not receive a notice, please remit \$15 for one year (\$25 for two) to Dr. Bauer, College of Pharmacy, Univ. of Illinois, 833 So. Wood Street, P.O. Box 6998, Chicago, IL 60680.

6. Membership. Society membership has dropped to under 300. Dr. Raymond P. Panzica, the Society Membership Chairman, has asked all members to encourage their colleagues to join. There is a reduction of the registration fee for the International Congresses and for the abstracts of that meeting for members of the Society. Membership forms can be obtained from Dr. Panzica, Dept. of Medicinal Chemistry, Univ. of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI 02881 USA.

7. News of General Interest. Professor Alan R. Katritzky has moved from the University of East Anglia, England to the University of Florida, Gainesville. Prof. Katritzky now holds the Kenan Chair of Organic Chemistry. He will be sorely missed in England. We wish him success in his new position. Professor Raymond N. Castle recently announced that he is moving from the Brigham Young University to the University of South Florida, Tampa in September 1981. He will be graduate Research Professor at USF. The editorial office for the Journal of Heterocyclic Chemistry will also move to Tampa. Florida must be one of the great places to live.

8. Other Meetings. There will be two international meetings following the 8th ICHC in Graz. The 7th CSSR Symposium on the Chemistry of Heterocyclic Compounds will be held in Bratislava, CSSR, August 31-September 3, 1981. The 5th Symposium on the Chemistry of Nucleic Acid Components will be held in Bechyne Castle in Southern Bohemia, CSSR, September 6-11, 1981.

9. Please write to one of the editors if you have news for the Society. We anticipate another newsletter next May or June announcing the new officers and the final plans for the 8th ICHC.