

NOTICES

PAGE CHARGES FOR *THE AMERICAN MINERALOGIST*

At its meeting of November 18, 1967, the Council of the Mineralogical Society of America instituted a system of page charges for *The American Mineralogist*. This step was taken on the recommendation of the Committee for Financing Expansion of *The American Mineralogist* which, during 1967, considered in detail various plans for coping with the increasing volume of papers submitted to the journal. Both the Committee and the Council gave extended consideration to possible alternatives and to the various considerations involved in page charges.

Page charges were begun by *The Physical Review* in 1930, and their present extensive use by a wide spectrum of scientific journals allows them to keep pace with increases in their accepted manuscripts. As with other journals, the charge is assessed against the institution supporting the research that led to the submitted manuscript, and can generally be planned for as a final important part of the research, at a small percentage of the total cost. An author whose research has been supported by an institution that is unable, for compelling legal or financial reasons, to honor the bill for page charges will not be required to pay the bill himself. Payment of page charges is not a condition for publication.

In order that this change in policy may be given wide notice, the Council ruled that charges would begin with manuscripts received in the office of the Editor on or after August 1, 1968. The charge has been set by the Council at an initial rate of \$20.00 per page, which is lower than most journals already making such a charge. Rates for reprints will not be changed at present, except that 100 instead of 50 reprints will be sent free to each author.

SPECIAL SESSION ON SULFIDE CRYSTALLOGRAPHY

A special session on the crystal structure of sulfides is planned for the Mexico City Meeting of the GSA-MSA, November 11-13, 1968. The honorary chairman, Dr. Linus Pauling, will deliver a summary address. About a third of the program will be devoted to invited papers intended mainly to report recent developments in Europe and Asia. The remainder of the session is open for the presentation of unsolicited contributions. To insure that your work will be considered for inclusion on this program, please submit your abstract as soon as possible, certainly before May 15, to the undersigned. After review by the Session Committee, it will be forwarded to Secretary Holmes for normal processing by the usual GSA Program Committee.

It is hoped that the organization of the session on structural aspects will stimulate presentation, in Mexico City, of original contributions in other fields of sulfide study. The latter should be submitted directly to Secretary Holmes before July 1.

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EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF CRYSTALLOGRAPHY

The Eighth International General Assembly and Congress of the International Union of Crystallography will be held in the United States in August 1969. From August 7-12, there will be a meeting on the *Crystallography of Biologically Important Substances* held at the Center for Crystallographic Research, Roswell Park Memorial Institute, Buffalo, New York. From August 14-21, the General Meeting comprising the General Assembly, the principal scientific sessions, and the work of the scientific Commissions of the Union will

take place at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, Long Island, New York. From August 23–27, there will be meetings of crystallographic interest at the Stony Brook campus and on the *Chemical and Physical Aspects of Neutron Scattering* at Brookhaven National Laboratory, Long Island. A program of visits to scientific laboratories and cultural attractions in Washington, D. C. will be arranged for August 25–27 in connection with the Congress.

A preliminary announcement will be mailed to all known crystallographers in the Spring of 1968. Inquiries should be addressed to: Eighth International Congress of Crystallography, Congress Office, State University of New York, Stony Brook, Long Island, New York 11790, U.S.A.

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