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21st International Congress of History of Science, 8–14 July 2001, Mexico City, Mexico

Of special interest to chemists at this meeting will be an International Conference of Ecology and Philosophy of Chemistry. Featured topics will include ecology and chemistry; history of chemistry; philosophy of chemistry (language, models, laboratory: instrument-experiment, epistemology, ontology, and ethics); didactics; and theoretical chemistry and general topics.

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5th Symposium on the Philosophy of Chemistry and Biochemistry, 6–9 August 2001, Loughborough, Leicestershire, England, UK

This meeting will be held at Loughborough University under the auspices of the International Society for the Philosophy of Chemistry (ISPC). ISPC is devoted to the international exchange of ideas concerning the philosophical foundations of the chemical sciences and related areas. The symposium is intended to foster discourse among chemists, biochemists, philosophers, historians, sociologists, and educators. Members of ISPC can receive the journal *Foundations of Chemistry* at a reduced rate.

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8th European Symposium on Organic Reactivity (ESOR-8), 1–6 September 2001, Cavtat (Dubrovnik), Croatia

This symposium continues a long and distinguished series of conferences of physical organic chemists, working in all fields of science and its applications, from Europe and the rest of world. Its aim is to provide a forum for the presentation and discussion of recent developments in physical organic chemistry and to

highlight future prospects in this mature, but still very active field. The emphasis will be on interdisciplinary approaches encompassing both experimental and theoretical methods, focusing particularly on the following topics: structure and reactivity, proton transfer and electron transfer processes, and supramolecular assemblies and their relevance to molecular biology and materials science. The deadline for submission of abstracts is 1 June 2001.

For additional information, contact ESOR-8 Organizing Committee, c/o Dr. Mirjana Eckert-Maksic, Rudjer Boskovic Institute, POB 180, HR-10 002 Zagreb, Croatia; E-mail: esor@emma.irb.hr; Tel.: +385 1 4680 197; Fax: +385 1 4680 195; Web site: <http://www.esor8.irb.hr>.

Electronic Structure of Solids and Surfaces—EuroConference on Computer Simulation of Complex Interfaces: Out of the Vacuum into the Real World, 7–12 September 2001, Giens (near Toulon), France

This meeting [supported by the European Commission, Research DG, the Human Potential Program, and High-Level Scientific Conferences (Contract No. HPCF-CT-2000-00231)] focuses on the application of computer simulation, especially first-principles approaches, to the study of real-world surfaces and interfaces—those found outside a vacuum chamber. This topic arises in numerous fields and disciplines, making interdisciplinary participation an integral feature. Bringing together authoritative simulation practitioners, experimentalists, and industrial researchers, the conference will address the scientific and technical challenges that must be overcome in order to advance understanding of complex interfaces.

Key scientific themes of the meeting include the following:

- Interfaces of liquids and solutions with solids: oxides, minerals, metals, and aqueous solutions
- Chemical and mechanical changes at interfaces: oxidation and self-catalysis, lubrication, wear, friction and tribology, corrosion, dissolution, and complexation

The conference is open to researchers worldwide, whether from industry or academia. Emphasis will be on discussion about new developments, and participation will be limited to 100. Grants to cover the conference fee (inclusive of registration, full board, and lodging) will be available, in particular for young nationals (under age 35) from the European Union or Associated States.