

Notes and News

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The attention of those persons interested in attending the Congress is directed to the announcement of the Congress in 'Notes and News', *Acta Cryst.* (1968), A24, 251 and B24, 159, and to a preliminary announcement already mailed to all known crystallographers. Those interested persons who have not responded to the preliminary announcement are requested to write immediately to

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The Ångström unit in the SI system

At their recent meeting in Cambridge, England, the Executive Committee of the International Union of Crystallography resolved that the Ångström unit should be a permitted unit in the SI system.

The resolution was passed after a discussion of the fact that in the present SI system, which is a particular version of the metre-kilogram-second system, the Ångström unit was mentioned as a unit contrary to the SI system. This being so, it would have to be replaced by either 0.1 nanometre (nm) or 100 picometre (pm). In the SI system a list of 'units to be allowed in conjunction with the SI system' is indicated, containing the parsec, barn, hectare, litre, bar, tonne, stokes, poise, gauss, curie and electron volt.