

POLYMER NEWS

International Rubber Conference

The Institut Français du Caoutchouc is organizing, under the aegis of the International Rubber Research and Development Board, an International Rubber Conference, to be held in Paris from May 14th to 18th, 1962.

The I.F.C. has established a program of "communications" which will be given, for the natural rubber, by the members of the various Institutes of the I.R.R.D.B. and, for the synthetic rubbers, by the researchers and technical experts in this field. In addition, plenary conferences have been arranged, during which prominent French and foreign personalities in the rubber world will synthesize the present knowledge.

The conference will be divided into six sessions, the general scheme of which is as follows:

1st session. Rubber in the world economy: the respective positions of natural rubber and synthetic rubbers will be defined during this session.

2nd, 3rd, 4th sessions. The progress in production and knowledge of natural crude rubber (2nd session); the latest developments in the physics and chemistry of natural rubber (3rd session); the improvement of the qualities of natural rubber and the natural specialty rubbers (4th session).

5th and 6th sessions. Comparative examination of natural and synthetic rubbers: during these two sessions accounts will be given of the chief types of synthetic rubbers for general purpose. A panel discussion will follow.

The detailed program will be circulated during October 1961. For all information, apply to the Secrétariat of the Conference, c/o Mr. G. Daughy, 42, rue Scheffer, Paris (16). Tel. KLE. 93-96.