

## MEETINGS CALENDAR

The NIH Bioengineering Consortium (BECON) will host its 1999 symposium. "Visualizing the Future of Biology and Medicine," on June 25–26 at the Natcher Conference Center on the NIH campus in Bethesda. Speakers, panels, discussions, poster presentations, and exhibits will provide a forum for multidisciplinary exploration of challenges, opportunities, and accomplishments in the application of bio-imaging advances in disease detection, diagnosis, and therapy. For registration and further meeting information, visit the BECON symposium Web site: <http://www.nih.gov/grants/becon/meeting99/index.htm>.

The Solid State NMR Symposium of the 41st Rocky Mountain Conference will take place between August 1–5, 1999, at the Hyatt Regency in Denver, Colorado. Sessions will focus on conformational and structural determinations, catalysis and interfaces, inorganic materials and glasses, novel detection schemes, and dynamics. Professor H. W. Spiess will be the Vaughan Lecturer, and the Laura Marinelli Prize for outstanding student or postdoctoral paper or poster will be sponsored. For further information or submission of abstracts contact Professor Jeffrey Reimer, Department of Chemical Engineering, 201 Gilman Hall, University of California, Berkeley California 94720. E-mail: [reimer@socrates.berkeley.edu](mailto:reimer@socrates.berkeley.edu); or visit our web site at <http://india.cchem.berkeley.edu/~rnc/>.

The XIX International Conference on Magnetic Resonance in Biological Systems will be held August 20–25, 2000, in Florence, Italy. For further information, please contact Chairperson, Professor Ivano Bentini, Florence, Italy, or Executive Manager, Professor Lucia Banci, Department of Chemistry, University of Florence, Via G. Capponi 7, I-50121 Florence, Italy. Telephone: 39 055 2757600. Fax: 39 055 2757555. E-mail: [icmrbs@lrm.fi.cnr.it](mailto:icmrbs@lrm.fi.cnr.it). URL: <http://www.lrm.fi.cnr.it/icmrbs.html>.

The "Applications of NMR to Complex Systems" Symposium will be held August 22–26, 1999 at the 218th American Chemical Society Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana. There will be five sessions which will focus on respectively polymers, glasses, catalysts, geochemistry, and fossil fuels. The deadline for abstracts is March 15, 1999. For further information, please contact Dr. Robert E. Botto, Symposium Chair, Chemistry Division, Argonne Na-

tional Laboratory, 9700 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439. Phone: (630)252-3524. Fax: (630)252-9288. E-mail: [robert\\_botto@qmgate.anl.gov](mailto:robert_botto@qmgate.anl.gov).

The First and Last International Specialized Solid-State-NMR-Colloquium on Single Crystals will be held Friday, September 10, 1999, on the occasion of the retirement of Professor Ulrich Haeberlen. The program will comprise three invited lectures on Friday afternoon. We are very pleased that this will also give us a welcome opportunity to celebrate Professor Karl-H. Hauser's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. It is still in the planning stages and participation is welcome. Please confirm participation by April 15, 1999 to H. Zimmermann. MPI für med. Forschung, Jahnstr. 29, 69120 Heidelberg. Fax: 06 221 486351. E-mail: [herzi@otto.mpimf-heidelberg.mpg.de](mailto:herzi@otto.mpimf-heidelberg.mpg.de). A second notice which will also include details on accommodation possibilities will be mailed to those who will participate by the middle of May 1999.

The international EMBO course "In vivo Magnetic Resonance Imaging and Spectroscopy in Basic Research" will be held October 11–16, 1999, in Basel, Switzerland. The purpose of this EMBO course is to give an introduction to the principles of magnetic resonance and to provide an overview of techniques currently used in *in vivo* MR imaging and spectroscopy. Theoretical seminars will be complemented by practical courses covering proton and nonproton spectroscopy, fast imaging sequences, and coil construction. The course addresses novices and more advanced students with a strong interest in the application of magnetic resonance to living systems.

Applications should include a CV and a short statement of current research interests. The course is limited to 20–25 participants. Accommodations will be covered by EMBO. A limited number of travel grants are available. The deadline for application is June 10, 1999. Applicants will be notified by E-mail or mail before July 15th, 1999. For more information and registration contact Professor J. Seelig, Biocenter of the University, Klingelbergstr. 70, CH-4056 Basel, Switzerland. E-mail: [seelig1@ubaclu.unibas.ch](mailto:seelig1@ubaclu.unibas.ch). Phone: 41 61 267 2191. Fax: 41 61 267 2189. Web site: [www.biozentrum.unibas.ch/~embo-nmr/](http://www.biozentrum.unibas.ch/~embo-nmr/).