

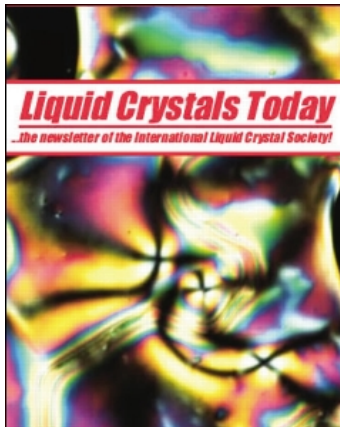
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## **Agnés Buka, Conference Secretary writes:**

“On behalf of the local Organising Committee, the Research Institute for Solid State Physics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and the Roland Eötvös Physical Society it is my great pleasure to invite you to join us in Budapest and participate in the 15th ILCC, 3-8 July 1994.

The 15th ILCC is the next milestone in physics, chemistry and applications of liquid crystals. Even though there are many topical meetings organised for smaller circles of specialists of several subfields, the ILCC remains a forum for everybody: researchers, students, engineers, and those interested in getting an overview of recent developments. We plan to have five plenary talks in the morning of each working day of the conference, followed by poster sessions. Oral contributions are scheduled for the afternoons.

The site of the conference, the EFEDOSzS Congress Centre, is located on the Pest side (left bank of the Danube) of the city, in the neighbourhood of the Heroes Square with monuments erected in 1896 to commemorate the millennium of the Hungarian state. The square is surrounded by the City Park where one can also find several museums, an amusement park, rowing lake, restau-

rants and the Budapest Zoo. The quiet friendly atmosphere is inviting for short relaxing walks between sessions and for informal scientific/nonscientific discussions, and will perhaps function as the ‘main lobby’ of the Conference Centre.

Biased locals and unbiased foreigners share the opinion that Budapest, situated in the heart of Central Europe, is one of the most spectacular cities of the region. The panorama from Gellert Hill (shown above) will hopefully convince you too. The city has something to offer everyone: famous museums, historic buildings, the medieval atmosphere of the streets of Buda, hot springs, swimming pools with natural mineral water, small romantic restaurants with good wine and Gipsy music.

The Hungarian Airline, MALEV, has been appointed to be the ‘official carrier’ for the 15th ILCC. MALEV’S network provides convenient flights from all major European cities, the Middle East and New York, and also offers reduced rates (details in next circular).

Professor L Bata, Conference Chairman, and the Local Organising Committee would be delighted if you participated in the 15th ILCC and got a touch of the Hungarian culture! □ ”

## **Meeting Report: ECLC 93 — European Conference on Liquid Crystals Science and Technology, 7-12 March 1993, Flims, Switzerland**

ECLC continued the tradition of the biennial European Winter LC Conferences, and this year for the first time, absorbed the former LC Conference of Socialist Countries. Of the 207 participants from 28 countries, 28 delegates attended from the former Socialist countries, but in addition the conference attracted representatives from many liquid crystal groups outside Europe, such as the USA, Canada, Japan and S Africa. The Conference was held in the magnificent Park Hotels complex in the Swiss ski resort of Flims, and coincided with a week of excellent weather and fine snow conditions.

Conference Chairman Dr Martin Schadt (F Hoffmann La Roche) and his committee had organised a rich programme of 5 plenary and 20 invited talks, and there were 153 refereed poster contributions. Each poster session was introduced by a selected speaker,

who gave an overview, aided by summary transparencies submitted by presenters. This was a most useful innovation, enabling conference participants to focus directly on posters of particular interest to them.

The physico-chemical aspects of molecular self-organisation (“Principe des affinités électives”), were presented by Simon in his plenary lecture on mesomorphic materials for electronics, with particular reference to phthalocyanines and new linear polyphilic systems. Possibilities for synthetic developments and applications such as field effect transistors and ferroelectric devices were outlined, which were developed by subsequent oral contributions from Plesnivny (new metallomesogens based on azacrowns). Blinov (ferroelectric properties of achiral polyphilic liquid crystals), Gruneberg (ferroelectric and anti-ferroelectric properties of chiral