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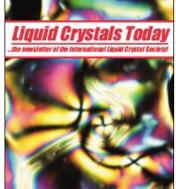
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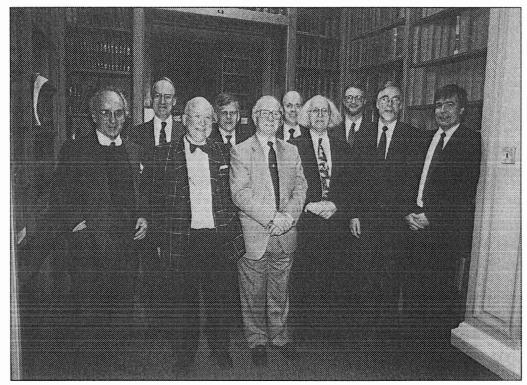
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- Report from Duncan Bruce, University of Sheffield, Meeting Organiser

On February 9th 1994, over 160 people gathered in London for a meeting, sponsored by the recently formed Materials Chemistry Forum of the **UK Royal Society of** Chemistry, to mark the retirement from full-time research of Professor George Gray, CBE, FRS.

The morning session, chaired by Professor Luckhurst Geoffrey (Southampton) was devoted to the structure of liquid crystal phases with talks on thermotropic systems from Professors John Goodby (Hull) and Alan Leadbetter (Daresbury), and on lyotropic systems from Professor Alfred Saupe (Halle).

After lunch, Professor Frank Leslie chaired a session on applications with talks from Dr Martin Schadt (Hoffman la Roche), Professor Peter Raynes (Sharp Laboratories) and Professor Harry Coles (Manchester), before handing over to Professor Gray himself who delivered a lecture entitled "A backward look and a forward glance". A wine reception was followed by a dinner at which the speaker was Professor Cyril Hilsum, (GEC). The meeting not only celebrated George's work in liquid crystals but also showed the range of possibilities still open in this vibrant area of research, whose future is obviously assured by the attendance of nearly 100 graduate students at the meeting.



Pictured above are (left to right, front): Alfred Saupe, Frank Leslie, George Gray, Cyril Hilsum, Alan Leadbetter and Harry Coles; (back) Geoffrey Luckhurst, Martin Schadt, Peter Raynes and John Goodby.

# In Memoriam — Janina Maria Janik (1925 - 1993)

It is with great regret that we inform the liquid crystal community of the recent death of Professor Janina M Janik, who passed away on 4 December 1993.

For more than 20 years she was the Head of the Chemical Physics Department at the Institute of Chemistry at the Jagellonian University, Cracow, Poland. Her research activities included in particular neutron and optical spectroscopies of molecular and liquid crystals. She was dealing with molecular motions and phase transitions in liquid crystals and also studying the influence of phase transitions and polymorphism on such motions. The results were published in many papers and presented during international liquid crystal conferences,

Professor J M Janik was also very active in the Polish Chemical Society, and chaired the Students Section of it for many years, also organising the special student meetings that took place during the annual conventions of Polish chemists. Professor Janik was an active spectroscopist and liquid crystal researcher almost to the end and the sympathy of the whole liquid crystal community goes to her husband, Professor Jerzy A Janik.

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