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DATE:	CONFERENCE:	VENUE:	CONTACT:
1993 13 — 17 April	NATO Advanced Workshop on Spatio-temporal Patterns in Non-equilibrium Complex Systems	Santa Fé, New Mexico	Brenda Buck , Liquid Crystal Institute, Kent State University, KENT, OHIO 44242, USA. Fax: 1-216-672-2796
20 — 22 May	Hauptversammlung der Deutschen Bunsen-Gesellschaft: Flüssigkristalle	Leipzig, Germany	Prof H Stegemeyer , Dept of Chemistry, Univ of Paderborn, POB 1621, D-4790 PADERBORN, GERMANY Fax: 49-5251-602519
3 — 5 June	Third International Symposium on Metallo-Mesogens	Castellon, Spain	Dr Mercedes Marcos , Quimica Organica, Facultad de Ciencias-IMCA, Universidad de Zaragoza-CSIC, 50009- ZARAGOZA, SPAIN Fax: 34-76-567920
21 — 25 June	Gordon Conference on Liquid Crystals	Wolfeboro, Mass, USA	Prof J W Doane , Liquid Crystal Institute, Kent State University, KENT, OHIO 44242-0001, USA Fax: 1-216-672-2796
5 — 8 July	1er Workshop Iberoamericano sobre fluidos anisotropicos y sus aplicaciones	Cordoba, Argentina	Dr Daniel Pusiol , FaMAF — Univ. Nac. de Cordoba, 5000 CORDOBA, ARGENTINA
18 — 21 July	First International Conference on Materials Chemistry	Aberdeen, Scotland UK	Prof A West , Dept of Chemistry, Univ of Aberdeen, ABERDEEN AB9 2UE, Scotland, UK Fax: 44-224-272938
18 — 22 Sept	2nd Conference on Liquid Matter	Firenze, Italy	Dr Marco Zoppi , Ist. di Elettronica Quantistica, Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Via Pantiatichi, 56/30 1-50127 FIRENZE, ITALY Fax: 39-55-414612
27 Sept — 1 Oct	Europhysics Conference on Macromolecular Physics 1993: Transitions in Oligomer & Polymer Systems	Ulm, Germany	Prof Dr H G Kilian , Universität Ulm, Experimentelle Physik, Albert-Einstein Allee 11, D-7900 ULM, GERMANY FAX: 49-731-502-3036
28 Sept — 1 Oct	FLC '93, Tokyo: Fourth International Conference on Ferroelectric Liquid Crystals	Tokyo, Japan	Prof Atsuo Fukuda , Tokyo Inst. of Tech., Faculty of Engineering, Dept of Org. & Polymeric Materials, O-okayama, Meguro-ku, Tokyo 152, JAPAN Fax: 81-3-3748-5369
4 — 8 October	V International Meeting on Optics of Liquid Crystals	Lake Balaton, Hungary	Dr I Janossy , Central Research Inst. for Physics, H-1525 BUDAPEST 114, PO Box 49, HUNGARY Fax: 36-1-1695-380
1994 6 — 9 September	International conference on Liquid Crystal Polymers	Beijing, P R China	Dr X J Wang , Beijing ERC of LC Technology & Dept of Chemistry, Tsinghua University BEIJING 100084, P R CHINA FAX: 86-1-2564372

2nd Ukrainian Conference

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Some reports dealt with the synthesis and studies of the physico-chemical properties of new mesogenic molecules and components of liquid crystal materials. Yu Fialkov (Kiev) presented new types of mesogenic molecules based on fluorine derivatives of benzodioxole. T Sidelnikova (Odessa) discussed the synthesis, chemical structure and mesogenic properties of 2,5 disubstituted 1,3 dioxanes, and the

results of studying chiral dopant effects on the thermostability of liquid crystals based on cyano-mesogens were presented by A Fedoryako (Kharkov). Dealing with the applications of liquid crystals, A Gerasimov (Kharkov) presented new results of studies on the electrooptic characteristics of the cholesteric-nematic mixtures having Bragg reflection in a visible light region. He demonstrated large size front-lit displays that used the effect of cholesteric texture bistability at zero field. The results are

very close to those obtained on PSCT cells proposed by J Doane *et al.* However, another type of liquid crystal material, (usually ChNM doped with special molecules that stabilise both focal conic and planar texture), gives improved optical characteristics and response time without using polymer gel, and gives some technological advantages in the manufacturing process. M Kurik (Kiev) reported on the peculiarities of the crystallisation process in a natural lyotropic liquid crystal. ■