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Society NEWS

New Board Members

At the 17th International Liquid Crystal Conference held in Strasbourg 19–24 July 1998, changes to the Officers and Board Directors of the International Liquid Crystal Society were announced, and these are reported below. A full report of the ILCS Board meetings, together with reports on the Society's activities and the 17th International Conference will be published in the next issue of *Liquid Crystals Today*.

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Society, the President and Vice-President serve for a maximum period of two terms of two years. Our existing President, Professor Atsuo Fukuda, and Vice-President, Professor John Goodby, completed their first term of office at the Strasbourg Conference. Nominations had been invited from the membership for the positions of President and Vice-President, but apart from Professor Fukuda and Professor Goodby, no further nominations had been received by the closing date. Since both Professor Fukuda and Professor Goodby are willing to serve further terms of two years, their appointments as President and Vice-President were confirmed.

The Secretary of the Society, Professor Giancarlo Galli, has served the Society with distinction for a period of four years, and wished to retire from his position as an Officer of the ILCS. Accordingly, a new Secretary was appointed, and the Board welcomes Dr Daniel Guillon to serve in this position.

New representatives from affiliated National Societies were appointed to the Board, and the affiliation of new National Liquid Crystal Societies from Japan and Germany was approved by the Board of Directors. In addition, replacements for retiring regional representatives to the Board of Directors were announced. The full list of Officers and Board Directors of the ILCS is given below.

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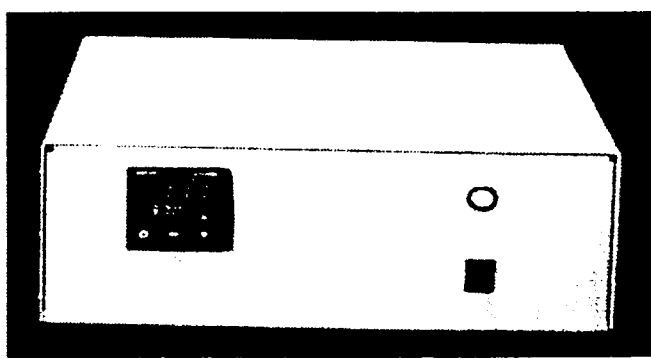
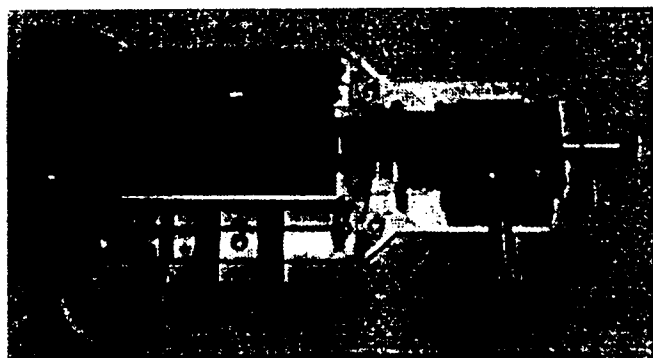
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Following consultation with the membership, the Editorial Board of *Liquid Crystals Today* recommended to the Board of Directors of the ILCS that from a date to be decided, the Newsletter of the International Liquid Crystal Society should be published in an electronic form. The Board of Directors accepted the

recommendation, and the Editor in consultation with the Editorial Board will bring forward to the Board of Directors detailed proposals for the electronic publishing of *Liquid Crystals Today*. In recommending the change to an electronic format, the Editorial Board recognized that not all members of the ILCS have ready access to the Internet. To overcome this problem it is intended to establish centres which can download and print off hard copies of the electronic form of *Liquid Crystals Today* for local distribution. Furthermore, in order to maintain a continuation of the quality of *Liquid Crystals Today*, the change in format will be carried out over a transitional period during which both hard copy and electronic versions will be available. Members of the ILCS will be kept informed of the plans to change *Liquid Crystals Today* to an electronic format.

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