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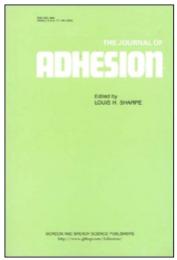
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The following papers were presented at the International Conference "Adhesion '87" organised by the Adhesives Group of the Plastics and Rubber Institute (PRI). It was held during the 7th to 9th of September last at the University of York, with its new campus built around the central feature of a large lake on the outskirts of the ancient city of York whose Saxon beginnings are now on show after a massive programme of excavation.

In the over-large roll-call of conferences today it would not rank as large, a mere 30 papers with one half coming from the home team and a third from the United States and Canada. Size is, however, but one feature of a conference and one that can be counter-productive. The main discussions in the papers concerned stress and fracture and almost equal in importance, durability and the function of surface preparation in securing this. Subject to the papers being received, at suitable times, the papers will be published here by arrangement with the conference organisers to whom Editorial thanks are due. Organisers and Editors also thank the following sponsors of the Conference; the City of York and Gordon and Breach Science Publishers.

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