

**LONDON  
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FORTNIGHT**

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Welcome to the  
Science Fortnight!

One of the largest meetings of young people taking place in Britain where the participation is truly international. That sums up the Science Fortnight on which you are now embarking.

It is certainly the wish of the Council for INTERNATIONAL CONTACT that you will find your visit to London stimulating and enjoyable. I am sure that the programme with its firm basis of appraisal of scientific development and its implications will challenge and interest you.

Whilst you are attending the Science Fortnight members of over ninety other groups will be taking part in courses and projects set up under the aegis of CIC. Our involvement with international exchanges is extensive and covers in excess of 6,500 people each year in travel projects.

The motivation behind our work is the promotion of international understanding. Contact between people in our view is the key to success. That is why I am sure that the lasting memories of this visit to London will be of the people you met, those with whom you discussed and argued late into the night. I hope that you will stick to your own principles, but that you will, at least, return to your home with a deeper respect for the attitudes and views of others. I wish you a pleasant Fortnight.

Eric N. Matthews ALCM,  
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Fortnight**

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## Communication without Comprehension

A study of small children at play will show that whilst ostensibly they are an integrated group, that in terms of communication they are in fact an unrelated number of individuals. Conversation related to the exchange of ideas and the shaping of opinion as a result of the views of others is non-existent.

Paradoxically it may seem that such a situation is the true appraisal of the intercourse of nations at the highest level and that our era of instant communications is a facade.

National self interest, racial self interest, intolerance (known in some localities as independence) and the basic fears of hunger and want all too often outweigh reasoned judgements and preclude practical communication of knowledge and techniques.

The conquest of these preconceived stands and inbred anxieties is what the Science Fortnight is about.

For more than a decade the Fortnight has been gently buffeted along. It has been a ready platform for any seriously motivated pressure group concerned with communicating its beliefs and "pecking order" of priorities for the future of mankind. It has given these platforms willingly, but it has never given them in toto. The Fortnight's strength has always been its participants and they have given a fair 'roasting' to more than one pressure group, both in question and debate and in residual attitudes long after the participants have dispersed to their homes.

No two Fortnights are entirely the same in their format—in our concept of instant communication could any realistic and relevant annual meeting be so—but equally one basic principle remains inviolable: The programme provides information and demonstrates trends. It communicates ideas and shows developments. It answers no questions, resolves nothing and binds no one to any specific view. It never will—and if it tries to do so it will fail and finish.

What the people who plan and run it do hope, however, is that its participants will advance beyond the mental state of the four year olds described in the first paragraph. The only answer to mankind's dilemma must surely be a willingness to listen and to learn: To co-operate for the benefit of mankind and to conserve for its future.

Disease and hunger do not pause to query the colour of a man's skin, the tongue he speaks, or his nationality, before they strike. And yet we listen to reports of such calamities and calumnies from our privileged position—and anyone who gets to London for the Science Fortnight IS privileged—and we learn nothing of the reality that it is *our* species in *our* world that is in danger of extinction. When will we ever learn?

George McGowan  
Director

July, 1971  
London International  
Youth Science Fortnight



# DAILY PROGRAMME

Wednesday 28 July	2000	Arrivals Orientation and Briefing (in Halls of Residence)
Thursday 29 July	1100	*Opening Ceremony
	1400	Introduction to Seminars
	2000	Welcome Ball (at the Empire Rooms)
Friday 30 July	1000	*Lecture: What is Water?
	1400	*Theme Related Films
	2000	Topics for Tonight (in Halls of Residence)
Saturday 31 July	1000	Group A: London Tour Group B: Science Museum Visit
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	2000	Optional Theatre and Concert Visits
Sunday 1 August	1000	Optional Excursions to Stratford on Avon Windsor and Oxford Salisbury and Stonehenge Greenwich by River
	2000	Scientific Films (in Commonwealth Hall)
Monday 2 August	1000 } 1400 }	*Forum: Water—Source of Life
	2000	Topics for Tonight (in Halls of Residence)
Tuesday 3 August	1000	Seminars A, B, C and D Group B: Visit to Shell Centre
	1400	Seminars E, F, G and H Group A: Visit to Shell Centre
	2000	*Sir Peter Runge Memorial Lecture

All events scheduled after 1800 are optional

Wednesday 4 August	2000	Visits to Industrial and Research Establishments Participants' Topics (in Halls of Residence)
Thursday 5 August	1000	*Lecture: Prevention & Control of Marine Pollution
	1400	Seminars
	2000	Under Fire—The Science Fortnight Staff (in Halls of Residence)
Friday 6 August	1500	Half Day Visits to Industrial and Research Establishments
		*Lecture: Selection by Aptitude and Motivation
	2000	Soiree Internationale (at St. Pancras Assembly Rooms)
Saturday 7 August	1000	*Lecture: Opening up Alaska
	2000	International Folk Evening in Passfield Hall
Sunday 8 August	1000	Optional Excursions to Stratford on Avon Cambridge and Ely Chartwell and Canterbury Kew Gardens by River
	2000	Scientific Films (in Passfield Hall)
Monday 9 August	1000 } 1400 }	*Forum: Social Implications— Scientific Progress
	2000	Seminar Reports
Tuesday 10 August	1000	*Participants Forum: Reflections and Assessments Closing Address
	2000	Farewell Ball (at the Empire Rooms)
Wednesday 11 August		Departures

\*Events marked thus take place at the Institution of Electrical  
Engineers, Savoy Place. London, WC2



## SEMINAR TITLES AND SPEAKERS

SEMINAR A	"Synthetic Materials—Uses and Abuses"	R. Nye
SEMINAR B	"Fuels for the World"	E. Newland
SEMINAR C	"Using Space"	Professor G. Groves
SEMINAR D	"Food in the Future"	B. Pinsent
SEMINAR E	"Traffic in Towns"	R. M. Longstaff
SEMINAR F	"Environmental Exploitation: Scars and Solutions"	R. Mitchell
SEMINAR G	"Chemical Controls"	J. Adcock
SEMINAR H	"Aims and Methods of Research"	Dr. M. Johnson

## TOPICS FOR TONIGHT

Friday, 30 July, 1971.

1	"Thinking Machines?"	R. Gledhill	Commonwealth Hall
2	"Genes in the Future of Mankind"	Dr. F. Neal	College Hall
3	"Inventions and Creativity"	P. Howden	College Hall
4	"Urban Sprawl: Rural Museums or Revolt?"	P. Hutchinson	Passfield Hall

Monday, 2 August, 1971.

1	"Prophylaxis or Cure"	Dr. F. Neal	Commonwealth Hall
2	"Populate and Perish?"	Miss S. Mitchell	College Hall
3	"Engineering: Economic or Aesthetic"	R. Davies	College Hall
4	"Made to Measure People"	R. Gledhill	Passfield Hall

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4 August, 1971

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