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The aim of the Science Fortnight is to give a deeper insight into science and its applications for the benefit of mankind, and to develop a greater understanding between young people of all nations. The Fortnight is part of the programme of the Council for International Contact.



In this restless age, science and technology cause the most rapid changes in our lives. Scientific advances open up great possibilities, alas, not all of them bringing improvement and happiness to the world. Pessimists see in these advances the threat of a world made desolate and exhausted by the thoughtless squandering of resources and the use of technology for development of means of mass destruction. Optimists place before us a prospect of health, comfort and pleasure for all in an exciting new world. Somewhere between the limits of pessimism and optimism there exists a middle way, of sober evaluation of the world's present problems and steady progress towards greater security and higher standards of life for all.

This progress depends on everybody, but more especially on scientists, because of their great impact on the fate of society and because they are at the forefront of advancement. This gives us great power, but if we are to use our powers for good we must also help to remove the barriers of fear, propaganda and distrust that divide the world's peoples. We must develop a new loyalty, extending to the whole of mankind the feeling of belonging and responsibility that we have towards our own family, our own town or country.

We can make a start on developing our international loyalty through meetings like the Youth Science Fortnight, where young scientists from many countries get to know each other, and discuss together common interests and responsibilities. This is one of the aims of the Science Fortnight, which I recommend to you. I look forward to meeting you, and hearing your views on some of the many topics included in the Science Fortnight programme. I hope you will have a pleasant and profitable time in London, and will feel that the chances it gives of world friendship will help you to play your part in contributing to that happy future that we all desire.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. Rotblat'.

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As Chairman of the Council for International Contact, I welcome you to the Science Fortnight in London.

I am not a scientist, and cannot therefore write to you in scientific terms, but I am nevertheless certain that the meeting for which you have come to London will prove to be an important landmark in your education and, indeed, in your life.

The opportunities that it will bring you are complex and far reaching: not only will you have an opportunity of listening to eminent men and women and of seeing for yourself much interesting research and many important applications of science, but also you will have a personal opportunity of expressing your views and your thoughts on the future development and applications of science. To live in an international community and to learn to tolerate and respect views based on differing philosophies from your own is an opportunity which I envy.

I am sure you will find it is a stimulating experience and it is certainly my wish that you will participate totally in *your* Science Fortnight.

Eric E. Potter
Chairman
The Council for International Contact

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International contact on a personal scale is the basis of the Council's work. In a world where life is complex and misunderstandings between nations are common, there is a place for the interchange of people and ideas through travel and direct experience of other countries.

Interchange visits are arranged for groups of young students who stay as guests with families while following language courses. Vacation home-to-home visits are arranged, together with specialist study courses for doctors, social workers, teachers, apprentices and other workers.

Projects of multi-national co-operation, including the experience of communal living on an international scale, provide more opportunities for new friendships and understanding. These projects include the annual London International Youth Science Fortnight and the Harrogate International Youth Bands Festival, as well as less formal meetings such as the People to People International Youth Camp in Essex.

The Council encourages contacts between advanced and underdeveloped countries through sport, study and travel, and has assisted with projects for disabled and disadvantaged people.

The Council is in regular correspondence with many national and multi-national official bodies, as well as with private organisations and individuals. In 1973 over 12,000 people from 31 different countries took part in international events organised by the Council for International Contact.

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Shortly after the energy crisis was accentuated by the sharp increase in the cost of crude oil, a writer to the *Times* newspaper in London remarked that things would never be quite the same again. The simple act of the oil-producing nations of increasing the cost of crude oil triggered off a rapid re-appraisal of the economic and industrial pattern of life in the developed world.

Such collective action is generally considered aggressive rather than constructive. But there are signs that our present re-appraisal could be beneficial in giving us a more balanced view of the problems of fuels and raw materials.

So a healthy shock was administered by the action of the oil-producing nations. This underlines the power of such groups, in contrast with the efforts of well-intentioned organisations such as United Nations, and raises the serious question: Who controls the destinies of nations? Who controls the development of the third world, or decides what contribution to that development should be made by the developed nations? It seems that splendid blueprints for a successful future must depend for their acceptance and application on the approval of the world's political and economic leaders.

Scientists and economists are fundamental workers for progress in the world. They must apply their knowledge and research to the teasing problems of the present and the future. They must also be aware of the need for international co-operation and wise control of resources and plans. If the world's political leadership has failed to demonstrate on the highest level its awareness of the needs of coming generations, then there exists a responsibility for the scientist by his efforts to ensure that research and knowledge result in wise action, so that the aspirations of the planners can be achieved.

George McGowan
Director, London International Youth Science Fortnight

DAILY PROGRAMME

Wednesday		Arrivals
31st July		Orientation in Halls of Residence
Thursday	11 00	*Opening Ceremony
1 August	14 15	*Lecture: <i>Luminescence</i>
	20 00	Welcome Dance at the Empire Rooms
Friday	10 00	Seminars I
2 August	14 15	Seminars II
	20 00	Tour of London by coach
Saturday	10 00	*Lecture: <i>Organ Transplantation: Past, Present and Future</i>
3 August	20 00	Scientific Films in Commonwealth Hall
		Optional theatre visits
Sunday		Optional excursions to Stonehenge and Salisbury or Windsor and Oxford
4 August	20 00	Students' Topics in Halls of Residence
	20 00	Film Night at Commonwealth Hall
Monday	10 00	*Forum: <i>Resources</i>
5 August	14 15	*Forum: <i>Resources</i> continued
	20 00	Topics for Tonight in Halls of Residence
Tuesday		Full-day visits to research and industrial establishments
6 August	20 00	*Lecture: <i>Noise and Man</i>
Wednesday	10 00	Groups 1 and 2: University Lectures
7 August		Groups 3 and 4: Visit to Shell Centre
	14 00	Groups 1 and 2: Visit to Shell Centre
		Groups 3 and 4: University Lectures
	20 00	Students' Topics in Halls of Residence
Thursday	10 00	Visits to London's Science Museums
8 August	14 15	*Lecture Participants' Debate
	20 00	Seminars III in Halls of Residence

Friday	a.m.	Half-day visits to industrial and research departments and to University departments
9 August	20 00	International Folk Evening at the Empire Rooms
Saturday	10 00	*Lecture: <i>Crime and Chemistry</i>
10 August	20 00	Scientific Films in Commonwealth Hall
		Optional theatre visits
Sunday		Optional excursions to Stratford-on-Avon or to Cambridge and Ely
11 August	20 00	Topics for Tonight in Halls of Residence
	20 00	Film Night at Commonwealth Hall
Monday	10 00	*Forum: <i>International Co-operation through Science</i>
12 August	14 15	*Forum: <i>International Co-operation through Science</i> continued
	20 00	Feedback: a discussion of the Science Fortnight with the comments of the staff and participants
Tuesday	10 00	*Participants' Forum
13 August	14 15	*Closing Address
	20 00	Farewell Ball at the Empire Rooms
Wednesday		Departures
14 August		
*These events take place at the Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London, W.C.2.		
Events timed after 18 00 are voluntary.		

Speakers at the Institution of Electrical Engineers

Thursday 1 August	11 00	Opening Ceremony
	14 15	Lecture: <i>Luminescence</i> Dr. T. F. Palmer, Ph.D., Senior Lecturer, Department of Chemistry, University of Nottingham.
Saturday 3 August	10 00	Lecture: <i>Organ Transplantation: Past, Present and Future</i> Professor R. R. Shackman, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S., Professor of Urology, Royal Postgraduate Medical School, London.
Monday 5 August	10 00	Forum: <i>Resources</i>
	14 15	Chairman: Dr. J. A. Pope, D.Sc., C.Eng., Vice-Chancellor, the University of Aston. Introductory talks will be given by university and industrial speakers on aspects of man's use of world resources and raw materials, including topics such as energy, food, minerals, water, and the general preservation of the environment. Questions and discussion will follow.
Tuesday 6 August	20 00	Lecture: <i>Noise and Man</i> Perry M. Nealis, Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Centre, U.S.A.
Thursday 8 August	14 15	<i>Participants' Debate</i>
Saturday 10 August	10 00	Lecture: <i>Crime and Chemistry</i> Dr. Roger R. Berret, B.Sc., Ph.D., Principal Scientific Officer, Metropolitan Police Forensic Science Laboratory.
Monday 12 August	10 00	Forum: <i>International Co-operation through Science</i>
	14 15	Chairman: Professor J. Rotblat, C.B.E., D.Sc., President of the London International Youth Science Fortnight. A team of international scientists who support the Pugwash Movement will introduce topics related to the subject. They will include Sir Rudolf Peierls, Philip Noel-Baker, Professor Bernard T. Feld, and others.

University Lectures

On Wednesday 7 August, in the University departments.

Wednesday 7 August	10 00	Lecture: <i>Measuring Molecules</i> (Group 1) Professor D. J. Millen, Ph.D., D.Sc., Department of Chemistry, University College, London.
	10 00	Lecture: <i>Applications of Mathematics and Computing to Problems in Science and Engineering</i> (Group 2) Professor P. A. Samet, B.Sc., Ph.D., Computer Centre, University College, London.
	14 15	Lecture: <i>Forces between Atoms, Molecules and Electrons</i> (Group 3) Professor J. B. Hasted, M.A., D.Phil., Department of Physics, Birkbeck College.
	14 15	Lecture: <i>Cell Fusion and Medicine</i> (Group 4) R. F. I. Withers, M.Sc., A.K.C., Senior Lecturer, Biology as Applied to Medicine, Middlesex Hospital Medical School.

Seminars

Participants are selected to join seminars in accordance with their expressed scientific interests. A summary of each seminar subject and details of meeting place are supplied individually.

Friday 2 August	10 00	Seminars I
Friday 2 August	14 00	Seminars II
Thursday 8 August	20 00	Seminars III
Seminar A	<i>What is Mathematics?</i> Introduced by Professor John Crank, M.Sc., D.Sc., F.Inst.P., F.I.M.A.	
Seminar B	<i>The Radio Wave; is it still a mystery?</i> Introduced by H. G. Effemy, C.Eng., M.I.E.E.	
Seminar C	<i>Radioactivity and Environmental Research and Development.</i> Introduced by R. M. Longstaff.	
Seminar D	<i>Information Communication.</i> Introduced by Dr. R. Mitchell, M.Sc., Ph.D.	
Seminar E	<i>Environment and Balance.</i> Introduced by A. D. P. Pride, B.Sc.(Econ.)	
Seminar F	<i>The Green Revolution.</i> Introduced by D. P. Richardson, M.Sc.	
Seminar G	<i>Problems in Brain Research.</i> Introduced by Dr. G. E. Savage, B.Sc., Ph.D.	
Seminar H	<i>The Scientist's Role: an economist's view.</i> Introduced by Dr. R. Smith, B.Sc.(Econ.), Ph.D.	

Topics for Tonight

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Monday 5 August	20 00	In College Hall <i>The Community and Change</i> . Introduced by *Christopher Power, B.Sc.(Soc.)
	20 00	In College Hall <i>Live and Let Die</i> . Introduced by *Dr. Frances Calman, M.B., B.S., D.C.H.
	20 00	In Commonwealth Hall <i>Management: the Myth and the Reality</i> . Introduced by Michael Forrer, M.A.(Hons. Theology).
	20 00	In Passfield Hall <i>Drugs and Society</i> . Introduced by *Michael Parnham, B.Sc. (Hons. Pharmacology).
Sunday 11 August	20 00	In College Hall <i>The Imperfect Scientist</i> . Introduced by *Alastair J. Kennaugh, B.Sc.
	20 00	In College Hall <i>Feeding the World: a responsibility of the technologically developed nations</i> . Introduced by Larry L. Allaman, B.A.
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Science Fortnight Films

Scientific Films

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Commonwealth Hall

Working in Pictures

Computer-aided design in British Railways

Engineering in Medicine

Unusual applications of engineering

Plant Movements

Time-lapse cinematography to study plant behaviour

Deep Sea Endeavour

The latest developments in deep sea oil drilling

Film Night

Sunday 4 August
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National Trust

The wide range of preservation activities in Britain by the National Trust

A Sense of Responsibility

National Coal Board safety cartoon

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The life cycle and habits of one of the longest living birds

Canada

Impressionistic study of varied life-styles in Canada

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A new tool for scientific measurement

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American forests, an essential of daily life

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A novel rotating cylinder rudder

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From the invention of the wheel to the first commercially produced cars

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Unique film study of the behaviour of bluetits in their nests

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Tuesday 6 August

Beecham Research Laboratories, Chemotherapeutic Research Centre.	Institute of Naval Medicine, Gosport, Hampshire
British Leyland Jaguar Company, Coventry.	Owen Owen Ltd., Coventry.
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Half-day Visits to industrial and research establishments and to University departments Friday 9 August

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Central Electricity Research Laboratories, Leatherhead.	London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.
The City University, Department of Aeronautics.	Mullard Ltd., Electronics Centre, London, W.C.1.
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