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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.

London International Youth Science Fortnight 1959-1982

The concept of the London International Youth Science Fortnight was that of its originator Philip S. Green, MBE who based his ideas on the belief that "... the strongest friendships grow from like interests." At the time he was Director of the international youth exchange organisation, Worldfriends International Service for Youth (subsequently the Council for International Contact). Early Fortnights were jointly organised by Worldfriends in conjunction with the British Association for the Advancement of Science, an informal link which has remained throughout the years.

The early Fortnights bore little resemblance to the meetings taking place in the 1980's. The project was limited to half a dozen London Schools which were linked with their counterparts in six European countries. The participants who came to London lived in the homes of their London partners and travelled into the centre of London for the main programme events which took place firstly at the Royal Geographic Society and from 1962 at the Institution of Electrical Engineers (which has been the "home base" of the Science Fortnight for twenty years).

After the first couple of Fortnights interest developed in many areas of Britain and in 1961 participants were housed in Halls of Residence of London University as well as in London homes. Overseas recruitment moved outwards from Europe to embrace more distant countries. By 1965 the format of participants living in London homes was eclipsed by the demand for residential places. This change enabled the programme to be extended to encompass evening events and less structured and formalised discussions.

Over the years the Fortnight remained a London based meeting and became established as the largest international meeting annually organised for young people in Britain, attracting each year some twenty five to thirty nationalities and about three hundred and fifty participants. In 1967 it was associated with a special International Youth Science Week within the concept of Expo '67 at Montreal to mark the Canadian Centennial; and in 1976 in conjunction with the Junior High School Science Symposium of the United States it co-ordinated international representation at the Bicentennial of American Science.

Greetings from
The British Association
for the Advancement of Science

In recent years the programme of the Fortnight has increasingly been determined by a programme working group drawn from the highly skilled ranks of the Consultative Council which advised the organisers on content and representation, and in particular has included past participants and members of staff. By 1980 the working group was almost wholly made up of ex-participants and in addition to planning the programme assisted in the selection of staff from the participants of preceding Fortnights. Effectively the content of each year's programme became determined by scientists who had themselves experienced the Fortnight at first hand.

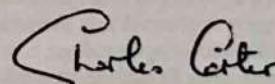
As it looks towards completing its first quarter century, the Science Fortnight has accepted an invitation to co-operate with associates in the Philippines in planning its first Asian joint project in 1984 and beyond that to continuing to play an important role in influencing the career choices and attitudes of more generations of scientists.

The participants of early Fortnights are now entering their middle years in a wide range of professions. Many keep in touch with the organisation and it is not unusual to record links which are more than ten years long (indeed one participant of the Third Fortnight in 1961 is still actively involved!). Amongst those who have maintained contact are airline pilots, doctors, dentists, engineers and nationally elected representatives. Apart from those there are scattered throughout the world many thousands of scientists whom it is hoped gained that deeper insight into science and its applications for the benefit of mankind combined with a greater tolerance and international understanding which the Fortnight aims to give all who are associated with it.

I am delighted to be able to welcome you to the London International Youth Science Fortnight. It is a unique occasion, and one I am sure you will enjoy.

There is no shortage of problems in the world. And many we can solve only through real international cooperation. Within Science, people from all over the world are able to work together in pursuit of common goals. So let science be our guide.

During this Fortnight, young people from all parts of the world will come to London to share their enthusiasm for science. I hope you will not only find your enthusiasm enhanced, but will learn from the contacts across nations and cultures which the Fortnight provides.



*Sir Charles Carter
President
British Association for the
Advancement of Science*

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gramme.

An Introduction to the 1982 Science Fortnight

For participants the two weeks lying ahead represent the unknown and no matter how much effort is put into describing the content and impact of the Science Fortnight no words seem to convey the magnetic effect of living together with one's peers in an international community. Experience has shown it to be a period of mental stimulation, perhaps even of an awareness for the first time of mental frustration.

It has been my lot to write a foreword to the Fortnight on too many occasions for originality to come readily. As stimulus I looked back at the foreword produced in 1963, which said:

"... we hope you will do your utmost to ensure that these two weeks are but a beginning of a more worthwhile and lasting basis of understanding and respect."

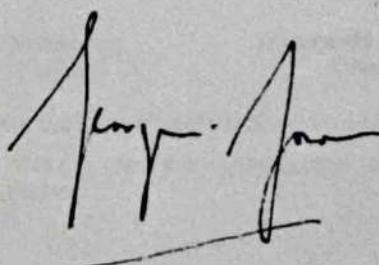
Today these words seem oddly patronising and very dated. Ten years later in 1972, a more philosophic foreword noted:

"At most times in history a cross roads can be detected and with the benefit of hindsight it is possible to decide that mankind took a step away from the brink of catastrophe."

The words seem less dated and the thought expressed in them lies a little less easily than we might wish.

In 1982 these two thoughts from the past can offer a background to your meeting. I have learned that it really is your meeting and that each Fortnight can bring a fresh viewpoint to a seemingly perennial dilemma, posed by the Fortnight's Founder Patron, HRH The Duke of Edinburgh some years ago

"... for what use is Science if mankind does not survive?"



George McGowan
Director
London International Youth Science Fortnight

DAILY PROGRAMME

**Wednesday
28 July** 20 00 Arrivals
Orientation and Briefing in Halls of Residence

**Thursday
29 July** 11 00 *Opening Ceremony
14 30 *Lecture/Demonstration: "*Colour is Fun*"
20 00 Welcome Dance at the Empire Rooms

**Friday
30 July** Half-day visits to industrial and research establishments and
to university departments
20 00 Students' Topics

**Saturday
31 July** 14 15 Changing the Guard at Buckingham Palace
Optional tour of London
Optional theatre visits

**Sunday
1 August** 20 00 Optional excursion to Stonehenge and Salisbury
Students' Topics

**Monday
2 August** 10 00 Workshops
14 15 *Question Time : With Members of Parliament
20 00 Topics for Tonight

**Tuesday
3 August** 10 00 *Lecture: "*Test Tube Babies - The Clinical Dilemma*"
14 15 *Lecture: "*The Information Explosion - A Blessing or a Curse?*"

**Wednesday
4 August** 20 00 Full Day Visit to Science Museums
*Lecture: "*Physics and Music*"

**Thursday
5 August** 20 00 Day Visits to Research & Industrial Establishments
Student Topics

**Friday
6 August** 10 00 University Lectures
14 15 *Lecture: "*Rubik's Cube and Other Mathematical
Recreations*"
20 00 International Evening at Manning Hall
University of London Union

**Saturday
7 August** 10 00 *Lecture: "*Darwin Now*"

**Sunday
8 August** 20 00 Optional Excursion to Stratford-upon-Avon
Feature Film
"*2001 - a Space Odyssey*"
20 00 Student Topics

**Monday
9 August** 10 00 *Lecture: "*Tools for Living*"
14 15 *Participants' Forum I

**Tuesday
10 August** 10 00 *Participants' Forum II
15 00 Closing Address
20 00 Farewell Dance at the Empire Rooms

**Wednesday
11 August** Departures

*at the Institution of Electrical Engineers Savoy, Place, London WC2

With the exception of the Lecture on 4 August events taking place after 18 00 are
optional

Speakers at the Institution of Electrical Engineers

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| Thursday 29 July | 11 00 | Opening Ceremony Sir Charles Carter, FBA President, British Association for the Advancement of Science Richard Luce, MP |
| | 14 30 | Lecture/Demonstration: " <i>Colour is Fun</i> " Dr. A.W.S. Tarrant, BSc, PhD Senior Lecturer in Engineering University of Surrey |
| Monday 2 August | 14 15 | Question time with Members of Parliament Andrew Bowden, MBE, MP W.E. Garrett, MP |
| Tuesday 3 August | 10 00 | Lecture: " <i>Test Tube Babies - The Clinical Dilemma</i> " Professor I.L. Craft, FRCS, MRCOG Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Medical School of the Royal Free Hospital |
| | 14 15 | Lecture: " <i>The Information Explosion - A Blessing or a Curse?</i> " Dr. A.M. Leakey, BSc(Eng), PhD, FCGI, DIC, FEng, FIEE Technical Director, GEC Telecommunications Ltd |
| Wednesday 4 August | 20 00 | Lecture/Demonstration: " <i>Physics and Music</i> " Dr. H.R. Allan, MA, PhD, FRAS Reader in Physics Imperial College of Science and Technology |
| Friday 6 August | 14 15 | Lecture: " <i>Rubik's Cube and Other Mathematical Recreations</i> " Dr. D. Singmaster, BA, MA PhD Senior Lecturer in Mathematics Polytechnic of the South Bank, London |
| Saturday 7 August | 10 00 | Lecture: " <i>Darwin Now</i> " Professor J. Maynard Smith, BA, BSc, FRS Professor of Biology University of Sussex |
| Monday 9 August | 10 00 | Lecture: " <i>Tools for Living</i> " H.S. Wolff, BSc Director, Bioengineering Division Medican Research Council's Clinical Research Centre |
| | 14 15 | Participants' Forum: I Theme " <i>For What Use is Science if Mankind Does Not Survive?</i> " |
| Tuesday 10 August | 10 00 | Participants' Forum: II (continuation) |
| | 15 00 | Closing Ceremony |

Workshops

Participants are allocated to workshops in accordance with their expressed scientific interests. A summary of each workshop subject and details of meetings places are supplied individually.

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| Monday 2 August | 10 00 | Workshop A ✓ " <i>A Different Sort of 'Applied Maths'</i> " G.W. Goodall, BSc, FRS |
| | | Workshop B "Computers Plus Robots Equals Unemployment?" P. Redstone, M.A. |
| | | Workshop C ✓ " <i>Nuclear Energy: Today's Power for Tomorrow's Generation</i> " H.A. Cole, CEng MIEIRE |
| | | Workshop D ✓ " <i>The 3-Dimensional Atomic Structure of Biological Molecules - Determination & Analysis</i> " Dr. W.D. Mercer, BSc, PhD |
| | | Workshop E ✓ " <i>Creating New Food Products</i> " Dr. D.P. Richardson, BSc, MSc, PhD |
| | | Workshop F "New Drugs from Plants" Professor P.J. Hylands, B.Pharm, PhD, CChem, MRSC |
| | | Workshop G "Recent Concepts in the Treatment of Sports Injuries" D.S. Muckle, MS, FRCS |

University Lectures

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| Friday | 10 00 | Group 1 "Modern Medicines - Are They Effective? Are They Safe?" Professor D.R. Laurence, MD, FRCP Department of Clinical Pharmacology University College, London |
| | | Group 2 "Chemistry, Energy & Pollution in the Nuclear Age" Dr. D.B. Hibbert, PhD, CChem, MRSC Department of Chemistry Bedford College, London |
| | | Group 3 "Journey to Halley's Comet" Dr. A.D. Johnstone, BA, MSc, PhD Department of Physics & Astronomy University College, London |

Half Day Visits to Research and Industrial Establishments and to University Departments

Friday, 30 July

- British Airways, Computer Centre
- Chelsea College, London
Department of Pharmacy
- City University
Department of Aeronautical Engineering
- General Electric Co Ltd
Hirst Research Centre, Wembley

Institute of Cancer Research
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King's College, London
Department of Biophysics

- Queen Mary College, London
Department of Physics
- The Royal Free Hospital
- Royal Naval College, Greenwich
Department of Nuclear Science and Technology
- J. Sainsbury plc
Laboratories
- St. Thomas' Hospital
Department of Clinical Chemistry
- University College London
Department of Electronic & Electrical Engineering
- The Zoological Society of London
Institute of Zoology

Day Visits to Industrial and Research Establishments

Thursday, 5 August

- Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell
- British Petroleum Co Ltd
BP Research Centre, Sunbury on Thames
- Brunel University, Uxbridge
Computing Unit
- Central Electricity Generating Board
Dungeness 'A' Nuclear Power Station
Dungeness 400 kV Substation
- IBM United Kingdom, Ltd
Croydon
- Independent Broadcasting Authority
Crawley Court
- Institute of Naval Medicine, Alverstoke
- London Hospital Medical College
Department of Forensic Medicine
- National Institute for Medical Research
Mill Hill
- National Physical Laboratory
Teddington
- Roche Products Ltd
Welwyn Garden City
- Royal Botanic Gardens
Kew
- Royal Marsden Hospital
Sutton
- Shell Research Ltd
Sittingbourne Research Centre
- Standard Telecommunications Laboratories
Harlow
- SEGAS (South Eastern Gas)

Topics for Tonight

These informal discussions are open to any participant. The speaker introduces the topic outlines which is then discussed.

Monday 2 August 2000 University of London Union, Malet Street, London WC1
"When is a Scientist not a Scientist?" introduced by Roger Mulberge, BSc

2000 University of London Union, Malet Street, London WC1
"The Communications Explosion" introduced by John D. Needle

Social Programme

Thursday 29 July 2000 Welcome Dance
Empire Rooms, Tottenham Court Road, London W1

Friday 6 August 2000 International Evening
Manning Hall, University of London Union, Malet Street, London WC1

Tuesday 10 August 2000 Farewell Dance
Empire Rooms, Tottenham Court Road, London W1

Tickets will be available for Promenade Concerts and Theatres on Saturday evenings.

Details of Sunday activities will be circulated during the Fortnight.

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