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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### SEVENTEENTH NATIONAL SEMINAR ON CRYSTALLOGRAPHY

The Seventeenth National Seminar on Crystallography (XVII-NSC) is being organised by the Department of Crystallography and Biophysics, University of Madras and by the Department of Physics, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras from 20-22 December 1985 and will be held in the campus of the I.I.T. Madras. It is sponsored by the National

Committee for Crystallography, of the Indian National Science Academy, which is affiliated to the International Union of Crystallography.

For further details please contact Dr E. Subramanian, Convener, XVII-NSC, Department of Crystallography & Biophysics, University of Madras, Madras 600 025.

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### INTERNATIONAL UNION OF PURE AND APPLIED CHEMISTRY

Prof. C. N. R. Rao, Director, Indian Institute of Science and President of Current Science Association, has taken over as the President of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC), the oldest and the largest scientific union. Prof. Rao,

inaugurated the IUPAC Congress in Manchester last month. He is the first Indian chemist to occupy the position.

We wish Prof. C. N. R. Rao all success.

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### MEDICAL TELEVISION

A Medical Television Project, the first of its kind in India and perhaps amongst the developing countries, has been introduced with the approval of the Government of India, by Dr J. K. Jain, a Delhi based Surgeon who is president of Jain Medical Centre and a former president of Delhi Medical Association. This Project aims at producing video films on Medicine, Health and Family Planning for the National Television Network and for use by professional institutions for under-graduate, post-graduate and continuing medical and allied professional education. Organisations like ICMR, MCI and IMA have all shown interest in the Project and assured their co-operation. Collaboration of leading international con-

cerns engaged in the production of medical and health films, has also been an encouraging factor.

To produce these programmes, a professionally equipped and staffed Television Studio - Jain Studios - has been set up in South Delhi. Some of the equipment installed in the studio is available for the first time in India and enables recording through an endoscope or a microscope. Video technology is of course eminently suited to medical education especially in a country like ours where many institutions do not have adequate facilities or resources.

Further particulars may be had from Dr J. K. Jain, President, Jain Medical Centre, A-39 New Delhi, South Extension Part II, New Delhi 110 049.

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