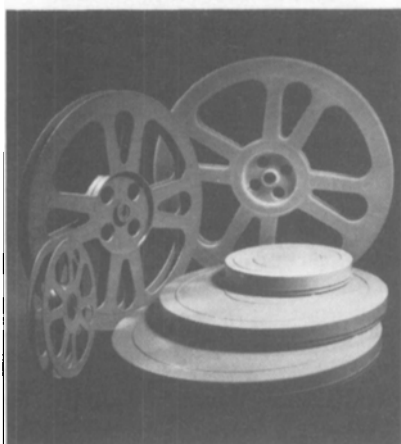


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Forthcoming Professional Meetings

The Royal Television Society's annual convention will be held 14 - 15 September at King's College, Cambridge. The theme for the convention will be "Television in a Free Society," and will embrace both technical and production possibilities in the 80s and 90s.

The Program Committee, chaired by Robin Scott, Deputy Managing Director, BBC Television, includes Sir Huw Wheldon, President of the Royal Television Society; Lord Windlesham, a Vice-President of RTS; Brian Tesler, Managing Director, LWT; David Glencross, Deputy Director Programs, IBA; Boris Townsend, Head of Engineering Information, IBA; Roderick Graham, Head of Drama, BBC Scotland; Bryce McCirrick, Director of Engineering, BBC; Phil Sidey, Chairman of Council; and Tony Pilgrim, Honorary Secretary, RTS.

The first day's discussion will be devoted to the challenge of new technology and potential developments within the United Kingdom. It will include a realistic appraisal of the country's likely response to these possibilities both in technical terms and in terms of the expansion in actual production for television. The new opportunities include pay TV, the extension of multichannel cable systems, direct broadcast satellite, and teletext.

The first speaker at the convention will be Joseph Flaherty, Vice-President, Engineering and Development, CBS, internationally known for his contributions to television science and technology and his forward looking ideas. He is expected to report on the latest developments in the United States.

There will be three panels chaired by Robin Scott which will include distinguished figures from the world of television engineering and industry. The keynote address at the end of the first day will be given by Frank Stanton who was President of CBS from 1946 to 1972. He has also served as Chairman of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Information. The morning of the second day will be devoted to the world development of broadcasting in the 80s and 90s and will also raise the question of the free flow of information. Sir Charles Curran, formerly Director-General of BBC now Managing Director of Visnews will be the main speaker in the discussion. The final session on Saturday afternoon will deal with Freedom and Constraints with a panel chaired by Lord Windlesham, the panel including union and management representatives.

Eurocon 80, the fourth European Conference on Electrotechnics, will be held 24 - 28 March 1980 in Stuttgart, Germany. The sponsors are Eurel (the Convention of the National Societies of Electrical Engineers of Western Europe), IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, Region 8), and VDE (Verband Deutscher Elektrotechniker e.V.). The sessions will be on such topics as the Technology of Microelectronics from LSI to VLSI, Microprocessors and Future Trends; Microelectronics in Telecommunication, Transmission and Switching, Computer Communication, and New Services;

Electronics in Power and Control Engineering; and Futher Applications of Microelectronics.

The social impact of these developments will be discussed. Industrial exhibits and excursions to local industries will complement the technical program. Further information is available from the Eurocon 80 Chairman, Prof. Dr. W. E. Proebster, IBM Deutschland GmbH, Postfach 80 08 80, D-7000, Stuttgart 80, W. Germany.

The 6th VIDCOM (International Market for Videocommunications) will be held from 29 September through 2 October 1980 at the Palais des Festivals in Cannes, France. There will be several floors of hardware and programming exhibits as well as international conferences touching on all aspects of the video industry. The last VIDCOM was attended by more than 1000 participants from 14 countries. VIDCOM is organized by the Paris-based MIDEM organization which is engaged solely in the organization of international market. Futher information is available from John E. Nathan or Lora Ballato, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, Suite 4535, New York, NY 10020.

The 16th Photokina will be held 12 - 18 September 1980 in Cologne, Germany. This huge exhibit, first held in 1950, is organized by the German Photographic Industry Association, with headquarters in Frankfurt, and the Cologne Trade Fair Company. The last Photokina attracted more than 1000 direct exhibitors and another 25 represented firms from 27 countries. Among the many displays will be motion-picture and television systems and audiovisual equipment and systems. One of the highlights of the 1980 Photokina will be a meeting of representatives of the SMPTE, the BKSTS, and the Kinound Fernsehtechnische, Gesellschaft.

Calendar

20-21 July 1979

Motion Picture Laboratories 22nd Annual Seminar, Memphis State University. Info from MPL Seminar, MPL, Inc., Box 1758, Memphis, TN 38101. (See *Journal*, p. 440, June 1979.)

21-25 July 1979

Photographic Industry Council (Australia), Third South Pacific Photographic Convention. Info from PIC Office, 161 Clarence St., Sydney, N.S.W., Australia 2001.

23-27 July 1979

Course in Photographic Science, Rochester Institute of Technology, Graphic Arts Research Center. Info from Andrew V. Johnson, RIT-GARC, One Lomb Memorial Dr., Rochester, NY 14623. (See *Journal*, p. 348, May 1979.)

24-27 July 1979

Video and Data Recording International Conference, University of Southampton, Eng-