

ANNOUNCEMENT

Summer School on the Origin of Life to be held in conjunction with the 7th International Conference on the Origin of Life

A summer school on chemical evolution and the origin of life will be held the week preceding the 7th International Conference on the Origin of Life. The summer school will be held near Nijmegen, in The Netherlands, during the week of 4–10 July 1983. Transportation will be arranged after completion of the summer school to Mainz, Germany, the site of the Conference, which is scheduled for 11–15 July. The purpose of the summer school is to provide graduate students, researchers and teachers with an in-depth introduction to some of the key problem-areas of chemical evolution and the origin of life. The summer school, which is sponsored by the Council of Europe Division for Higher Education and Research, is being planned by the Council of Europe Research Group On Cosmic Chemistry, Chemical Evolution and Exobiology. A limited number of grants will be available to qualified applicants to help meet the costs of local travel and accomodation. The costs of accomodation will be quite modest and its is hoped that many students will be able to take advantage of this event to deepen their knowledge of the subject area.

Among the sessions being planned the following will probably be the most important:

The Cosmochemical Background to the Origin of Life on Earth
Atmosphere and Hydrosphere of the Primitive Earth
Prebiotic Organic Chemistry
Prebiotic Macromolecules and their Organization
Origin of the Genetic Mechanism

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