ANNOUNCEMENTS

XIIIth Conference on Clay Mineralogy and Petrology

The Czech and Slovak National Clay Group is organizing the XIIIth Conference on Clay Mineralogy and Petrology in Prague, Czech Republic from 29 August to 2 September, 1994. All aspects of theoretical and applied clay science will be covered and the scientific programme, with oral and poster presentations, will be divided into the following sections:

- (1) Weathering, soils, life environment
- (2) Geology, petrology, mineralogy and geochemistry of clays
- (3) Research methods in clay science
- (4) Artificial alteration of clay minerals
- (5) Clays in the service of man.

The exhibition 'Clay and Man' (Clay raw materials in the service of man) is part of the

conference. There will be a half-day excursion through the centre of historical Prague to illustrate examples of the effects of the air that we breathe on the building and sculpture stones in historical monuments. There will be also be a geological excursion to Cretaceous claystones in the neighbourhood of Prague.

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Euroclay '95

The 8th Meeting of the European Clay Groups will be held at the K.U. Leuven (Catholic University of Leuven), Belgium from 19–25 August, 1995. Provisional themes for the conference are:

- (1) Synthesis of clay minerals
- (2) Structure and crystal chemistry
- (3) Adsorption on clays
- (4) Clay colloids
- (5) Clays as catalysts and catalyst supports
- (6) Pillared clays
- (7) Clays and ceramics
- (8) Advanced clay materials
- (9) Clays and waste disposal
- (10) Clay minerals and palaeoclimatology
- (11) Diagenesis of clay minerals.

Some themes may be combined or other themes may be added, depending on the abstracts received.

There will be two one-day excursions, one in northern Belgium and one in southern Belgium.

The first circular and further details can be obtained from:

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