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I want to personally thank you for your support of this Conference. As you know, in the interest of promoting the presentation of unpublished and frontier-breaking research, Gordon Research Conferences does not permit publication of meeting proceedings. If you wish any further details, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

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Vice-Chair: David L. Price (Argonne National Laboratory)

Sunday, 3 August

Structure

Discussion leader: Peter S. Pershan (Harvard University)

- Stuart A. Rice (University of Chicago) - "Structure of the Liquid-Vapor Interface of Metals and Alloys"
- Shankar Krishnan (Containerless Research) - "The Atomic Structure of Liquids Studied with X-rays and the Electronic Structure of Liquids Studied with Optical Techniques"

Monday, 4 August

Structure (con't)

- Marie-Louise Sabounqi (Argonne National Laboratory) - "High Energy X-rays and Hot Liquids"
- John Van Zytveld (Murdoch Trust) - "Chemical Short Range Order in Metallic Liquid Alloys"

Spectroscopy in Molten Salts

Discussion leader: Murray H. Brooker (Memorial University of Newfoundland)

- Sheng Dai (Oak Ridge National Laboratory) - "Spectroscopy of Actinides in Molten Salts and High-Temperature Fiber Optic Spectroscopic Instrumentation"

Low Temperature Molten Salt Systems

Discussion leader: Richard T. Carlin (Covalent Associates)

- Robert A. Osteryoung (North Carolina State University) - "Some Studies of Latent and Bronsted Acidity in Chloroaluminate Molten Salts"
- Jerry L. Atwood (University of Missouri, Columbia) - "Liquid Clathrates as a Generalization of Molten Salts"


- **Pierre Bonhôte** (Lausanne) - "Hydrophobic Highly Conductive Ambient-Temperature Molten Salts: Properties and Applications"

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**Tuesday, 5 August**

**Metal Insulator Transitions**

Discussion leader: **Simon C. Moss** (University of Houston)

- **John E. Enderby** (University of Bristol) - "Liquid Semiconductors"
- **William J. Nellis** (Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory) - "Metallization of Fluid Molecular Hydrogen at 1.4 MBar"
- **Kozaburo Tamura** (Hiroshima University) - "Structural Changes and the Metal-Nonmetal Transition in Supercritical Fluids"

**Technological Applications of Molten Salts I**

Discussion leader: **John S. Wilkes** (USAF Academy)

- **Harald A. Øye** (Norwegian Institute of Technology) - "Recent Scientific and Technical Advances in the Electrolytic Production of Aluminum"
- **Yasuhiro Ito** (Kyoto University) - "Electrochemical Implantation to Form Thin Films in Molten Salts"

**Poster Session I**

Discussion leader: **David L. Price** (Argonne National Laboratory)

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**Wednesday, 6 August**

**Technological Applications of Molten Salts II**

Discussion leader: **Gery R. Stafford** (National Institutes of Standards and Technology)

- **Donald R. Sadoway** (MIT) - "Measurements of the Electrical Properties of Oxide Melts: Towards New Electrolytic Technologies"
- **Jack P. Winnick** (Georgia Institute of Technology) - "Electrolytic Removal of Halogens, SO₂, and H₂S from Waste Streams with Molten Salt Membranes"
- **Nobuyuki Koura** (Tokyo University of Science) - "Room-Temperature Molten Salt Electrolytes for Non-Flammable Lithium and Aluminum Batteries"

**Expanded Liquids**

Discussion leader: **Ashok K. Adaya** (University of Abertay, Dundee)
- Molten Salts and Liquid Metals

- Friederich Hensel (Philips Universitat, Marburg) - "Phase Transitions in Metallic Fluids"
- Roland Winter (University of Dortmund) - "Structure and Electronic Properties of Expanded Liquid Alloys"
- Fumiko Yonezawa (Keio University) - "Electronic and Transport Properties of Liquid Selenium in the Supercritical Region"

Thursday, 7 August

Novel Synthetic Chemistry in Molten Salts

Discussion leader: Kenneth R. Seddon (Queen's University of Belfast)

- Kenneth R. Seddon (Queen's University of Belfast) - "Industrial Applications of Room-temperature Ionic Liquids"
- Angelica M. Stacy (University of California, Berkeley) - "Precipitation of Oxide Superconductors from Molten Hydroxides"
- Timothy R. Hughsbank (Texas A & M) - "Octahedral Zirconium Clusters in Haloaluminate Molten Salts; Spectroscopy and Chemistry"

Novel Synthetic Chemistry in Molten Salts (con't)

- Gyorgy Kaptay (University of Miskolc) - "Electrochemical Synthesis of Refractory Borides from Molten Salts"
- Business Meeting

Poster Session II

Discussion leader: David L. Price (Argonne National Laboratory)
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