

184th, Kansas City, MO, September, 1982; "History of Polyolefins," 189th, Miami Beach, FL, April, 1985; "History of Polymer Composites," 192nd, Anaheim, CA, September, 1986; "History of Organic Coatings," 198th, Miami Beach, FL, September, 1989; and "Manmade Fibers," 201st, Atlanta, GA, April, 1991.

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FUTURE MEETINGS

Denver ... 28 March - 2 April 1993

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Chicago ... 22-27 August 1993

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* *C. K. Ingold, 1893-1970. Master and Mandarin of Physical Organic Chemistry.* Contact M. D. Saltzman (see address above) or Derek Davenport, Department of Chemistry, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907, (317) 494-5465.

San Diego ... 13-18 March 1994

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PARTING SHOTS

Gibber, Jabber, or Just Geber?

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As an avid reader of the older chemical literature, it has long been my custom to keep a file of interesting and/or curious quotes, especially if they relate in some manner to the teaching of chemistry. Until recently my favorite was Tobern Bergman's (1735-1784) contention, which appeared in his 1779 essay "Of the Origin of Chemistry", that the history of chemistry could be divided into three distinct historical periods: "the mythologic, the obscure, and the certain" (1). Believing in a pseudo-Haeckelian version of education in which the mental develop-