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1979 OVERSEAS MEETINGS

United Kingdom

The District Heating Association (of the U.K.) is planning its Third National Conference for April 1979, with the provisional title, "A National Plan For Heat—The Right Policy For District Heating?" (Location and specific dates in April not yet finalized.)

The scope of the Conference (in addition to providing a national forum for government agencies, fuel suppliers, manufacturers, consultants, local authorities and heat administrators) will include an investigation of sources of heat, optimum heat loads, and other factors relative to the installation and management of large-scale district heating systems.

Authors from countries other than the U.K. are invited to participate. Papers should be written in English, and not exceed 4000 words and the equivalent of four pages of illustrations. Completed papers in draft form, typed double-spaced, will be required by September 1, 1978; but a synopsis of approximately 250 words should be submitted as soon as possible prior to that date (actual deadline for synopsis was March 15). Papers will be reviewed, and authors notified of acceptance by December 15, 1978.

For additional information, the person to contact is: F. E. Woodage, Controller of Services, District Heating Association, Bedford House, Stafford Road, Caterham, Surrey CR3 6JA, United Kingdom (telephone: Caterham 42323-4).

Stockholm, Sweden

The International Union of Heat Distributors (Union Internationales des Distributeurs de Chaleur)—UNICHAL—will hold its Nineteenth Congress in Stockholm, May 14-18, 1979. It will be the second open congress (non-members invited); the first was in 1975 in Paris, France. Organizers of the Congress are the Energy Supply Authority of Stockholm (Stockholms Energiverk), and the Swedish District Heating Association (Svenska Varmeverksforeningen).

UNICHAL is composed of approximately 90 members, from 11 countries in Western Europe and Scandinavia. The General Assembly, which will convene on May 14, 1979, will be for members only. The other four days (May 15-18) will be the open portion of the congress, and non-members are invited to participate. In addition to the technical program there will be exhibits, social and recreational events, and sightseeing excursions.

The 1979 Theme will be "District Heat Production Plants and Methods: Present and Future." Papers may be written in English, German or French; but the synopsis must be submitted in English no later than December 1, 1978. March 1, 1979 will be the deadline for receipt of finalized papers, which should not exceed 15 pages.

More information about the preparation of papers may be obtained from: Claes Lindroth, Secretary General of UNICHAL, Stockholms Energiverk, Fack S-104 32, Stockholm, Sweden. Other details are being handled by the Stockholm Convention Bureau, Strandvagen 7c, S-114 56, Stockholm, Sweden.

COAL-FIRED POWER PLANTS

Public Service Company of Colorado (PSCo) and nine other Western utilities, have contracted with an engineering firm to develop conceptual criteria for a standard coal-fired power plant. By standardizing plant design, the companies hope to realize significant cost savings not only in engineering, but also in equipment purchases, spare parts inventories, and operation-maintenance training. Construction costs are also expected to be reduced, especially after the plant design is duplicated a number of times.

The participating utilities are: Arizona Public Service Company, Nevada Power Company, Pacific Power & Light Company, Portland General Electric Company, Public Service Company of Colorado, Public Service Company of New Mexico, Puget Sound Power & Light Company, Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District, Utah Power & Light Company, and the Washington Power Company.

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