

He received honorary degrees from a number of reputed universities, such as Oslo, Oxford, Chicago, Pisa and Helsinki, and was honoured with distinguished medals such as Retzius, Purkinje, Sherrington, Donders and others. He was president of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, a Foreign Member of the Royal Society (London), the National Academy of Sciences (Wash-

ington), the Danish Royal Society, the Accademia dei Lincei (Rome) and others. He was elected an Honorary Fellow of the Indian Academy of Sciences in 1964.

Some of his books which are held in high regard and referenced are *Sensory Mechanisms of the Retina* (1947, 2nd edn, 1963); *Receptors and Sensory Perception* (1955) based on the Silliman lectures delivered at Yale University, *Charles*

Scott Sherrington: An Appraisal (1966), *The Basis of Motor Control* (1970), and *The Purposive Brain*, besides others.

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MEETINGS/SYMPOSIA/SEMINARS

International Conference and Exhibition on Advances in Materials Science and Processes

Date: 16-19 February 1992
Place: Bombay, India

Topics include: Materials science—Structural analysis, structures/properties/interrelationships/interfaces, heat-treating/surface engineering; Materials—Metals-alloys-intermetallics, ceramics, polymers, advanced composites, engineered/electronics/transportation/energy-systems/biomaterials/superconductors; Processing and process control—Raw materials, near-net shape manufacturing, DAD/CAM/intelligent processing, monitoring and control, joining of materials, thermal spray/coatings, characterization/testing/reliability/quality. There will be two technical sessions on 'Emerging materials technologies' and 'Wear-resistant materials'.

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International Measurement Confederation (IMEKO)—14th Symposium on Photonic Measurements

Date: 1-3 June 1992
Place: Sopron, Hungary

Topics include: Techniques of photonic measurements (radiometry, photometry, colorimetry), characterization of photodetectors with emphasis on multidimensional and fibre optic sensors, Application of photonic measurements in biology and medical investigations, photonic techniques in environmental control (water/air pollution studies); robotics vision; and physics and properties of photodetectors.

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International Symposium on Environmental Sensing

Date: 22-26 June 1992
Place: Berlin, Germany

The symposium includes separate sessions on: Lidar for remote sensing; Optical methods in atmospheric chemistry; Monitoring toxic chemicals and biomarkers; Industrial, municipal, and medical waste incineration diagnostics and control; Industrial, municipal, and medical waste incineration, and also short courses on the following topics—Trace environmental gas analysis; Lidar for environmental monitoring; Distributed optical fibre sensing; Fibre optic chemical and biochemical sensors for environmental monitoring; Spectroscopic techniques for monitoring toxic chemicals; problems, standards, and regulations in environmental monitoring.

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Workshop on Statistical Methods for Ecologists

Date: December 1991
Place: Pune

Lectures on topics including (a) exploratory data analysis, (b) sampling theory, (c) population growth models, (d) diversity indices, (e) time series analysis, (f) survival analysis, (g) regression analysis, etc. On hand computer training, including use of various statistical packages.

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