

Among those attending for the occasion were the Director General, Dr. Sigvard Eklund, on behalf of the Agency, and UNESCO's Scientific Deputy Director General, Dr. Adriano Buzzati Traverso.

Dr. Buzzati Traverso expressed his belief that the Centre was making an important contribution to a vast field of international scientific collaboration. This was aided by its relationship with the University of Trieste and the advanced school for theoretical physics set up by the Centre and the University. Here scientists from less advanced countries were able to meet the highest authorities from countries which had been investigating scientific problems for many years. The Centre was a catalysing institution which transcended nationalities. UNESCO, which had always concerned itself with the diffusion of science through world collaboration, was glad to have established partnership in the Centre in a sector of the search for knowledge according fully with its ideals.

Dr. Eklund also welcomed the new relationship in this way between the Agency and UNESCO. It would give even greater significance to the growing importance of the Centre.

The course, which lasts until 10 April, is concerned particularly with imperfect crystalline solids. It will be followed by a group investigating plasma physics, led by distinguished scientists from USSR and USA.

training to find uranium

The Agency, in co-operation with the Government of Spain, will hold an Inter-regional Training Course on Uranium Ore Analysis for countries in Africa, Latin America, Europe and the Middle East at the Centro Nacional de Energía Nuclear "Juan Vigón", Madrid, Spain, from 7 September to 27 November 1970. Costs are being met from funds of the United Nations Development Programme.

The course, which will be conducted in English, will provide intensive training for analytical chemists in the special techniques of detection and determination of uranium in ores. The teaching staff will consist of Spanish specialists, Agency staff and visiting lectures provided through the Agency. The number of participants will be limited to 20, of whom 16 will be selected from countries other than the host country, and Governments have been invited to submit nominations.