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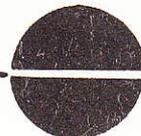
THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

Lane End,

HIGH WYCOMBE AUGUST 27th-29th 1983



BARCLAYS



British UFO Research Association

BUFORA's 21st ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE - SATURDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 1983 - 2.30 pm
LECTURE THEATRE SUITE, KENSINGTON CENTRAL LIBRARY, CAMPDEN HILL ROAD, LONDON W8.

On 22 September 1962, LUFORO, the London UFO Research Organisation (founded 11.7.59.) got together with seven other UK societies in London, to found the British UFO Association (BUFOA). The Association was consolidated as BUFORA when it merged with LUFORO in 1964. In the early 1970s it had as many as 18 member-societies. The inaugural convention held at the Kensington Central Library on 22.9.62. was an overwhelming success. In fact delegates were sitting or standing in the aisles (something that the fire regulations would not now permit!) and such was the interest, that many people had regretably to be turned away. Tickets for the afternoon tea were priced at 3/-. Inflation has taken its toll since then, but an attractive price and an entertaining programme has been arranged for this special anniversary.

FOUNDING SOCIETIES:		(Key founding member - G.Nigel P.Stephenson)
British Flying Saucer Bureau (1953)		London UFO Research Organisation (1959)
Anglo-Polish UFO Research Club (1955)		Stratford-on-Avon UFO Group (1960)
Tyneside UFO Society (1959)		Direct Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena
Scottish UFO Society (1959)		Cheltenham Flying Saucer Group (1961) / (1960)

MEMBER-SOCIETIES IN 1983:	Branch: Edinburgh Branch of BUFORA
British Flying Saucer Bureau	Plymouth UFO Investigation Club
Cambridge UFO Study Society	Probe UFO Investigation Organisation
Direct Investigation Group on A.P.	Society for the Research of Phenomena (Malta)
Divine Mercy College UFO Research Club	UFO Research of Finland (Masala, Finland)

21st ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE - PROGRAMME:

- 2.15 Doors Open
- 2.30 Chairman's Welcoming Remarks
- 2.35 Founder President - Graham Knewstubb, CEng,MIERE,FBIS.
- 2.45 Main Speaker 3.35 Questions
- 4.00 BREAK FOR AFTERNOON TEA
- 4.45 Super Slide Show - presented by Lionel Beer, FRAS - a pictorial look back at both UFOs and UFO personalities including some unashamed nostalgia.
- 5.45 Five minute break 5.50 Draw for raffle prizes
- 6.00 Some past highlights, quiz or forum
- 6.20 Round-up and Closing Remarks. 6.30 End of Conference

Special features: Pictorial display of UFO material and foreign journals, bookstalls and raffle. Buffet tea will be served in the small meeting room at 4.00pm.

PARKING: There is an underground Car Park adjacent to the Library, entrance off Phillimore Walk. Parking restrictions apply in Kensington on Saturday afternoons, but other parts of London, eg. Westminster are unrestricted after 1.30pm. Kensington High Street is well served by public transport (see past London Lecture Programmes).

TICKETS: Cost including Buffet Tea: Members - £2.00 * Please make remittances
Guests and Non-members - £3.00 * payable to: BUFORA Ltd

A background leaflet will be available later. * Lionel Beer (Ref:21stAC)
As this is likely to be a popular event pre-booking * 15 Freshwater Court
is recommended. Applications can be accepted at * Crawford Street
meetings or write with a 9" (DL-size) envelope to: * London W1H 1HS.

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27-28-29 August 1983

Congress Secretariat: 5 Vardens Road London SW11 1RQ

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AUGUST '83

CONGRESS TIMETABLE

SATURDAY 27th AUGUST:

0900-1000: Centre open for registrations - Bookshop & Exhibition Area open.
1000-1045: Presentation by the Chairman of Bufora Ltd; Mr. Robert S. Digby.
1045-1115: Coffee Break.
1115-1300: Dr. J. Allen Hynek - 'A Modern Estimate of the Situation; An Overview'.
1300-1415: Lunch Break.
1415-1530: Dr. Harley Rutledge - 'Project Identification'.
1530-1630: Per Andersen - 'Danish Scientists and the UFO Phenomenon'.
1630-1700: Tea Break.
1700-1830: Peter Warrington - 'An Evaluation of the Evidence for UFO Events
from Radar Observations'.
1830 END of Session at the Lorch Foundation.
1930-2100: Congress Dinner at the Lane End Centre.
2115-2230: Harry Harris - Video Presentation; 'Hypnotic Regression of the
UFO Witness'.

SUNDAY 28th AUGUST:

0900-0945: Centre open for registrations - Bookshop & Exhibition Area open.
0945-1100: Jenny Randles - 'Opening Up The Windows'.
1100-1130: Coffee Break.
1130-1245: The Peter Day Film - A Case Study.
1245-1400: Lunch Break.
1400-1600: Dr. Stanton T. Friedman - 'Flying Saucers ARE Real'.
1600-1630: Tea Break.
1630-1745: Paul Norman - 'The Bass Strait Flap'.
1745-1900: Bertil Kuhlemann - 'Measurables & Non-Measurables in UFO Research'.
1900 END of Session at the Lorch Foundation.
1945-2115: Evening Dinner at the Lane End Centre.
2115 Free Period for Residential Delegates.

MONDAY 29th AUGUST:

0900-0945: Centre open for registrations - Bookshop & Exhibition Area open.
0945-1045: Ali AbuTaha - 'The Cosmic Life Line', Part 1.
1045-1115: Coffee Break.
1115-1215: Ali AbuTaha - 'The Cosmic Life Line', Part 2.
1215-1315: Groups; UFO Sweden/UFO Norway - 'Project Hessedalen'.
1315-1430: Lunch Break.
1430-1630: Paul Devereux - 'Earthlights'.
1630-1700: Tea Break.
1700-1715: Report from PICUR - The Provisional International Committee
on UFO Research.
1715-1815: Hilary Evans - 'The Liars and the Lunatics, and what we can
learn from them'.
1815 Close of Third International Congress.
1830 Result of Prize Draw.
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Dear Colleague,

RE: 1983 International Congress,

I am pleased to extend a warm invitation to this, our third International Congress. This year we are intending to breathe some fresh air into this event by moving out of town to the village of Lane End, near High Wycombe in Buckinghamshire.

I have no hesitation in recommending this pleasant village setting which plays host to some excellent conference facilities. The daytime events will take place at the Lorch Foundation and we have secured excellent accommodation at the Lane End Conference Centre situated very close by.

As well as the departure from the conventional town-bound venue we have extended the duration to three days - and still we cannot fit in all the offers of presentations!

Having chosen a quality setting it is only fitting that we seek quality in the speakers and the nature of their presentations. We shall be welcoming some very eminent researchers :-

From the USA, Dr.J.Allen Hynek and Dr.Harley Rutledge.
From Canada, Stanton T.Friedman.
From Australia, Paul Norman.
From Austria, Dr.Alex Keul.

Naturally, we have sought contributions from many of our prominent researchers at home. The span of subject matter to be covered is also very extensive.

We received many enquiries before tickets were available for sale and it is expected that delegates from at least 23 countries will attend. However, I must advise that such an exclusive event is limited to an attendance of 225 which is a pity, considering over 400 attended Dr.Hynek's last address in 1979. I therefore urge you to book early to avoid disappointment.

Tickets are only available from the Congress Secretariat at the address given above. We will also supply full details of travel options to assist delegates in making their arrangements to attend the Congress. Attached you will find information on the venue, the accommodation, a Booking Form and the actual programme; although we reserve the right to make changes should the need arise. I look forward to welcoming you to the Lorch Foundation and have every confidence that this will be the best Congress yet!

Kind Regards,



Robert S. Digby, Chairman, BUFORA Ltd.

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APRIL '83

PROVISIONAL CONGRESS TIMETABLE.

SATURDAY 27th. August '83.

- 0900-0950 Centre open for Registrations - Bookshop & Exhibition open.
0950-1030 Address by the Chairman of BUFORA Ltd.
1030-1045 Address by President of BUFORA Ltd.
1045-1115 Coffee Break.
1115-1300 Dr. J. Allen Hynek, USA. "An Overview of the UFO Phenomenon".
1300-1415 Lunch Break.
1415-1530 Dr. Harley Rutledge, USA. "Project Identification".
1530-1630 Per Andersen, Denmark. "Danish Scientists & the UFO Phenomenon".
1630-1700 Tea Break.
1700-1830 Peter Warrington, U.K. "An Evaluation of the Evidence for UFO
Events from Radar Observations".
1830 End of Session at the Lorch Foundation.
1930-2100 Congress Dinner at Lane End Conference Centre.
2115-2230 Harry Harris, U.K. Video Presentation at the Lane End Centre.

SUNDAY 28th. August '83.

- 0900-0945 Centre open for Registrations - Bookshop & Exhibition open.
0945-1100 Peter Hill, U.K. "An Analysis of Variables in International
UFO Reports".
1100-1130 Coffee Break.
1130-1245 Dr. Alexander Keul, Austria. Title Unannounced.
1245-1400 Lunch Break.
1400-1600 Stanton T. Friedman, Canada. Title Unannounced.
1600-1630 Tea Break.
1630-1745 Paul Norman, Australia. "The Bass Strait Flap".
1745-1900 Bertil Kuhlemann, Sweden. "Measurables and Non-Measurables in
UFO Research".
1900 End of Session at the Lorch Foundation.
1945-2115 Evening Dinner.
2115-2245 Session at Lane End Centre. Title Unannounced.

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MONDAY 29th. August '83.

0900-0945 Centre open for Registrations - Bookshop & Exhibition open.

0945-1045 Hilary Evans, U.K. "The Liars and the Lunatics, and What We Can Learn From Them".

1045-1115 Coffee Break.

1115-1315 Paul Devereux, U.K. "Earthlights".

1315-1430 Lunch Break.

1430-1530 Jenny Randles, U.K. "Opening Up The Windows".

1530-1600 Report of PICUR, the Provisional International Committee on UFO Research.

1600-1630 Tea Break.

1630-1830 Ali AbuTaha, USA. "Solar and Extra-Solar Life". *Title Provisional*

1830-1845 Close of United Kingdom 3rd International Congress and result of prize draw.

Notes:- All daytime sessions will be conducted at the Lorch Foundation.

Optional evening sessions for residents will be conducted after the evening meal at the Lane End Conference Centre. There may be a small additional charge made to non-residents who wish to attend these sessions, to cover the costs of hiring specialised presentation equipment. Further details will be announced at the Congress.

The village of Lane End sports some fourteen pubs. For delegates not wishing to book the buffet lunch at the Lorch Foundation, BUFORA will inform those pubs in the immediate area of possible additional business on the Congress days. BUFORA does not guarantee that any of these pubs will be willing to provide meals on a Bank Holiday weekend.

SPECIAL OFFER TO NON-MEMBERS OF BUFORA

By joining BUFORA now for £12.50, although your membership will not begin until the 1st September '83, and you will not receive any publications until after this date, you will be able to book your tickets for the Congress at the membership rates - a possible saving of £5.00.

If you wish to take advantage of this offer, please add £12.50 per person joining to the total line on the booking form and make out your cheque/money order to this amount. Please put 'N/M' in the space provided on the booking form for BUFORA members' number.

Delegates attending the Congress will receive a Congress package that will include information on the speakers, the venue, the accommodation and its facilities and a full programme of events.

The Lorch Foundation, Lane End, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

Long ago Walter Lorch realised that many people in the fields of life sciences, education, research, technology, art and philosophy all had something really worthwhile to say. But the pressures and increasing specialisation of their work meant that often they had no-one to listen to them and nowhere to be heard. He decided to do something about it.

His industrial company, the Elga Group, world leader in water treatment, had for many years achieved considerable success using the conference or seminar as a medium for education. He decided to combine this experience with his ideals and built The Lorch Foundation Seminar Centre.

Today, the centre operates as follows: institutions, associations, charities and individuals all hold symposia to the benefit of science and humanity and their efforts are supported by industry using the centre for conferences and exhibitions.

The Lorch Foundation Conference Centre opened in 1973 and as a superior venue in quiet rural surroundings, rapidly attracted a host of prestigious meetings. It is admired for its comprehensive yet flexible facilities and has built an unparalleled reputation for offering superb, personal service.

This success has been due mainly to the abilities of The Foundation's staff who, in addition to helping clients, also run their own seminars, drawing speakers and delegates from all over the world to contribute to philosophical, scientific and educational meetings.

In 1980 its activities were officially recognised by The Charity Commissioners granting The Lorch Foundation its status of an educational trust. The combination of commercial and charitable events held at the Centre has encompassed a myriad of disciplines.

The design of the lecture theatre is based upon many years' conference experience. Square in shape, with permanent stage and raked seating for 225 people, the theatre has superb acoustics. In addition to a comprehensive range of audio-visual equipment, it contains special features such as a fully carpeted rear wall to reduce echo and a five-foot wide display area which runs the length of the theatre. The combination of house lights, spotlights and floodlights can be set to create a superb atmosphere.

Adjacent to the theatre, the Octagon Room can be used to house virtually any type of function from practical demonstrations and training courses to exhibitions, seminars or dinners. The room has 1000 sq.ft. of floor space, eight sides and a high, domed ceiling.

Lorch Foundation staff are fully trained in providing the right setting and atmosphere for our meeting. The entire centre is air conditioned - even the temperature of individual rooms can be set to our requirements.

Expertise, and above all, personal service are key features of the Centre's facilities. Even the catering and bar staff are individually trained and fully aware of the type of meeting, its objectives and the necessity to make each delegate feel important.

A conference co-ordinator is assigned to each event to assist with detailed planning and to make sure everything runs smoothly on the day. The Foundation is proud of its high standard of cuisine and the premises are fully licensed with a wide variety of wines always available.

The Lane End Conference Centre, Lane End, Buckinghamshire.

The accommodation that we will be using will be provided by the Lane End Conference Centre which is just a few minutes walk from the Lorch Foundation. The Centre provides purpose built accommodation for conferences, seminars and residential training courses, but the facilities available extend beyond those of most hotels to create an ideal environment for groups at any time of the year both weekdays and weekends.

Set in 26 acres of unspoilt countryside between High Wycombe and the Thameside town of Marlow, The Centre combines peaceful surroundings with ease of access. The M40 and M4 Motorways and main line rail services allow rapid connections with London, Heathrow Airport, the Midlands and South West.

There are many unique features about the Conference Centre which have led to it's international reputation with many of the world's foremost industrial and commercial organisations. The recreation facilities are truly outstanding and the professional approach by the management ensures a consistantly high standard of service, cuisine and attention to detail that are so important to achieving a successful meeting.

Within the 26 acres of well established grounds are three separate self contained accommodation units. Each provides single study bedrooms with private bathrooms, reception, lounge, bar, dining and recreation rooms.

Within short walking distance is the village of Lane End where numerous shops, garages and a bank provide useful amenities. Local towns include Oxford, Henley, Marlow, Beaconsfield and Windsor, all of which offer good shopping facilities and historical interest.

One of the most outstanding features of the Centre is the extensive provision and variety of recreation facilities. Delegates can choose from sweltering in the heat of the sauna to plunging into the blue depths of a luxurious swimming pool.

For the more energetic there are two squash courts, table tennis, exercise equipment and a 9 - hole pitch and putt golf course. There are numerous other games including full size snooker tables, American pool, croquet and darts. All recreation facilities are included in the accommodation charges and the equipment to play games is freely available. There are illuminated pathways to outdoor recreation facilities and most sports can be played throughout the year.

The Centre kitchens are of the most modern in Europe. Food quality, variety and attractive presentation are standards guaranteed by the Centre who realise that good catering is the heart of their business. The normal bar times are 12.30-2.30 and 6-11pm daily. Prices are related to local pubs and a wide selection of moderately priced wines are available.

A wide selection of national newspapers are provided free of charge in each lounge area. Every bedroom is provided with a clock radio alarm as well as tea and coffee making facilities. There are also direct dial metered telephones in all bedrooms. The Centre operates a night security service. There is always someone on duty to lend assistance in an emergency or for limited service requirements.

This accommodation is limited to 99 residents only and tickets will be sold in strict order of receipt. Delegates wishing to book this accommodation are advised to return the booking form with payment at the earliest opportunity.

ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE WITHIN THE LOCAL AREA.

PLEASE make your own arrangements if you wish to use any of the hotels or guest houses listed here. This list is for guidance only, Bufora Ltd cannot be held responsible for any shortcomings in accommodation, facilities, service etc that may or may not occur when using any of these establishments.

HIGH WYCOMBE :

Amersham Hill Guest House, 52 Amersham Hill, High Wycombe. Tel: 0494 40431.
Bella Vista Hotel, London Road, High Wycombe, Tel: 0494 31892.
Belmont Guest House, 9 Priory Avenue, High Wycombe. Tel: 0494 27046.
Clifton Lodge Hotel, 210-212 West Wycombe Road, High Wycombe. Tel: 0494 29062
Crest Hotel, Handy Cross, High Wycombe. (Junc. 4, -M40) Tel: 0494 442100.
Drake Court Hotel, 141 London Road, High Wycombe. Tel: 0494 23639.
Falcon Hotel, High Street, High Wycombe. Tel: 0494 22173.
Gordon Arms Public House, Gordon Road, High Wycombe, Tel: 0494 22977.
The White Lion, Crendon Street, High Wycombe. Tel: 0494 24110.

WEST WYCOMBE :

George and Dragon Hotel, West Wycombe. Tel: 0494 23602.
The Swan Inn, West Wycombe. Tel: 0494 27031.

MARLOW :

Compleat Angler, Marlow Bridge, Marlow. (Berkshire side) Tel: 06284 4444.
Glade Nook Guest House, Glade Road, Marlow. Tel: 06284 4677.
Marlow Donkey Hotel, Station Road, Marlow. Tel: 06284 2022.

HAMBLEDEN :

Stag and Huntsman Inn, Hambleden, Nr. Henley-on-Thames, Oxon. Tel: 049166 227.

STOKENCHURCH :

The Kings Arms Hotel, Stokenchurch. Tel: 024 026 3516.

Nr. TURVILLE :

The White Hart, North End, (Near Turville), Henley-on-Thames. Tel: 049 163 353.

BED AND BREAKFAST IN PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION.

Mrs Tanner, Finings Cottage, Finings Lane, LANE END. Tel: 0494 882276.
Mrs S. Griffin, Chequers Cottage, WHEELER END, Nr. LANE END, Tel: 0494 882043.
Mrs Huggins, 367 West Wycombe Road, HIGH WYCOMBE. Tel: 0494 39954.
Mrs Kelway, 231 West Wycombe Road, HIGH WYCOMBE. Tel: 0494 30528.
Mrs Victor, 148 London Road, HIGH WYCOMBE. Tel: 0494 26437.
Mrs Mason, The Old Bakery, SKIRMETT, Nr. HENLEY-ON-THAMES. Tel: 049 163 309.
Mrs Bruce, Turville Lodge, TURVILLE, Nr. HENLEY. Tel: 049 163 475.

This list compiled from booklet supplied by Wycombe District Council.

As many of the establishments listed are very limited in numbers of rooms available, please book this type of accommodation, if required, at the earliest opportunity and certainly before booking Congress seats. Prices of accommodation listed vary widely. Please enquire direct for current prices and facilities.

NOTES ON BOOKING.

- * The 3 day residential rate commences with dinner and accommodation on the Friday night (26th), and includes breakfast, Congress dinner and accommodation on Saturday, breakfast, dinner and accommodation on Sunday, breakfast on the Monday morning. It also includes admission to the Congress, session coffee and tea breaks and buffet lunch over the 3 day Congress period, admission to the video presentation by Mr Harry Harris on hypnotic regression of CE3 witnesses, to be held on the Saturday evening and free and unlimited use of the Lane End Conference Centre facilities.
- * The Congress only rates include admission to the Congress and session breaks only. Optional buffet lunch is available at the Lorch Foundation for £3.50 per head.
- * Accommodation at the Lane End Conference Centre is available for less than the 3 nights as shown in the full residential package. This is available at £27.00 per night per head and includes dinner, accommodation, breakfast and use of facilities. For delegates booking accommodation on the Saturday night, this will also include admission to the Congress Dinner.
- * For non-residents who wish to attend the Congress Dinner, this is available at £10.00 for members and £10.50 for non-members.
- * A complimentary shuttle transport service will operate between High Wycombe Station and Lane End on the mornings and evenings of Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Although there will be no charge for this service, delegates should indicate on the booking form on which days they wish to use this service.
- * For non-residents who wish to attend the video presentation by Mr Harry Harris on the hypnotic regression of CE3 witnesses, there will be a small surcharge to cover the costs of supplying video presentation equipment.
- * Delegates booking for the Congress will receive a ticket with their seat allocation and travel information to assist them in getting to the Congress.
- * Evening dinner on the Friday night (26th) will be served at 8.30pm. Delegates booking the Friday night accommodation please note this time.

Dr. J. ALLEN HYNEK has been recognised for many years as one of the foremost international authorities on the UFO problem. His scientific status was recognised when he was first asked, by the United States' Air Force, to act as a professional adviser to Project Bluebook. As a leading Professor of Astronomy and Director of Lindheimer Astronomical Research Centre, Dr. Hynek cannot be assumed to be lacking in understanding of the scientific approach to the subject of the UFO. Indeed, he entered the subject without a high expectation of finding anything inexplicable. However, his involvement in investigation of some of the stranger reports led him to a healthy respect for UFO research. He is Scientific Director of the Centre for UFO Studies (CUFOS) and President Emeritus of PICUR, of which he is a founder member. Publications by Dr. Hynek include; 'The UFO Experience', USA 1972, and 'The Hynek UFO Report, USA 1977. Dr. Hynek's paper will present an overall look at the UFO scene.

ALI ABUTAHA was educated at George Washington University, USA, and has taken many specialised courses in Science and Technology. Currently a senior consultant in communication satellite systems, his professional experience includes the posts of Antenna Systems Engineer, Earth Station Engineering Division, COMSAT; Acting Manager, COMSAT; Director, Middle East Projects Division, COMTECH Laboratories, and Vice-President, Telecommunications Division, AEGIS Inc. It was during a UFO initiated electrical and communications blackout that occurred in the Middle East, while he was there on business, that Ali became interested in UFOs and the possibility of extra-terrestrial life. Working from his extensive library of some 3000 to 4000 books, Ali has formulated his 'Cosmic Life-Line Theory', a product of the integration of such diverse scientific subjects as biochemistry, microbiology, astronomy and space sciences. In easy-to-follow, logical steps and drawing examples from published texts on the various subjects, Ali will lead us through his fascinating theory and present some very strong evidence for abundant extra-terrestrial life - some of which may be very different from Life as we currently know it. We are sure his far-reaching theory will cause a stir in the Scientific Community. After selected presentations to scientists in the United States, including several to NASA, we are pleased to welcome Ali to the Congress for the European Debut Presentation of his hypothesis.

Harry Harris, a solicitor with his own practice in Cheshire, became interested in the subject of UFO's about 5 years ago. Like so many of the people who are involved in the subject, Harry started out as a complete cynic but has come more and more to the conclusion, based upon the information imparted to him by witnesses, that the UFO is a craft designed, constructed and operated by a civilisation of which mankind knows virtually nothing and tries to ignore or joke about the little that it does know. Harry's presentation on the hypnotic regression of the UFO witness will involve a video tape presentation of actual regression sessions. We are fortunate in that some of the witnesses involved will be on hand and are prepared to answer questions on their experiences.

PAUL DEVEREUX, Editor of "The Ley Hunter" Earth Mysteries magazine since 1976, has lectured in the U.K. and the United States and has appeared on British and American radio programmes. Founder of the "Dragon Project" in 1977, a multi-disciplinary research project into possible 'earth energies', and author of "The Ley Hunter's Companion" (1979), Paul will be talking about some of the theories raised in his recent book "Earthlights" as well as relating the current state of research into this phenomena and including some new information.

PER ANDERSEN is currently studying computer science and mathematics at the University of Aarhus, Denmark. He joined SUFOI in 1974 and ascended to their board in 1977, becoming Research Director and Vice Chairman, a post he held between September 1979 and September 1982. Leader of the Danish Project UFODATA, which handles the electronic data processing of all of Denmark's UFO and IFO reports, Per has authored many papers on the subject of data processing UFO reports. In his paper, Per will discuss the views of Danish scientists to the UFO Phenomenon, the results of his research not being quite what is usually expected on a subject such as this.

DR. HARLEY RUTLEDGE, professor of physics at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, received the AB degree from Tarkio College, Tarkio, Missouri and the MS and PhD degrees from the University of Missouri and has served as chairman of the physics department at Southeast Missouri State University for almost nineteen years. He has served as an officer in most of the state science organisations, including a term as President of the Missouri Academy of Science. He has published articles and papers, has given lectures and has appeared on many radio and television programmes. His UFO research culminated in the book, "PROJECT IDENTIFICATION: The First Scientific Field Study of UFO Phenomena" (1981). Dr. Rutledge will present a paper on Project Identification's seven year field study.

STANTON T. FRIEDMAN has fourteen years of industrial experience in the design, development and test of a wide variety of advanced nuclear and space systems, including nuclear airplanes, fission and fusion rockets and nuclear reactor and radio-isotope systems for space and mobile terrestrial applications. The accent has been on high performance, high temperature, minimum weight systems. He has broad interests and knowledge of advanced technologies and is competent to direct and perform analysis, design, development and test work. He also has twelve years experience as a free-lance lecturer, author and broadcaster with many media appearances across North America. He was technical adviser and co-script writer in the 1980 feature film, "UFO's ARE Real", technical adviser to Universal Studios on the NBC movie, "The UFO Incident", and research consultant to the author of "The Roswell Incident", a 1980 book in print in 11 countries.

HILARY EVANS, while convinced that the UFO presents a serious scientific problem of the greatest importance, advocates a multi-disciplinary approach and believes the psychological and sociological parameters should be studied along with the physical aspects. He is the author of 'UFOs, The Greatest Mystery', (1979), 'Intrusions: Society and the Paranormal', (1982), and 'The Evidence For UFOs', (1983). He is currently at work on 'The Entity Enigma', to be published in 1984. He has given many lectures and written many articles, including the controversial 'Balls of Light' in Probe, 1982, which hypothesised a living natural intelligent creature inhabiting our atmosphere as the basis for a proportion of UFO sightings. Besides his membership of BUFORA, he has been a Council Member of the Society for Psychical Research and is Publications Officer of ASSAP, (Association for the Scientific Study of Anomalous Phenomena).

PAUL NORMAN was born and educated in the United States. With the exception of six years spent in the U.S. Navy and a short time as a publisher's representative, he has been employed in various positions including superintendent in hydro-electric stations and charge engineer in thermal-electric stations. He became interested in Unidentified Flying Objects in February 1953 after observing a UFO approach and hover over a power station in Tennessee. His interest was intensified when Major Donald Keyhoe was cut off of a coast to coast TV network while attempting to tell the public about official UFO investigations. At that time Mr. Norman joined the fight to end public deception with regard to UFOs. In 1963, Paul migrated to Melbourne, Australia, where he still continues his research with the Victorian UFO Research Society (VUFORS). Currently, he is the Vufors Vice President and Investigations Officer, MUFON's State Director of Victoria, Australia, Associate member of CUFOS and also a member of APRO. Because of his keen interest in the UFO phenomena, he opted for early retirement in 1976 to devote his full time to the investigation of UFO incidents. Since his retirement he spends most of the northern summer in the Northern Hemisphere and most of the southern summer in the Southern Hemisphere. He has contributed many articles to various UFO publications and now writes the series titled; 'On The UFO Trail' for the VUFORS quarterly publication, 'The Australian UFO Bulletin'. Paul's paper will be about the Bass Strait flap, during which on the evening of October 21st. 1978, pilot Frederick Valentich disappeared during an aerial encounter with a UFO.

BERTIL KUHLEMANN has been closely connected to scientific research and industrial research and development throughout his 30 years of professional work. For example; Radioactivity and its application in industry; Semiconductor research and pilot-scale production of integrated circuits; Establishment of laboratories and factories; Information transfer to and from scientific research and industrial R. & D. and Computer analysis and affiliated activities. He has been involved in UFO research since 1961 and was co-founder of 'Project URD' and 'UFO-Sweden'. He is currently the Swedish representative to PICUR, (Provisional International Committee on Ufo Research).

PETER WARRINGTON's interest in UFO's began 15 years ago with a personal sighting (which he now discounts). Since 1970 he has been Chairman of the Manchester UFO Research Association which is the second oldest UFO group in the north of Britain. His specialist interest has developed in photographic and radar cases; with which he has done much research, often working with leading scientists throughout the country. He is deeply concerned with bringing rationality to the fore in investigation and has often spoken out against fellow ufologists who have behaved unethically. He is a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society and the Editor of publications for one of the largest amateur astronomy associations in the country. In 1979 he published, with Jenny Randles "UFO's: A British Viewpoint". Currently he is working on a sequel. Peter is also Bufora's RIC for the North-West. The paper he will be presenting will discuss the aspects of radar-visual sightings and the quality and strength of radar evidence for UFO events will be evaluated.

JENNY RANGLES trained to teach geology and is also qualified in audio-visual communication. In 1978 she gave up her career to become a full-time writer specialising in UFO's. She has published five books; "UFO'S: A British Viewpoint", with Peter Warrington, (1979), "UFO Study" (1981), a manual on techniques of UFO investigation and research, "Alien Contact" (1982), "The Pennine UFO Mystery" (July 1983) and "UFO Reality", published to coincide with this International Congress. Jenny has been interested in UFO's since joining Bufora in 1969, and has been active since 1974 when she joined the Manchester UFO Research Association and helped to found the Northern UFO Network (now NUFON-UFO Research North). This is a loose network of independent local groups in the north of England. She has also edited their magazine since October 1974. After one previous spell on the Bufora Council, Jenny took over the post of Director of Investigations in late 1981 and has established the National Investigations Committee to better represent the different parts of the country in Bufora's investigative network. She was also instrumental in the creation of the 'Code of Practice' for UFO investigators, now formally adopted by Bufora for all its Accredited Investigators. She is also currently a consultant to the international magazine 'Flying Saucer Review' (FSR). Jenny will, in her paper, examine the question as to whether or not the much acclaimed hypothesis of 'Window Areas' (where UFO events manifest in unusual proportions) has any basis in reality, and if so, the value of research into such a problem; with the clues towards a UFO solution it appears to offer.

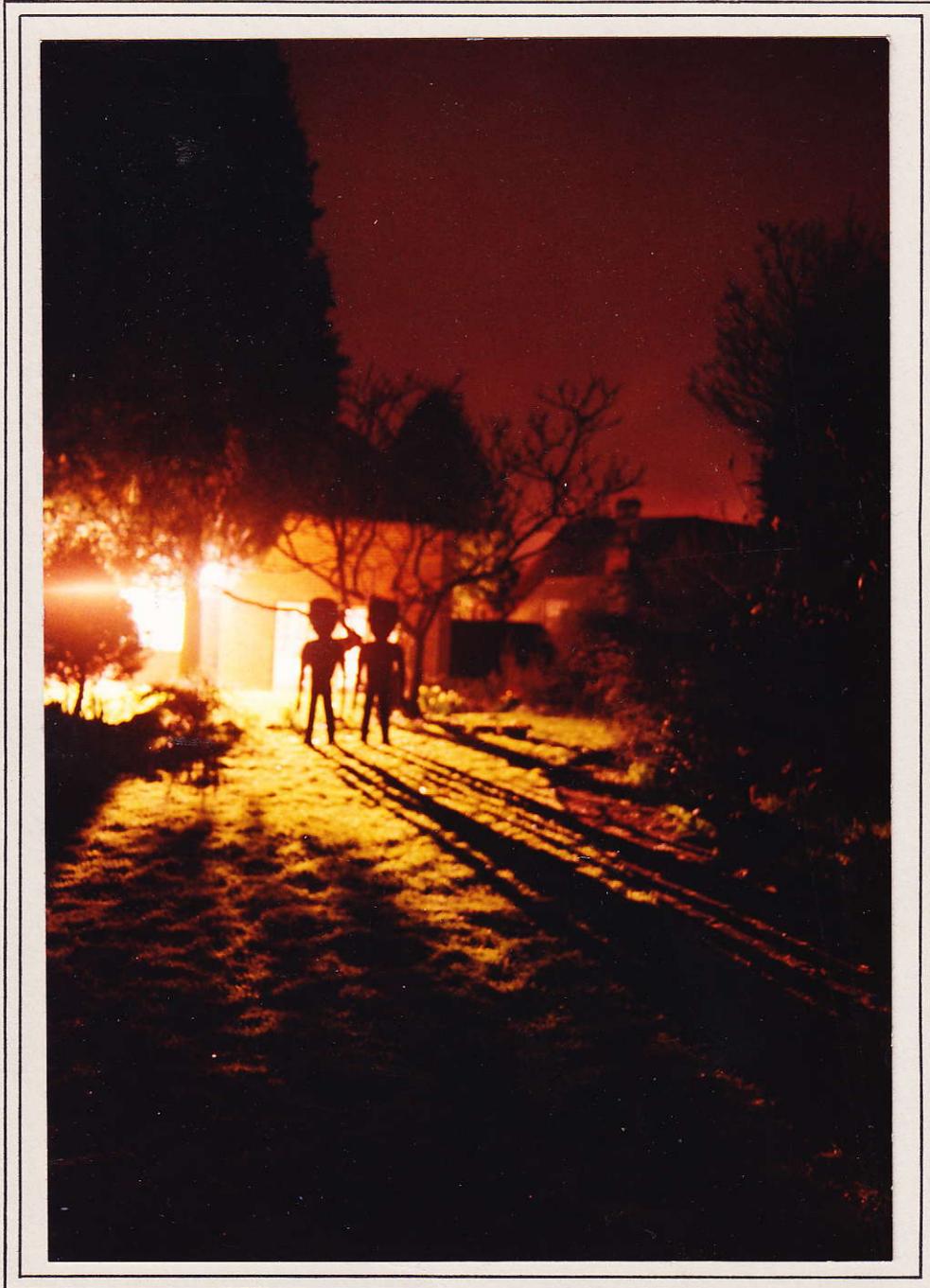
It was on the morning of January 11th, 1973, that PETER DAY, a building surveyor, was driving along the Thame to Aylesbury Road, when across from some fields he saw a luminous object which, upon stopping his car, he was able to capture on 8mm cine film. At the same time, in another location nearby, a schoolteacher was driving in her minivan from Ickford to Shabbington when she too saw a luminous object. In yet a third location, a group of schoolchildren at a nearby primary school also were observing a luminous object travelling overhead. This is a presentation of the event aided by one of the principal witnesses, Mr Peter Day.

We are pleased to welcome representatives from UFO-Sweden, UFO-Norway and the Association For Psychobiophysics who will give a presentation on PROJECT HESSDALEN. Hessdalen is a valley in Norway which has been seeing some UFO activity for the past 20 months. An estimated 4000 people have seen strange things in the sky and to date more than 600 photographs have been taken. The flap over this Norwegian valley continues.

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The 5th International UFO Congress



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F R I D A Y 14TH JULY 1989

- 09.30 - 10.30 ARRIVE/REGISTRATION
10.30 - 11.00 OFFICIAL OPENING. ADDRESS BY SIR PATRICK WALL, MC, VRD, RM (Ret)
11.00 - 11.30 COFFEE
11.30 - 12.30 HILARY EVANS - 'BALLS OF LIGHT'
12.30 - 14.00 LUNCH
14.00 - 15.00 ABDUCTION DEBATE (Part 1) 6 speakers present their views.
15.00 - 15.30 TEA
15.30 - 16.30 ABDUCTION DEBATE (Part 2) Audience participation/Form panel.
16.30 - 16.45 BREAK
16.45 - 17.45 CLAUDE MAUGE 'AN ATTEMPT TO DEFINE THE UFO'
17.45 - 18.15 PHIL MANTLE - 'BARNSELY PHOTOGRAPHIC HOAX'
CLOSE.....
19.00 - 20.30 GALA DINNER (TICKET HOLDERS ONLY/NAMED PLACE SETTINGS)
20.30 - 21.00 AFTER DINNER TALK - LIONEL BEER UFOs PORTRAYED IN CARTOONS

S A T U R D A Y 15TH JULY 1989

- 10.00 - 11.00 NEWS UPDATES..ANAMNESIS RESEARCH/REPORT RUNDOWN UK CASES
11.00 - 11.30 COFFEE
11.30 - 12.30 BERTIL KUHLEMANN 'TAKING A STAND ON THE UFO SUBJECT'
12.30 - 14.00 LUNCH
14.00 - 15.00 PAUL FULLER 'CORN CIRCLES'
15.00 - 15.30 TEA
15.30 - 16.30 CYNTHIA HIND 'CLOSE ENCOUNTER EFFECTS ON PEOPLE IN AFRICA'
16.30 - 16.45 BREAK
16.45 - 18.15 WALT ANDRUS - 'GULF BREEZE PHOTOGRAPHIC CASE'
CLOSE.....
19.30 - 21.00 FILM NIGHT (TICKET HOLDERS ONLY) 'UFO EXPERIENCE' &
'POLICE VIDEO INCIDENT'

S U N D A Y 16TH JULY 1989

- 10.00 - 11.00 NEWS UPDATES..MJ12
11.00 - 11.30 COFFEE
11.30 - 12.30 M VERGA/G GRASSINO 'ITALIAN UFO RESEARCH IN THE 80's'
12.30 - 14.00 LUNCH
14.00 - 15.00 JOHN SPENCER 'WITNESS-DRIVEN INVESTIGATIONS'
15.00 - 15.30 TEA
15.30 - 16.30 PRESENTATION TO BE ANNOUNCED.....
16.30 - 16.45 BREAK
16.45 - 17.15 ABDUCTION DEBATE FEEDBACK FROM THE ABDUCTION PANEL
17.15 - 17.40 GULF BREEZE.... A FINAL WORD
17.40 - 18.00 CONGRESS FEEDBACK & OFFICIAL CLOSE OF CONGRESS '89

Elsie Oakenen (Dawentry)

N.B. Titles shown are the subject matter rather than an official title as nominated by the speaker.

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DIRECTOR'S WELCOMING MESSAGE

Welcome to Congress 89! I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everybody to what I am sure is going to be a memorable event. I hope we can build on the success of Congress 87 and I feel sure a lot of things have happened since then that we need to know about.

I feel that the importance of coming together and communicating in the international market place cannot be over-emphasised. It is an exciting opportunity to learn from one another as to what has been taking place within the UFO subject matter.

Once again, the programme offers a variety of topics but this year there is greater scope for audience participation - particularly in the Abduction Debate and the formation of an Abduction Panel.

In putting together the programme, difficult decisions have had to be taken with respect to content. I hope there is something for everybody but I would appeal for tolerance if you do not necessarily agree with views that are expressed. I think there is a duty on all of us to consider all possibilities, not just those that make us feel 'comfortable'.

Inevitably, I must apologise to those who have offered papers but have not been included in the programme. If funds had permitted I am sure I could have filled a full week with interesting material. It has to be understood that there are many operational restraints.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported Congress 89, from those who have travelled long distances to be here, to those who have provided financial support to enable the project to come about.

Congress 89 was set up as an organisation specifically to run this International Congress. I would like to thank particularly the sponsoring organisations of MUFON Inc, Bufora Ltd and of course ICUR which enjoys the support of various groups around the world.

The cost and complexity of organising such an event has become too great for a single organisation with other objectives to fulfill, to bear alone. This way, the financial risk is spread and there is the benefit of a dedicated body solely concerned with Congress matters on a non-partisan basis.

Lastly, please enjoy the event - it is not meant to be joyless and totally serious and do take every opportunity to talk to other delegates, especially those who have travelled a long way to be here. Please help to make them feel welcome. Enjoy the Congress!

ROBERT S DIGBY
CONGRESS DIRECTOR

Balls of Light

Controversy rages over contactees and cover-ups, abductions and retrievals, but UFOs in the form of balls of light, luminous spheres etc existed long before Arnold and Adamski, and persistently defy our efforts to explain them. Bolide - the ball-of-light international data exchange - gathers reports and hypotheses about the BOL phenomenon both within and without the UFO field, seeking correlations and clues in swamps and seance-rooms as well as in the skies. Hilary Evans, Bolide's co-ordinator, considers the far-reaching challenge of this enigma.

Biographical Notes

He was a one-time council member of The Society for Psychical Research and a co-founder of ASSAP, the Association for the Scientific Study of Anomalous Phenomena; also a compiler of BOLIDE, the Ball of Light International Data Exchange. He is a council member of BUFORA. He is a regular contributor to many UFO related and other anomaly journals and the author of Intrusions: society and the paranormal (1982), The Evidence for UFOs (1983), Visions, apparitions, alien visitors (1984), Gods, spirits, cosmic guardians (1987) and co-editor of and contributing author of UFOs 1947-1987 (1987).

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THE ABDUCTION DEBATE

As the front cover suggests, the occurrence of 'Aliens' and 'Abductions' in the course of investigation and research in the UFO subject matter is extremely controversial.

Congress 89 and its sponsors do not have a corporate viewpoint by way of 'explanation' other than to wish the conduct of impartial investigation into these and other related topics.

This is a real opportunity for Congress 89 to achieve a specific aim - namely to decide on the way forward in abduction related research and investigation.

It is also a great opportunity for you, the delegate, to participate.

The Abduction Debate Part One, consists of six short presentations by a cross-section of our speakers on how they view this phenomenon. Individual presentations are restricted to 10 minutes or less. This takes place on Friday 14th July between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

After a tea break, we move to the Abduction Debate Part Two, in which views are invited from the audience. This takes place between 3.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m.

Towards the end of this session it is proposed to form an Abduction Panel from delegates and speakers who will meet at convenient times throughout the Congress. This is where the real work will be done to address the issues and decide the next step forward.....

A time slot has been reserved on Sunday 16th July between 4.45 p.m. and 5.15 p.m. to receive the findings of the Panel.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the help and support of Jenny Randles, Bufora Director of Investigation, who instigated this part of the Congress. Jenny will explain a little more on this prior to the opening of Congress on Friday morning.

ROBERT S DIGBY
CONGRESS DIRECTOR

"Not another 40 years" - the importance of taking a stand.

"40 years is long enough" was the overall theme of the MUFON 1987 Washington DC International Conference on UFO Research. It is evident that we have not been able to have a shift established in the public attitude to the UFO phenomenon; it still is - officially - something which does not exist. We know - and have even been able to scientifically prove it - that UFOs do exist, but fail in getting this fact publicly accepted. How come? Which forces are at play in this context? And how can they be overcome?

It is quite clear that our old methods in this field have not worked. Let us look at why they didn't. Is there another method which would work? What are its fundamentals and how does it work?

Bertil Kuhlemann will address issues like positions and opposing forces, the importance of taking a stand and its contextual aspects, and what the little individual can do (that's right - it is about you!). He will also connect to the work of the community of ufologists and how the results of UFO research is related to a stand like this.

Biographical notes.

Bertil H L Kuhlemann was born in 1931 in Gothenburg, Sweden. Married. He is an engineer with training and experience in such fields as: mechanical, sanitational, constructional, electrical and electronics, industrial, economics and computer services, in areas of work which involve international co-operation. His basic specialization is industrial information needs and supply, and international liaison. Fields of professional work include application of radioactive isotopes for enhancing the efficiency of industrial operations and processes, R&D work in the semi-conductor industry, industrial investment and profitability analysis, information services to support scientific and industrial R&D. He is with UNIDO as an industrial information services specialist working for international liaison to support co-operation between industrialised and developing countries. He is a computer specialist for administrative applications in the office environment. He is a lecturer in information science and on psychological and sociological topics. Also book publishing including translation work. His spare time involvement is in the area of ufology since 1961; now Chairman of two Stockholm-based UFO groups, Co-founder and scientific technical adviser to Project URD, Co-founder of UFO Sweden, Co-founder and chairman of ICUR, The International Committee for UFO Research. Lecturer on UFO related subjects. In this subject he is also a field investigator. Author of a number of articles within the field of ufology and co-author of the Project URD documents. A, B, C, D + E and its standardised form.

SPEAKER ROUND-UP

It is regretted that constraints of space do not permit a more exhaustive Who's Who. This Round-up is meant to be only a brief guide and I hope you will take the opportunity of direct contact with speakers during the Congress.

SIR PATRICK WALL, MC, VRD, RM (Ret.) is the President of Bufora Ltd and the organisers are indebted to his agreeing to formally open the Congress.

HILARY EVANS is a well known author and lecturer and is mentioned elsewhere in the Programme - see Page 3.

CLAUDE MAUGE will talk on 'An Attempt to Define the UFO'. Born in 1946. Studied Physics and Psychology. By profession a teacher. Claude is especially interested in psychological, parapsychological and sociological aspects of ufology.

PHILIP MANTLE is a director of Bufora Ltd, a representative of MUFON for England and a founder of the Yorkshire based Independent UFO Network. Phil will be talking on a photographic hoax case from Barnsley in Yorkshire.

LIONEL BEER is a past Chairman of Bufora Ltd and currently Vice-President. Well known as a founder member of Bufora and also a specialist book-seller. Lionel will present a light hearted review of UFOs portrayed in cartoons as the after dinner speaker at the Gala Dinner. (Ticket Holders only).

BERTIL KUHLEMANN will present a paper on 'Taking A Stand' - see Page 5.

PAUL FULLER is a director of Bufora Ltd and co-author of 'Mystery of the Circles' (1986). He has been an active field investigator for Bufora since 1981. He holds a BA (Hons) in Geography and a Post Graduate Diploma in Statistics. By profession he is a local government statistician. His paper on the circles is titled: 'And What If I'm Wrong?'

CYNTHIA HIND - born in South Africa, educated in Cape Town; she has lived in Africa most of her life. She now lives in Zimbabwe. She has been a writer all her life, on travel, history, and African commentary as well as fiction. In the course of her writing she became increasingly involved in researching stories about UFOs, leading eventually to her becoming MUFON co-ordinator for Africa. Cynthia's paper is called 'After the Contact, What then?' - the effect of coming into contact with UFOs.

WALT ANDRUS - talking on Gulf Breeze - see Page 9. Walt will also do a news update on MJ12.

JENNY RANGLES is Bufora's Director of Investigations. Since 1978 she has been a full-time writer and broadcaster. Jenny first joined Bufora in 1969. In 1973 she was a founder of the Northern UFO Network and joined the Manchester UFO Research Association. Jenny will be active in the Abduction Debate and will also take part in a News Update on UFO reports in the U.K.

MILOS KRME LJ is founder of the only active UFO Society in Yugoslavia, and edits the only regular UFO/Forcean publication there. Milos is the MUFON representative for Yugoslavia and will present a News Update on UFO reports in Yugoslavia.

KEN PHILIPS is a former National Investigations Co-ordinator for Bufora and is a long standing investigator. Possibly best known for his work with Dr Alex Keul of Salzburg University on witness life histories (ANAMNESIS). Ken will talk in a News Update on his Research.

MAURIZIO VERGA and GIAN PAOLO GRASSINO are two directors of the Centro Italiano Studi Ufologici in Torino, Italy. They will present a paper on 'Italian UFO Research in the 80s'.

JOHN SPENCER - talking on 'Witness-driven Investigations' - see Page 8.

JOHN SPENCER

Witness-driven investigations

For a number of years John Spencer has been investigating the abduction phenomenon. Current research has tended to centre only on the actual incidents of abduction; however, John Spencer has studied also the methodology of investigators and the influence of the media and the pressures placed on witnesses by UFO investigators and concludes that there are dangerous mistakes being made within the UFO community.

This presentation will put forward the evidence that some prominent facts of the abduction phenomenon are being falsely created by the investigators themselves, that the needs of witnesses are being ignored, and that investigators are becoming too central to the subject for objectivity.

The presentation concludes that there may well be an extraordinary truth behind abductions but that truth will not be learned until investigations are "witness-driven" rather than "investigator-driven".

Biographical notes

John Spencer has been a director of BUFORA for nine years and is currently its Vice-Chairman.

He is joint editor and a principal contributor to BUFORA's two major publications: "UFOs 1947-1987" and "Phenomenon". The latter publication was released in the United States this year.

In January 1990 MacDonald's publishers are publishing "Perspectives", a radical review of the abduction phenomenon written by John Spencer and based on his own research including several major abduction cases investigated first hand.

John Spencer is currently continuing investigations into abductions in Sweden (as a consultant to the Swedish researchers), in Florida, as well as U.K. cases.

John Spencer is also an officer of ICUR - The International Committee for UFO Research, and a research specialist for MUFON in the USA.

Gulf Breeze Photographic Case

A slide illustrated lecture on a case that began in the little resort town of Gulf Breeze, just South East of Pensacola on November 11th, 1987. It involves a number of ongoing incidents, over sixty photographs and over 100 residents of the community and it has caused a storm of controversy.....

Biographical notes.

As one of the founding members of MUFON in 1969, Walter H Andrus, Jr. has been the International Director of the Mutual UFO Network, Inc. since 1970, succeeding Dr Allen R Utke. He has served on the staff of SKYLOOK and the MUFON UFO JOURNAL, starting in 1968. Walt is presently the Associate Editor.

Born in Des Moines, Iowa (1920), Mr Andrus graduated from the Central Technical Institute in Kansas City, Mo. He is a graduate of the U.S. Navy Electronics Technician Program during World War II and taught in their schools. Walt was formerly employed by Mid-Continent Airlines as a radio operator and station manager. From 1949 to 1975, Mr Andrus was employed by Motorola, Inc. in successive capacities as Assistant Plant Manager, Manager of Quality Control and Operations Manager in their Quincy, Ill. facility. In 1975, he transferred to Seguin, Tex. Plant as a Production Manager. After a tenure of nearly 34 years with Motorola, Walt retired at the end of 1982 to devote full time to the management of the Mutual UFO Network. Even though being retired, he continues to provide consulting services to the Motorola Seguin Plant.

The administrative office was moved from Quincy, Ill. to Seguin, Tex. in 1975, where MUFON became a Texas Nonprofit Corporation and an I.R.S. Tax Exempt Organization. Walt and his wife Jeanne are members of the First Presbyterian Church in Seguin, Tex. Their son, Donald, is an Attorney at Law in Harrisburg, Ill. and a member of MUFON's legal staff. They are the proud grandparents of two lovely granddaughters, Chelsea and Natalie.

Mr Andrus has interested in the UFO phenomenon since August 15, 1948, when he, his wife and son had a daylight sighting of four UFOs flying in formation over downtown Phoenix, Ariz. An amateur radio operator since 1939, Walt's present call letters are W5VRN. He obtained a private pilot's licence in 1947. In addition to presenting slide illustrated lectures in the U.S.A., Canada, England, Italy and Mexico, he has appeared on national television in the one-hour NBC-TV News feature "UFOs: Do You Believe?" in 1974 and more recently in the syndicated "PM Magazine" program.

DOMESTIC NOTICES

In order to run the whole event of Congress 89 smoothly, your co-operation is essential on the following matters:-

SMOKING - In the theatres there is a strict NO SMOKING policy. You may of course smoke outside and in the break times in the lounge area.

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BADGES - Please co-operate with staff - the badges display the authority and right to attend those sessions paid for. If in doubt, contact the HOUSE MANAGER, Mr Steve Gamble or any member of staff whose badge is pre-fixed by the letter 'S'.

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QUESTIONS - Please confine questions to the end of a presentation and co-operate with staff in the use of roving microphones.

GENERAL - Be reasonable! We want you to enjoy this Congress at its best.....

Thank you for your co-operation.

ROBERT S DIGBY
CONGRESS DIRECTOR

The International Committee for UFO Research has its roots in the First London International UFO Congress in 1979. Then established as the Provisional International Committee for UFO Research with Dr J Allen Hynek as President.

This important initiative sought to bring together groups from around the world to provide a forum for agreeing standards, research methodologies and to address a wide range of common problems encountered in the research and investigation of UFO phenomena.

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VUFORS	(Australia)
SOBEPS	(Belgium)

ICUR is essentially a committee of member organisations or special projects. The executive committee is currently administered by BUFORA Ltd and its members are:

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OUR SPECIAL THANKS ARE DUE.....

I would like to begin by thanking all of our staff and helpers for giving up their time, although for an event like this it has not been difficult to persuade them.

Financial resourcing has been the most essential ingredient ultimately, and funds have been provided from a number of sources.

I would particularly like to thank the following organisations: Eyecatchers Audio-Visual, MRW Electronics, Bufora Ltd, MUFON Inc., ICUR, Rowlands Video Productions, John Shaw Photography and the London Business School. In addition, the resources made available by Messrs Connor, Spencer & Co, and the help of their staff.

Special thanks are due to Paul Norman who has acted as a travelling diplomat but who was unable to attend the Congress on this occasion due to previous commitments at home.

Lastly, our various presenters have been very understanding about costs and expenses and no one has been fully reimbursed for the costs they incurred in coming to talk to us. This is also a form of sponsorship and without a programme of speakers willing to do this we would have a rather empty programme. Thanks especially to those who travelled a long way!

I regret that not all names can be mentioned, but to all of you who have helped, you know who you are and that you have the gratitude of everyone from delegates to staff and visitors.

ROBERT S DIGBY
CONGRESS DIRECTOR

