

UFO body meets in Canberra

About 40 people, including scientists, businessmen, public servants and housewives, will gather in Canberra at the weekend to talk about unidentified flying objects.

Representatives of UFO societies in four States and the ACT, they will discuss papers on topics such as 'The problems of contacts with extra-terrestrials' and the implications of scientific research on UFOs'.

The occasion is the third national UFO conference arranged by CAPIO, the Commonwealth Aerial Phenomena Investigation Organisation, the Federal

body of Australia's UFO societies.

The president of the Canberra UFO Research Society, Mr H. Zwankhuizen, said yesterday the major recent development in UFO study was a change in public attitudes.

Only five or six years ago most people laughed at the

idea of UFOs.

"Now they accept that there are such things. They don't ridicule them as much as they used to".

He said only about 10 per cent of members of UFO societies claimed sightings.

The conference will open at the Academy of Science at 8.30pm on Saturday.