## News

The Fifth International ASEAT (Advances in the Sociological and Economic Analysis of Technology) Conference will be held in Manchester, UK, from 14 to 16 September 1999. The theme is 'Demand, Markets, Users and Innovation: Sociological and Economic Approaches'. For further information contact Dr Albert Richards, tel.: +44-161-200-3403; fax: +44-161-200-3505; e-mail: albert.richards@umist.ac.uk; website: http://www.umist.ac.uk/UMIST Cromtec/

The XIX Pacific Science Congress will be held in Sydney, Australia, 4–9 July 1999. The theme is 'Science for Pacific Posterity: Environments, Resources and Welfare of the Pacific Peoples'. There is a special session on Communications in the 21st Century. For further information contact pacsci@icmsaust.com.au, tel.: +61-2-9241-1478; fax: +61-2-9251-3552; website: http://www.icmsaust.com.au/PacificScience/