

FOREWORD

The pyroxene and amphibole mineral groups have been the focal points of numerous experimental, theoretical, and field-oriented studies in recent years. Many exciting new results have been obtained since the 1966 International Mineralogical Association Symposium on Pyroxenes and Amphiboles held at the University of Cambridge, England. During September 7-11, 1969, another pyroxene-amphibole symposium will be held at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia. *Pyroxenes and Amphiboles: Crystal Chemistry and Phase Petrology* is published to coincide with this symposium and is intended to make generally available some of the current research in this field. Formal papers given at the symposium will include new research results not currently at the manuscript stage, and abstracts for these papers will be published in the January-February, 1970, issue of *The American Mineralogist*.

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