

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**EURATOM CONFERENCE ON LABELED MOLECULES OPENS**

WASHINGTON, D.C., November 29, 1966 -- The second Conference on radio-isotopic "labeled" molecules, sponsored by the Commission of the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) opened yesterday in Brussels.

The 350 specialists attending the week-long meeting will discuss the preparation and storage of labeled molecules which vary according to their intended use in basic research, agriculture, industry, or medicine. Labeled molecules or "tracers" allow the behavior of substances to be followed during chemical reactions. Tracers are fast becoming as common in research as the laboratory microscope.

The first Euratom Conference in 1963 was attended by 180 experts from 18 countries. This year, participants came from 25 countries. Half of the delegates are from Community countries. The United States, Great Britain, and other European countries are well represented. Scientists from Argentina, Australia, Canada, Israel, and the United Arab Republic are also participating.

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