

UNIVERSITY-CHEMICAL INDUSTRY RELATIONSHIPS IN BRITAIN: SOME OPINION SURVEYS

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A brief account was given of the work of a Committee of Enquiry on the Relationship between (British) University Courses in Chemistry and the Needs of Industry, which is a Sub-committee of the British Committee on Chemical Education. Five opinion surveys were carried out, concerned with attitudes of chemists of various levels to university courses and to industrial careers in chemistry. These covered: (i) final-year undergraduates in chemistry in British universities (in May 1967); (ii) postgraduate students, almost entirely second and third year students, mainly studying for Ph.D. degrees; (iii) university staff; (iv) recent graduates employed in industry (mainly with about two to seven years experience); (v) senior members of industry (mainly in the 36 to 45 age group).

The report of the Committee will be available as a separate publication which will be published during 1970 by the Royal Institute of Chemistry.