

**University of New Zealand : Vice-Chancellorship**

DR. G. A. CURRIE has been appointed vice-chancellor of the University of New Zealand in succession to Dr. Ian A. Gordon. Dr. Currie, a native of Banffshire and a graduate of the University of Aberdeen, has been vice-chancellor of the University of Western Australia since 1940, and previously held the positions of professor of agriculture in that University and of senior research officer in the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research at Canberra. He will take up duty at Wellington in May.

Dr. Ian A. Gordon, who has been vice-chancellor of the University of New Zealand since 1947, has resumed the duties of the chair of English language and literature at Victoria University College, Wellington. He is a graduate in classics and English of the University of Edinburgh, where he held the Dickson Travelling Scholarship and was Elliot prizeman. He lectured in English at the University of Edinburgh and at Heriot Watt College before his appointment to Victoria University College in 1937. He was chairman of the Executive Council of the Association of Universities of the British Commonwealth in 1949.

**Animal Breeding Research Organization**

THE Agricultural Research Council announces that, following the retirement of Prof. R. G. White, changes have been made in the administration of the Animal Breeding and Genetics Research Organization. The staff of the former Genetics Laboratory of the Organization continues under the direction of Prof. C. H. Waddington, attached to the Genetics Department of the University of Edinburgh, and their work will be financed by the Council by means of a block grant. The Organization, with the altered title of Animal Breeding Research Organization, will be under the direction of Dr. H. P. Donald. It now comprises a headquarters with laboratories in South Oswald Road, Edinburgh, and breeding research farms in various parts of Great Britain. It will continue to be directly financed and controlled by the Agricultural Research Council.

**South-Eastern Union of Scientific Societies : Annual Congress**

THE South-Eastern Union of Scientific Societies will hold its fifty-seventh annual congress at the Devonshire Park Pavilion, Eastbourne, during April 24-27. The president-elect is Mr. James Fisher, who will give an address on "Bird Numbers". The presidents of the four Sections of the Union and the titles of their addresses are as follows: *Archæology*, Mr. A. Cecil Piper, on "The History of a Downland Village—Alfriston"; *Botany*, Dr. J. Heslop-Harrison, on "Recent Researches on the British Marsh and Spotted Orchids"; *Geology*, Prof. P. Allen, on "Our Chalky Heritage"; *Zoology*, Dr. W. S. Bristowe, on "The Spiders of Islands". Further details of the meeting can be obtained from the secretary of the Union, Mr. Francis Rose, The Forge House, East Malling, Kent, or the honorary local secretary, Miss M. A. Ash, 24 Mayfield Place, Eastbourne, Sussex.

**Announcements**

WE regret to announce the death, which occurred on March 30, of Sir Leonard Hill, F.R.S., formerly director of the Department of Applied Physiology, National Institute for Medical Research, at the age of eighty-five

W. D. M. PATON has been appointed to a University readership in pharmacology and therapeutics, tenable at University College and University College Hospital Medical School, London.

THE degree of D.Sc. in the University of London has been conferred on the following: Harry Wilman (Imperial College of Science and Technology); R. K. Eisenschitz (appointed teacher at Queen Mary College); H. H. Hopkins (external).

THE Paint Research Station, Waldegrave Road, Teddington, Middlesex, which is the registered office and laboratories of the Research Association of British Paint, Colour and Varnish Manufacturers, is holding an 'open week' during April 21-25, when the laboratories will be open for inspection by members of the Association and others interested in the work.

A DAVID ANDERSON-BERRY Silver-gilt Medal, together with a sum of money amounting to about £100, will be awarded in 1953 by the Royal Society of Edinburgh to the person who, in the opinion of the Council, has recently produced the best work on the therapeutical effect of X-rays on human diseases. Both published and unpublished work will be considered. Applications must be in the hands of the General Secretary, Royal Society of Edinburgh, 22 George Street, Edinburgh 2, by March 31, 1953.

THE Association of Agriculture, the Institute of Rural Life at Home and Overseas, and Shuttleworth College are arranging jointly a course on "Lessons from the Land", to be held at Shuttleworth College, Old Warden Park, Biggleswade, Beds, during April 15-18. The course will consist of a number of lectures, with films and visits to farms, in which rural life will be discussed by reference to relevant topics in geography, biology, social studies, etc. The fee for the course is £3. Further details can be obtained from the General Secretary, Association of Agriculture, 238-240 Abbey House, 2 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.

THE German Geophysical Society and the Meteorological Society in Hamburg will be holding a joint conference in Hamburg during August 24-30. Meteorological topics pertaining to the sea will be discussed during August 24-26, and geophysics during August 28-30. On the morning of August 27 a session on "Geophysical Science in the Service of Navigation" will be held, with Prof. A. Defant in the chair. Those intending to read papers should send in notification by July 1 to the appropriate organization—Deutsche Geophysikalische Gesellschaft, Stuttgart-O, Richard Wagner Strasse 15, or Meteorologische Gesellschaft in Hamburg, Hamburg 4, Bernhard Nocht Strasse 76.

THE Eleventh International Congress of Philosophy will be held in Brussels during August 20-26, 1953. During the mornings the plenary sessions will take place, and in the afternoons the sectional sessions. For plenary sessions those reading papers will be allowed twenty minutes for each paper with fifty minutes of discussion, and for the sectional sessions the periods allowed will be ten and forty-five minutes respectively. Members of the Congress are restricted to reading one paper only; such communications may be submitted in French, English, German, Italian or Spanish and must be sent to the secretariat not later than December 15. Further details can be obtained from the secretariat, Ch. Perelman, 32 rue de la Pêcheurie, Ucele-Bruxelles.