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#### Symposium on Herbicides and the Soil

THE British Weed Control Council has arranged a symposium on Herbicides and the Soil, which will be held in the Clarendon Laboratory, Parks Road, Oxford, on April 7. Four papers will be presented. The first will be by Prof. L. J. Audus (Bedford College, London) on "Microbiological Breakdown of Herbicides in Soils". Prof. W. Fletcher (West of Scotland Agricultural College, Glasgow) will speak on "The Effects of Herbicides on Soil Micro-Organisms", and Dr. G. S. Hartley (Chesterford Park Research Station) on "Physico-chemical Aspects of the Availability of Herbicides in Soils". The symposium will be concluded by Dr. Ir. W. van der Zweep (Wageningen), who will speak on "Persistence in the Soil of Some Important Herbicides". Further information can be obtained from G. R. Sagar, Unit of Experimental Agronomy, Department of Agriculture, University of Oxford.

#### Announcements

DR. D. A. SENIOR, whose appointment to the newly created post of scientific attaché to the British Embassy in Moscow was announced in *Nature* of April 11, 1959, p. 1018, left London to take up his post on January 31. Dr. Senior has no specific technical assignment in Moscow, but will cover the broad field of science and technology. His aim is to promote good relations and understanding between the two countries in this field and to facilitate exchanges of information and people.

DR. A. D. MACDONALD, Leech professor of pharmacology in the University of Manchester, has been appointed Officier de l'Ordre de la Santé Publique by the French Minister of Health. Prof. Macdonald, one of the members of the Pharmaceutical Society's Council nominated by the Privy Council, has been for two years president of the British section of the Franco-British Pharmaceutical Commission, a body set up as a result of a suggestion made by Sir Winston Churchill that members of the same professions on each side of the Channel should get to know one another better.

DR. A. W. MESCHKAT, of Hamburg, has been appointed as Food and Agriculture Organization regional fisheries officer for Africa. He will assist governments to develop fish production of the seas off East and West Africa and of the lakes and rivers of Central Africa.

MR. A. L. JEWELL, assistant curator of Haslemere Museum, has been appointed to a newly created post of exhibitions officer at the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew. Mr. Jewell will be joining the staff of the Keeper of Museums at Kew and his special concern will be to re-display existing exhibits.

DR. R. H. HEDLEY, a senior scientific officer in the Department of Zoology, British Museum (Natural History), has been awarded the 1960 New Zealand National Research Fellowship and will work on some aspects of the biology and systematics of marine allogromoid Foraminifera (Protozoa) living in New Zealand coastal waters.

THE Corday-Morgan Award, consisting of a silver medal and a monetary prize of 200 guineas, is made

annually to a chemist of British nationality who, in the judgment of the Council of the Chemical Society, has published during the year in question the most meritorious contribution to experimental chemistry, and who has not, at the date of publication, attained the age of thirty-six years. Copies of the rules governing the Award may be obtained from the General Secretary of the Society. Applications or recommendations in respect of the Award for the year 1959 must be received not later than December 31, 1960, and applications for the Award for 1960 are due before the end of 1961.

THE sixty-fifth annual congress of the South-Eastern Union of Scientific Societies will be held at Ipswich during April 22-25. Further information can be obtained from Mr. Frank Edwards, 53 The Drive, Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex.

THE annual spring conference of the Institute of Metal Finishing will be held in the Grand Hotel, Scarborough, during April 26-30. Further information can be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, Institute of Metal Finishing, 32 Great Ormond Street, London, W.C.1.

THE spring conference of the X-Ray Analysis Group of the Institute of Physics will be held in the main Chemistry Lecture Theatre, University of Reading, during April 8-9. The subject will be "The Borders of X-ray Analysis". Further information can be obtained from Dr. P. T. Davies, "Shell" Research, Ltd., Thornton Research Centre, P.O. Box 1, Chester.

A SYMPOSIUM, sponsored by the Office of Ordnance Research U.S. Army, will be held in the Inorganic Chemistry Laboratory, Oxford, during April 5-6, on Plastic Crystals and Rotation in the Solid State. Further details can be obtained from L. A. K. Staveley, Inorganic Chemistry Laboratory, South Parks Road, Oxford.

THE Ergonomics Research Society is holding its annual conference at the University of Cambridge during March 28-31. The programme will include two sessions on "Ergonomics in the Armed Forces", a session on "Ergonomics in the Netherlands", and a symposium on "Factors in Prolonged Work, especially Inspection". Further information can be obtained from the conference secretary, Dr. S. Griew, University of Bristol, Department of Psychology, 22 Berkeley Square, Bristol 8.

THE Turkish Bibliography of Articles appearing in Turkish Periodicals for January-March 1959 is provided with a foreword in French as well as Turkish, and the classification, too, is now given in French as well as in Turkish. Titles of the periodicals covered are listed in French and Turkish, and each entry is provided with a French translation of the title; titles are arranged according to the Dewey Decimal Classification up to the first two or three figures only.

A RESEARCH scholarship in the use of light alloys in structural engineering is being offered by the Institution of Structural Engineers in collaboration with the Aluminium Development Association. The duration of the scholarship will be for two years and the value £600 per annum. The award is made every three years as from October 1. Further information can be obtained from the Secretary of the Institution of Structural Engineers. Completed application forms should be sent to reach the Secretary by March 31.