

**University News :****Bristol**

DR M. A. EPSSTEIN, reader in experimental pathology in the Middlesex Hospital Medical School, has been appointed professor of pathology in succession to Professor T. F. Hewer.

**Manchester**

DR K. R. PARTHASARATHY, at present reader in probability theory in the University of Sheffield, has been appointed to the chair of mathematical statistics.

**New South Wales**

PROFESSOR P. T. FINK, formerly P. N. Russell professor of mechanical engineering in the University of Sydney, has been appointed professor of mechanical engineering and head of the School of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering.

**Reading**

DR E. H. ROBERTS, lecturer in horticulture in the Department of Botany, University of Manchester, has been appointed professor of crop production.

**Salford**

DR R. R. BIRSS, at present senior lecturer in physics, University of Sussex, has been appointed to a second chair of physics in the Department of Pure and Applied Physics.

**Appointments**

DR R. L. MITCHELL, at present deputy director of the Macaulay Institute for Soil Research, has been appointed director of the institute in succession to Dr A. B. Stewart.

**Announcements**

EGE University at Bornova, Izmir, Turkey, is setting up a Natural Science Museum which will be attached to the Faculty of Science. It is hoped that the proposed six halls, each 250 square metres, will be finished by the end of 1970. At the preliminary stage of organization of the museum the Dean, Professor Dr Yusuf Vardar, and his staff are seeking advice from various museums in the world on organization, administration and activities. They would now appreciate help from any other institution in the form of publications covering methods of collection, preservation, maintenance and registration of exhibits. Any material (zoological, botanical or geological) which can be donated would also be greatly appreciated.

THE following have been elected officers of the American Crystallographic Association for 1968: *President*, Dr S. C. Abraham, Bell Telephone Laboratories, Murray Hill, New Jersey; *Vice-President*, Dr W. C. Hamilton, senior chemist at Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, New York.

DR SOL SPIEGELMAN, professor of microbiology at the University of Illinois, has been awarded the 1968 Bertner Foundation Award for his work involving replication of genetic material in controlled laboratory conditions.

**Meetings**

MODERN Techniques in Food Analysis, March 19, Grimsby College of Technology (Head of Science Department, College of Technology, Nun's Corner, Grimsby, Lincs).

TRAINING of Food Scientists and Technologists, April 4-5, Grimsby College of Technology (Head of the Science Department, College of Technology, Nun's Corner, Grimsby, Lincs).

TURBULENCE of Fluids and Plasmas, April 16-18, New York City (MRI Symposium Committee, Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, 333 Jay Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201).

COMPUTER-BASED Information Retrieval Systems, April 18-19, Liverpool (Bernard Houghton, School of Librarianship and Information Work, College of Commerce, Department of Professional Studies, Tithebarn Street, Liverpool 2).

MECHANICAL Design, May 6-10, University of Bradford (The Registrar, University of Bradford, Bradford 7).

CRYOGENICS Engineering, May 7-10, Brighton (Conference Secretary, ICEC 2, "Cryogenics", 32 High Street, Guildford, Surrey).

SURGING Glaciers, June 6-8, Banff (C. M. Lockwood, Assistant Director, Department of Extension, The University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta).

CANADIAN Botanical Association, June 11-14, Ontario (D. R. Lindsay, c/o Canadian Botanical Association, Lakehead University, Port Arthur, Ontario).

CORROSION and Protection of Pipes and Pipelines, June 12-14, Earls Court (Technical Exhibitions Ltd., 3-4 Clements Inn, London WC2).

THIRD Congress of the European Society of Ophthalmology, June 18-21, Amsterdam (The Secretariat, c/o Holland Organizing Centre, 16 Lange Voorhout, The Hague, The Netherlands).

THE Solar Terrestrial Environment, July 10-12, Sheffield (Miss G. M. White, Department of Applied Mathematics and Computing Science, The University, Sheffield).

ORGANIC Geochemistry, September 16-18, Amsterdam (Dr P. A. Schenck, Secretary of the Organizing Committee, 4th International Meeting on Organic Geochemistry, Volmerlaan 6, Rijswijk (Z.H.), The Netherlands).

MASS Spectroscopy Group meeting, September 16-18, University College, London (Secretary, Mr R. M. Elliott, GEC-AEI (Electronics), Ltd., Scientific Apparatus Division, Barton Dock Road, Urnston, Manchester).

ELECTRONICS Design, September 23-27, University of Cambridge (The Conference Department, Institute of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London WC2).

STRESSES in Composite Materials, September 25-27, College of Aeronautics, Cranfield (The Meetings Officer, The Institute of Physics and the Physical Society, 47 Belgrave Square, London SW1).

CELLULAR and Humoral Mechanisms in Anaphylaxis and Allergy, October 3-5, Toronto (Professor Henry Z. Movat, Department of Pathology, University of Toronto, 100 College Street, Toronto 2, Canada).

ASTRONAUTICAL Congress, October 13-19, New York (Miss Mireille Gérard, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, 1290 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019).

MEETING of the Clay Minerals Society, October 14-17, Indiana University (Dr John B. Droste, Department of Geology, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana 47401).

CRYSTALLOGRAPHY, August 7-27, 1969, Roswell Park Memorial Institute, Buffalo (August 7-12); State University of New York at Stony Brook (August 14-21); Stony Brook campus and Brookhaven National Laboratory, Long Island (August 23-27) (Eighth International Congress of Crystallography, Congress Office, State University of New York, Stony Brook, Long Island, New York).

ERRATUM. In the communication "Stimulative Vaporization of Phenylmercuric Acetate by Mercury-resistant Bacteria" by R. Tonomura *et al.* (*Nature*, 217, 646; 1968) the fresh culture medium (line 3, paragraph 4) contained 2,000  $\mu\text{g}$  of inositol and 400  $\mu\text{g}$  of nicotinic acid as well as the components listed.