

of the work enabled him to see all aspects of a problem and generally produce useful suggestions.

Only recently, the Council of the Desert Locust Control Organization for Eastern Africa, representing six countries which are cooperating along the lines advocated by Blunt for many years, passed a special resolution of thanks to him, recognizing the important part he played in international locust control. It will be a matter of regret to his many friends that this did not reach him before his death; but they might well reflect that the existence of the organization itself is a lasting tribute to his work.

## University News

**Professor A. R. Collar**, the pro-vice-chancellor, has been appointed vice-chancellor of the **University of Bristol** for the remainder of the present session and for the session 1968-9 in succession to the late **Professor John Harris**. **Professor T. F. Hewer** has been appointed pro-vice-chancellor and **Professor S. Körner** pro-vice-chancellor (additional) for the remainder of the present session. **Professor Körner** is to be pro-vice-chancellor for the session 1968-9.

**Dr Cesare Emiliani** has been appointed chairman of the Department of Geology in the **University of Miami**. He is to continue as chairman of the Division of Marine Geology and Geophysics in the university's Institute of Marine sciences.

## Appointments

The **Gas Council** has appointed **Mr K. L. Stretch**, pro-vice-chancellor of the University of Aston, Birmingham, as director of research and development. This is a new post which is linked with the industry's plans to introduce massive amounts of natural gas throughout Britain.

## Announcements

The following have been elected honorary fellows of the **Royal Society of Edinburgh**: **T. A. Bennet-Clark**, emeritus professor of biology, University of East Anglia; **M. L. Cartwright**, mistress of Girton College, Cambridge; **R. W. Gerard**, professor of biological sciences, University of California at Irvine; **M. V. Keldysh**, president, USSR Academy of Sciences, Moscow; **C. F. von Weizsacker**, professor and director, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Hamburg; **Mrs Chien-Shiung Wu**, professor of physics, Columbia University, New York.

**THE** Comité Internationale de Photobiologie will be celebrating its fortieth anniversary this year, during an international congress on photobiology to be held at Dartmouth College, New Hampshire. The committee was started at a meeting in Lausanne in 1928 as the Comité Internationale de la Lumière and adopted its present name in 1951. The international congress, the fifth to be held by the society since 1951, will cover basic photochemistry, radiation damage and repair *in vivo*, photomorphogenesis, biological clocks, vision, effects of UV radiation on skin, photosynthesis, skin cancer, phototropism, photodynamic action and instrumentation and action spectroscopy. At the meeting the Finsen Awards in photobiology will be presented; Dr E. J. Bowen has been honoured for his investigations into the chemical aspects of light, Dr W. S. Stiles for his work on the sensory aspects of human vision, and Dr A. Hollaender for fundamental contributions to the development of photobiology. Information about the congress can be obtained from Dr S. A. Gordon, Argonne National

Laboratory, Argonne, Illinois 60439, and further information about the committee can be obtained from Dr E. M. F. Roe, at the Chester Beatty Research Institute, Royal Cancer Hospital, Fulham Road, London SW3.

**CORRIGENDUM.** In the review of the book *Australian Inland Waters and their Fauna* (*Nature*, 219, 99; 1968), A. H. Weatherley was incorrectly shown as the author. Dr Weatherley was in fact the editor.

# CORRESPONDENCE

## Where to put Laboratories

SIR,—In your issue of May 18 you say “There is more than a suspicion that the Ministry of Technology had a hand in the business, for the ministry seems to have set its heart on making Norwich into a centre for food science, and had hoped that the Fruit and Vegetable Research Association would move there rather than to Reading”. This part of the article is relating to the possibility of the move to Reading by the Fruit and Vegetable Preservation Research Association. The part which indicates that the Ministry of Technology wanted us to move to Norwich rather than Reading is incorrect. In fact the ministry has pressed our case for the Reading move with the Board of Trade and at no time have they suggested that we should move to Norwich.

I should be grateful if you would correct the statement which you made in the issue mentioned above.

Yours faithfully,

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The Fruit and Vegetable Preservation Research Association,  
Chipping Campden.

This letter is referred to in the leading article on page 212—EDITOR, *Nature*.

## Training Mathematicians

SIR,—Your recent review of the Royal Society Report on Postgraduate Applied Mathematics (*Nature*, 219, 2; 1968) was somewhat critical of it, although the report certainly performed a useful service in stressing the need to avoid aridity in applied mathematics by relating it to practical situations and in highlighting the shocking neglect of such areas as control theory by British applied mathematicians.

Your review did not comment on a major defect of the report, namely, its ignoring of applied mathematics work outside actual mathematics departments, in engineering or other departments. As a result, the appendices of the report, which attempt to present a survey of applied mathematics in the UK, are in places wholly misleading. This is nowhere more apparent than in the field of control theory, for which the list entirely omits many of the main centres, such as Imperial College, simply because this field of mathematics has been developed in Britain mostly in engineering departments.

It is to be hoped that any action that arises from this report will be based on a more thorough survey of the situation than has so far been attempted.

Yours sincerely,

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