

announcements

Appointments

Dr R. W. J. Keay has been appointed Executive Secretary of the Royal Society. A service of thanksgiving for Sir David Martin, the late Executive Secretary, will be held at St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, London SW1 on February 9, 1977 at 12.00 noon.

Professor J. H. H. Merriman has been appointed as Chairman of the National Computing Centre, Manchester.

Dr John A. Gray has been appointed as a member of the Advisory Council on Research and Development for fuel and power (ACORD).

Professor F. G. T. Holliday has been appointed as Chairman of the Nature Conservancy Council.

Mr Bryan Davies, MP, has been appointed as a member of the Medical Research Council.

Awards

Peter Dennis Mitchell is the winner of Brandeis University's sixth annual Rosenstiel Award. Dr Mitchell was awarded the prize of \$5,000 for pioneering work in cellular physiology.

Dr D. C. Gajdusek is the winner of the triennial prize of the Fondation de Physiopathologie Professeur Lucien Dautrebande. The award of B.Fr 700.000 is for work with therapeutic implications on human or animal physiotherapy. For further information contact Office de la Fondation, 35 Chaussée de Liège, 5200 Huy, Belgium.

Meetings

February 16, 2.00 pm, Fortress House, Savile Row, London W1. Council of Science and Technology Institutes Interdisciplinary Degrees and Institute Qualifications.

February 17, **Financial Control of Laboratory Animal Facilities**, London (Mr M. Robinson, Medical Research Council Laboratory Animals Centre, Woodmansterne Road, Carshalton, Surrey SM5 4EF. Tel: 01-643 8000).

March 23-24, **Fibre Reinforced Materials**, London (Institute of Civil Engineers, Great George Street, London SW1).

March 24-25, **EM Negative Staining: Viruses, Macromolecules and Membranes**, Hornchurch, Essex (J. R. Harrison, Biochemistry, North East London Polytechnic, London).

Person to Person

Inventory of unpublished documents in twentieth century physics. The Office for History of Science and Technology at the University of California, Berkeley, is undertaking a world-wide survey of archival holdings related to physics between 1900 and 1950. Of particular interest is documentation of contact between physicists and others outside the domain of academic physics. Readers with knowledge of (a) unpublished correspondence with physicists, particularly items in private hands or in archival collections associated primarily with non-physicists; (b) letters to or from a physicist published in journals or books not likely to be well known to historians of science; (c) archival holdings of the papers of little-known physicists, are asked to contact The Survey of Archives, c/o Office for History of Science and Technology, 470 Stephens Hall, University of California, Berkeley, California 94720, U.S.A.

Family of five want to exchange with another family a large London house (possibly and car) for Winnebago or equivalent (preferably and house) in California. For about 8 weeks from second week in July 1977. P. Newmark, *Nature*, 4 Little Essex Street, London, UK.

There will be no charge for this service. Send items (not more than 60 words) to Marcus Dobbs at the London office. The section will include exchanges of accommodation, personal announcements and scientific queries. We reserve the right to decline material submitted. No commercial transactions.

March 29, **Crop Protection**, Newport, Salop (E. Holden, Institution of Agricultural Engineers, West End Road, Silsoe, Bedford).

April 4-7, **Rock Engineering**, Newcastle-upon-Tyne (Institution of Civil Engineers, Great George Street, London SW1).

April 11-13, **Colloid stability**, Lunteren, Netherlands (G. D. Parfitt, Tioxide International Ltd, Billingham, Cleveland, England).

April 14-15, **35th Annual Congress and Scientific Exhibition**, London (British Institute of Radiology, 32 Welbeck Street, London).

April 20-22, **3rd International Congress on Static Electricity**, Grenoble (Societe de Chimie Industrielle, 28 rue Saint-Dominique 75007 Paris).

May 4-5, **International Symposium on Epidermological Evaluation of Drugs**, Milan (Istituto di Ricerche Farmacologiche 'Mario Negri', via Eritrea, 62, 20157, Milano, Italy).

May 9-12, **Biological Solar Energy Conversion Systems**, Grenoble-Autrans (P. M. Vignais, DRF/Biochimie, C.E.N.-G., 85X, 38041 Grenoble-Cedex, France).

May 13-27, **Genetics and Molecular Biology of Tetrahymena**, Copenhagen, Embo course (F. Zeuthen, Biological Institute of the Carlsberg Foundation, 16 Tagensvej, DK 2200-Copenhagen N, Denmark).

May 17-20, **Brookhaven Symposium 29: Genetic Interaction and Gene Transfer**, New York (C. W. Anderson, Biology, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, New York 11973).

July 5-7, **International Dynamic Mass Spectroscopy Symposium**, Salford (D. Price, Chemistry and Applied Chemistry, University of Salford, UK).

July 8-9, **Genito-urinary Trichomoniasis**, Paris (A. Fari, S.I.T.G.U. 5 Bld de Strashbourg, 75010 Paris, France).

July 18-22, **International Nutrition: Problems, Policies and Strategies**, Cambridge, Ma (Summer Session Director, Room E19-356, MIT, Cambridge, Ma 02139).

August 14-18, **4th International Workshop on Human Gene Mapping**, Winnipeg (J. L. Hamerton, 685 Bannatyne Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada).

September 13-15, **Ion-Ion and Ion-Solvent Interactions**, Oxford (Y. A. Fish, Chemical Society, Burlington House, London, W1).

September 19-21, **The 50th Anniversary of the Discovery of Electron Diffraction**, London (P. J. Dobson, Physics, Imperial College, London, SW7).

September 20-22, **Non-Linear Problems in Stress Analysis**, Durham (A. S. Kenkare (for Institute of Physics), Hatfield Polytechnic, Hatfield, Herts.).

October 10-14, **Soaps and Detergents**, Montreux (Karl Zilch, Emery Industries, Cincinnati, Ohio).

November 21-25, **Food Preservation by Irradiation**, Wageningen, Netherlands (IAEA, Kartner Ring 11, A1011 Vienna, Austria).

December 13-14, **Electrocrystallisation Nucleation and Phase Formation**, Southampton (Y. A. Fish, Chemical Society, Burlington House, London, W1).