

announcements

Appointments

Lord Todd, O.M., President of the Royal Society has appointed the following Vice Presidents for the year ending 30 November 1977: **Dr B. J. Mason, C.B.**; **Sir Harrie Massey, Professor D. C. Phillips**; **Dr M. G. P. Stoker, C.B.E.**; **Professor P. Allen**; **Dr G. D. H. Bell, C.B.E.**; **Sir Angus Paton, C.M.G.**; and **Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, Bt.**

J. L. van der Post, Director of the British Gas Engineering Station at Killingworth succeeds **Dr R. G. Allen, O.B.E.**, as Director of the Water Research Centre from February.

The following have been elected Emeritus Professors of the University of Bristol: **T. K. Ewer** in Animal Husbandry, **W. A. Gillespie** in Clinical Bacteriology and **R. F. E. W. Peel** in Geography.

Dr Fred Stratton, Director of the Blood Transfusion Service of the North Western Regional Health Authority to Professor (part-time) of human serology at Manchester University.

Awards

The 1977 Papers and Craftsmanship Premiums of the Gordon Radley Fund (Christopher Columbus Prize) awarded by the Post Office to scientists and engineers under 30 for published research work went to **Michel Eve**, **Dr Graham Davies**, **John Davies** and **Robert Walters**.

Michael Heidelberger of New York University, **Elvin A. Kabat** of Columbia and **Henry G. Kunkel** of Rockefeller University have shared the Columbia University's 1977 Louisa Gross Horwitz Prize for their research on the body's disease combating ability and its use in the diagnosis and treatment of disease.

The Paul Martini Prize (20,000 DM) for 1978 will be awarded by the Medizinisch Pharmazeutische Studiengesellschaft e.V., Humboldtstrasse 94, D 6000 Frankfurt. The award is intended to promote the development of scientific methods for the evaluation of clinical, pharmacological and therapeutic fields. Papers, which must be self contained and if published less than 2-yr-old, should be submitted before 30 April 1978.

On the move

Dr Martin Evans from the Department of Anatomy and Embryology, University College London to the Department of Genetics, University of Cambridge.

Dr Norman Shaw from Microbiological Chemistry Research Laboratory, University of Newcastle upon Tyne, to visiting professor in the Department of Chemistry, Washington University.

Dr John Walker from Physics Department, University of Reading and Groupe de Physique des Solides de l'Ecole Normale Supérieure, Université Paris VII, to Quantum Science Corporation, 16 Charles II St, London.

Meetings

3-7 April, **Post-Graduate School on Aspects of Drug Toxicity**, London (R. E. Marshall, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, The Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1, UK).

10-14 April, **Symposium on HPLC with application to the Pharmaceutical and Food Industries**, Sunderland (Dr D. Dennis, School of Pharmacy, Sunderland Polytechnic, Chester Road, Tyne and Wear, UK).

12-26 April, **Chromatin Structure and Function**, Erice, Sicily (C. Nicolini, Professor of Biophysics, Temple University, 3223 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19140).

17-20 April, **Institute of Environmental Sciences 24th Annual Technical Meeting**, Texas (B. L. Peterson, Institute of Environmental Sciences, 940 East Northwest Highway, Mount Prospect, Illinois 60056).

19-21 April, **The Origin of Major Invertebrate Groups**, Hull (Dr M. D. Brasier, Department of Geology, The University Hull, UK).

20-26 April, **Remote Sensing of the Environment**, Manila (U-M Extension Service, Conferences and Institutes, 412 Maynard Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109).

25 April, **Fundamental Studies in Keratinisation**, Amsterdam (Professor M. W. Greaves, Institute of Dermatology, Homerton Grove, London E9, UK).

25-26 April, **Some Recent Results in X-ray Astronomy**, London (The Executive Secretary, attn PW, The Royal Society, 6 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1, UK).

6-11 May, **80th Annual Meeting of the American Ceramic Society**, Detroit (The American Ceramic Society Inc., 65 Ceramic Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43214).

9 May, **International Symposium on Crop Protection**, Belgium (Faculteit van de Landbouwwetenschappen, Coupure links 533, B-9000 Ghent, België).

10-12 May, **Biotechnology in Energy Production and Conservation**, Tennessee (Charles D. Scott, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, P.O. Box X, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830).

15-17 May, **9th International Symposium on Chromatography and Electrophoresis**, Lake Garda (Dr Alberto Frigerio, Istituto di Ricerche Farmacologiche "Mario Negri", Via Eritrea 62, 20157 Milan, Italy).

15-19 May, **3rd International Conference on Basement Tectonics**, Colorado (Dr Donald L. Baars, Department of Geology, Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colorado 81301).

15-19 May, **1st Australasian Mathematical Convention**, Christchurch (The Convention Secretary, Mathematics Department, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand).

Reports and Publications UK & Ireland—November

Building Britain's Future: Labour's Policy on Construction. Pp. 64. 35p. The EEC and Britain: a Socialist Perspective. Pp. 75. 60p. International Big Business: Labour's Policy on the Multinationals. Pp. 135. 90p. (London: Literature Sales, The Labour Party, Transport House, Smith Square, SW1, 1977.)

[211] *Progress in Physical Geography*, Vol. 1, No. 1, 1977. Pp. 1-184. Subscription rates: UK, Europe and rest of the world (excl. USA and Canada) £12.50; \$25. USA and Canada \$25. (London: Edward Arnold (Publishers) Ltd., 1977.)

[211] The Edinburgh School of Agriculture. Annual Report, 1976. Pp. 203. (Edinburgh: The Edinburgh School of Agriculture, 1977.)

[211] Occasional Reports of the Royal Observatory, Edinburgh. No. 2: Topics in Extragalactic Astronomy with special reference to the Southern Hemisphere. By Gérard de Vaucouleurs. Pp. vi + 125. (Edinburgh: The Royal Observatory, 1977.) £5.

[211] Physical Impairment: Social Handicap. Pp. 32. (London: Office of Health Economics, 162 Regent Street, W1, 1977.) 70p.

[211] Department of Health and Social Security and the Welsh Office. Advisory Committee on Alcoholism: Report on Prevention. Pp. 14. (London: Department of Health and Social Security, 1977.)

[311] Science Research Council. The Support of Research and Postgraduate Training in Polytechnics—First Report by the Polytechnics Committee to the Science Research Council. Pp. vii + 51. (London: Science Research Council, State House, High Holborn, WC1, 1977.)

[711] Health and Safety Executive. Health and Safety: Mines and Quarries. Pp. v + 58. (London: Health and Safety Executive, 1977. Available from HMSO.) £2, plus postage.

[711] Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London. B: Biological Sciences. Vol. 281, No. 978: Anatomical, Physiological and Biochemical Studies of the Cerebellum from *reeler* Mutant Mouse. By J. Mariani, F. Crepel, K. Mikoshiba, J. P. Changeux and C. Sotelo. Pp. 1-26 + plates 1-16. UK £5; Overseas £5.15. Vol. 281, No. 979: The Microstructure of the Dentition and Dermal Ornament of Three Dipnoans from the Devonian of Western Australia—a Contribution Towards Dipnoan Interrelations and Mesophogenesis, Growth and Adaptation of the Skeletal Tissues.