

Awards

The **Medical Research Council UK** annually awards Senior Research Leave Fellowships and Senior Clinical and Non-Clinical Fellowships. For further details contact the Grants Section, MRC, 20 Park Crescent, London W1N 4AL, UK.

Applications are invited by the **International Foundation for the Promotion of Nutrition Research and Nutrition Education (ISFE)**, Zug, Switzerland for the 1985 ISFE Prize on research into new approaches to the prevention and/or treatment of obesity. Conditions of entry for the Sfr. 15,000 award are obtainable from the President of the Foundation, Professor Dr J.C. Somogyi, Niedelbadstrasse 82, 8803, Rüschlikon, Switzerland.

The **International Association of Gerontology** has announced that the 2nd Sandoz Prize for Gerontological Research (worth 20,000 SFr) will be presented in July 1985. Further information from Dr Leo Abisch, International Association of Gerontology "Sandoz Prize for Gerontological Research", Box 4043, CH-4002 Basle, Switzerland.

The **Scientific Council of the International Centre for Theoretical Physics**, Trieste, Italy is again offering an annual prize of US \$1,000. For further information contact the 1984/1985 Prize Committee, International Centre for Theoretical Physics, PO Box 586, 34100 Trieste, Italy.

For details of the International Research Awards offered by the **World Population Council** on Determinants of Fertility in Developing Countries, contact the Program Manager, The Population Council, 1 Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, New York, New York 10017, USA.

The **National Science Foundation (US)** Alan T. Waterman Award Committee has issued a call for nominations of candidates for its tenth annual award intended to give recognition to outstanding US researchers under 35 in any field of science, mathematics or engineering. Additional information from the Executive Secretary for the Committee, Mrs Lois J. Hamaty, NSF, Washington D.C. 20550, USA.

Appointments

Mr Roger Courtney has been appointed as head of the Technology and Innovation Directorate of the Energy Efficiency Office the Department of Energy, UK.

Dr K.J. Treharne, Head of the Plant Sciences Division at the Long Ashton Research Station, Bristol University, is now to take over as Director; he has also been appointed to a Chair and the Headship of the Department of Agriculture and Horticulture within the University.

Alan Watson, Reader in Particle Cosmic Physics in the Department of Physics and Dean of the Faculty of Science at Leeds

University, has been appointed a Professor of Physics at the University.

Mr Don Metz, currently Deputy Secretary with the Department of Territories and Local Government in Canberra, Australia, has been appointed as the new Director General of the Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux — the first Director not to be resident in the United Kingdom.

Ms Gill Glass has been appointed Managing Director of Bachem UK, the British branch of Bachem Inc., USA.

Mr F. Edward Gustafson and **Mr William F. Hendershot** have been elected as vice-presidents of Miles Laboratories Inc., Indiana, USA.

Dr. Muroi, currently president of the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado, has been nominated to a six-year term as a member of the National Science Board, Washington D.C., USA.

Dr. Charles Elachi has been named manager of the Earth and Space Sciences Division of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, NASA, California.

Meetings

22-26 October, **European Wind Energy Conference and Exhibition**, Hamburg, FRG (H.S. Stephens & Associates, European Commercial and Technical Conferences, Agricultural House, 55 Goldington Road, Bedford MK403LS, UK).

29 October-1 November, **Second International Conference on Computers in Science**, Washington D.C., USA (Computers in Science, Scherago Associates, Inc., 1515 Broadway, New York, New York 10036, USA).

14 November, **Meeting on High Complexity Displays**, London (The Meetings Officer, The Institute of Physics, 47, Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QX, UK).

15 November, **Seminar on Plan for Computer Integrated Manufacturing**, London, UK (The Manager — Conferences and Exhibitions, The Institution of Production Engineers, Rochester House, 66 Little Ealing Lane, London, W5 4XX, UK).

15-17 November, **3rd Epileptology Meeting — The Epileptic and His Family**, Coimbra, Portugal (Dra. Margarida Santiago, Clinica Neurológica, Bloco Hospital de Celas, H.U.C. 3000 Coimbra, Portugal).

20 November, **Paper on Technological Change — The Effect on People at Work**, London (The Manager — Conferences and Exhibition, The Institution of Production Engineers, Rochester House, 66 Little Ealing Lane, London W5 4XX, UK).

22 November, **Hockley Memorial Lecture on Communications and Propaganda**, London, UK (Secretary, Institute of Scientific and Technical Communicators, 17 Bluebridge Avenue, Brookmans Park, Hatfield, Hertfordshire AL7 9RY).

26-28 November, **2nd International Conference and Exhibition on New Technology and the Food and Drink Industries**, Bristol, UK (Mr David Jones, New Technology & the Food & Drink Industries Conference, Brintex Limited, 178-202 Great Portland Street, London W1N 6NH, UK).

27-28 November, **11th Mammalian Molecular and Biochemical Genetics Workshop**, London, UK (Dr G. Bullfield, Genetics Group, AFRC Poultry Research Centre, Roslin, Midlothian EH25 9PS, UK).

4 December, **International Conference on Hybridomes**, Paris, France. (INNOBIO, Scientific Association for Biotechnology Advancement, 26 Rue Guynemer, 75006 Paris, France).

17-19 December, **Annual Conference of the Society for Research into Higher Education**, London (SRHE, University of Guildford, Surrey GU2 5XH, UK).

3-5 January, **2nd International Conference on Clinical and Basic Factors Influencing Bone Growth**, Los Angeles, USA (Prof A.D. Dixon, School of Dentistry and Medicine, Dental Research Institute, Center for Health Sciences, University of California Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California 90024, USA).

12-16 January, **Keystone Summit on Allergy, Immunology, Pulmonology, and ENT**, Colorado, USA (Ms Helga Cole, National Jewish Hospital and Research Center/National Asthma Center, 3800 East Colfax Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80206, USA).

14-15 January, **2nd Annual International Symposium on Sample Preparation and Isolation Using Bonded Silicas**, Philadelphia, USA (Mr Lane Yago, Symposium Coordinator, Analytical International Inc., 24201 Frampton Avenue, Harbor City, California 90710, USA).

21-22 January, **Symposium on Pediatric Pharmacology**, Ahmedabad, India (Professor S.M. Mansuri, Chairperson, Department of Pharmacology, B.J. Medical College, Amedabad 380016, Gujarat, India).

22 January, **Meeting on Radiological Protection Measurements and Their Traceability**, London (Prof. J.H. Martin, Programme Committee Secretary, Department of Medical Biophysics, Blackness Laboratory, University of Dundee, Dundee DD1 4HN, UK).

18-21 February, **International Conference on Health Hazards and Biological Effects of Welding Fumes and Gases**, Copenhagen, Denmark (Mr Richard M. Stern, WHO/EURO, 8 Scherffigsvej, DK-2100 Copenhagen Denmark).

22-24 February, **International Symposium on Conceptual Issues in Environmental Archaeology**, Oxford, UK (Conceptual Issues in Environmental Archaeology, Department of Geography, University of Strathclyde, Livingstone Tower, 26 Richmond Street, Glasgow G1 1XH, UK).