

## June meeting

28-29 June, **Investigation and Belief — 3rd Annual International Conference on the Paranormal**, University College, London, UK (M. Hutchinson, Secretary, CSICOP, UK Branch, 10 Crescent View, Loughton, Essex IG10 4PZ, UK)

## July meetings

8-12 July 1985, **7th International Meeting on NMR Spectroscopy**, Cambridge, UK (Dr J. Gibson, The Royal Society of Chemistry, Burlington House, London W1V 0BN)

## September meetings

1-4 September 1985, **First International Symposium on ESR Dating**, Ube, Japan (Prof. Ikeya, Secretary of the Symposium, Technical College, Yamaguchi University, Tokiwadai, Ube 755, Japan)

2-3 September 1985, **International Symposium on Impact Testing and Performance of Polymeric Materials**, Guildford, UK (Miss Rachael Alexander, Short Courses and Conferences Section, Bureau of Industrial and External Liaison, University of Surrey, Guildford, Surrey GU2 5XH)

3-6 September 1985, **Second International Symposium on the Synthesis and Applications of Isotopically Labelled Compounds**, Missouri, USA (Dr R. Wilk, Symposium Coordinator, School of Pharmacy, 5100 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, MO 64110 USA)

16-19 September 1985, **International Environment and Safety Conference**, Olympia, London, UK (D. Parker, Conference Coordinator, International Environment and Safety, Labmate Limited, Newgate, Sandpit Lane, St Albans, Herts. AL4 0BS, UK)

## October meetings

7-9 October 1985, **International Symposium on Biotechnology in the Food Processing Industry**, Minnesota, USA (Lynette Marten, University of Minnesota, St Paul, Minnesota 55108 USA)

7-10 October 1985, **Electronic Imaging '85 — International Electronic Imaging Exposition and Conference**, Massachusetts, USA (R. Murray, Institute for Graphic Communication, 375 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02115, USA)

8-10 October 1985, **International Conference on the Occupational and Environmental Significance of Chemical Carcinogens**, Bologna, Italy (Organising Committee, International Conference on Chemical Carcinogenesis, c/o Istituto di Oncologia, Viale Ercolani, 4/2, 40138 Bologna, Italy)

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20-23 October 1985, **Halifax '85-16th Annual Underwater Mining Institute**, Nova Scotia, Canada (H. Joseph, Ocean Mining Division, 355 River Road, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0E4)

## November meetings

7-9 November 1985, **International Congress on Neo-Adjuvant Chemotherapy**, Paris, France (SOMPS-1st International Congress on Neo-Adjuvant Chemotherapy, Pavillon Jacquart, Hôpital de la Salpêtrière, 47 Boulevard de L'Hôpital - 75651 Paris, France).

19-21 November 1985, **International Conference on Advanced Welding Systems**, London, (The Conference Office, The Welding Institute, Abington Hall, Abington, Cambridge CB1 6AL, UK).

20-22 November 1985, **International Conference on Nitrates in Water**, Paris, France (G. Martin, Ecole Normale Supérieure de Chimie, 35000 Rennes-Beaulieu, France).

## December meetings

2-4 December 1985, **International Conference on Spacecraft Structures**, Toulouse, France (CNES, Department des Affaires Universitaires 18, avenue Edouard-Belin 31055 Toulouse, France)

3-5 December 1985, **Ninth International Online Information Meeting**, London, UK (J. Mulligan, Learned Information (Europe) Ltd, Besselsleigh Road, Abingdon, Oxford OX13 6LG)

3-6 December 1985, **Fourth International Meeting on Biostereometrics '85**, Cannes, France (J. Prado, Coordinator Central du Congrès, ANRT-Association Nationale de la Recherche Technique, 101, Avenue Raymond Poincaré, 75116 Paris, France)

4-5 December 1985, **International Conference on Electric and Magnetic Fields in Medicine and Biology**, London, UK (C. Dagnall, IEE Press Office, Savoy Place, London WC2R 0BL, UK).

11-13 December 1985, **IFAC Symposium on Modelling and Control of Biotechnological Processes**, Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands (IFAC/BIC '85 c/o Klvl, PO Box 30424, 2500 GK The Hague, The Netherlands).

## Appointments

**Dr Geoffrey Rivett** has been appointed Senior Medical Officer at the Department of Health and Social Security. He will take charge of Med PCR division (Primary Care, Regional Medical Services) with effect from 1 July 1985.

The Council of the Royal Society has appointed **Dr P.T. Warren** as Executive Secretary of the society, on the retirement of **Dr R.W. Keay**.

**Dr Lewis Roberts**, Director of the UK Atomic Energy Authority's Energy Research Establishment at Harwell, has been appointed the first professor of Risk Assessment at the University of East Anglia, Norwich.

Two appointments have been made to the Medical Research Council with effect from 1 August 1985. **Professor Wing** will be Chairman of the MRC's Neurosciences Board, and **Professor Newsom-Davis**, the present Chairman of the Neurosciences Board, will be an independent scientific member.

Three new members have recently been appointed to the Engineering Council. They are **Mr Norman Holland**, UK Group Standards Manager of Philips Electronic and Associated Industries, **Sir Richard 'Brien**, Chairman of the Engineering Industry Training Board, and **Sir Robert Telford**, Life President of The Marconi Company Ltd.

Loughborough University of Technology has appointed **Professor John Phillips** as Vice-Chancellor from 1 January 1986, in succession to Sir Clifford Butler. Professor Phillips is at present director of research and Wolfson Professor in the Wolfson Institute at the University of Hull.

## Awards

**Professor Gert Utermann** from the Institute for Medical Biology and Genetics of the University of Innsbruck has been awarded the Morgagni Medal for his investigations on the pathophysiology of familial hyperlipidaemias. The G.B. Morgagni Young Investigator Awards will be awarded to Dr G. Bolli of the University of Perugia and Dr E. Van Obberghen of the University of Nice.

The William Hopkins Prize of the Cambridge Philosophical Society has been awarded to Dr D.O. Gough of Churchill College for his pioneering achievements in the subject of helioseismology.

The University of Glasgow has appointed **Dr David W.T. Crompton** to the John Graham Kerr Chair of Zoology with effect from 1 October 1985. He is presently lecturer in parasitology in the University of Cambridge, fellow of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge and adjunct professor in the division of nutritional sciences, Cornell University, New York.

The International Association of Gerontology has awarded the 1985 Sandoz Prize jointly to Sir Martin Roth, Professor of Psychiatry at Cambridge (UK), and Dr Karl Esser, Professor of Botany at the University of the Ruhr (FRG).

The Jung Foundation for Science and Research 1985 prize for Medicine has been awarded to three recipients. The prizewinners are: **Professor Hendrik Coenraad Hemker** — for work on the biochemistry of blood anticoagulation, **Professor Rudolph Pilchmayer** — for work on liver transplantation and **Professor Peter K. Vogt** — for work on the genetic analysis of retroviruses.