

### Announcements

PROF. AND MME. BERNARD PULLMAN, of the Theoretical Chemistry Laboratory, University of Paris, have been awarded the E.S.S.E.C. Prize for cancer studies (of value 1 million francs) for 1956 by the Ligue Française contre le Cancer. The award has been made for their work on the correlation between electronic structure and carcinogenic activity of molecules, and in particular for their book "Cancérisation par les Substances Chimiques et Structure Moléculaire" (Masson, Paris, 1955).

DR. A. H. SULLY, associate director of the British Steel Castings Research Association, has been appointed director of research in succession to Prof. R. J. Sarjant, who will continue to act in an advisory capacity to the Association.

THE following have been appointed to lectureships in the University of Sheffield: R. Kilpatrick (pharmacology) and Dr. R. H. Tredgold (physics).

THE following appointments have been made in the University of London: Dr. L. Pincherle, to the University readership in physics tenable at Bedford College; Dr. T. J. Williams, to the University readership in mechanical engineering tenable at King's College.

A SYMPOSIUM on "The Presentation of Science to the Public" is to be held in the Senate House, University of London, on March 21, under the chairmanship of Mr. A. L. Bacharach. The symposium is being organized by the Institute of Biology, the Royal Institute of Chemistry and the Institute of Physics. Principal speakers will be Dr. Archie Clow (B.B.C. Science Survey), Mr. A. W. Haslett (*The Times* Science Review) and Mr. J. McCloy (B.B.C. Television). Further information can be obtained from the Secretary, Institute of Biology, 41 Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7.

THE annual general meeting of Science for Peace, to be held in the Holborn Assembly Hall, John's Mews, London, W.C.1, on March 10, will be followed (2-6 p.m.) by a public conference on "The Atomic Age—Perspectives and Problems". The speakers will include Prof. J. B. S. Haldane (on genetic effects of radioactive substances), D. G. Arnott (on the new outlook since the Geneva Conference), Prof. J. D. Bernal (on prospects for science in a world at peace) and Dr. E. H. S. Burhop (report of a sub-committee on disarmament). Tickets for the conference (price 2s. 6d.) can be obtained from Mr. B. Hayes, 72 Doneraile Street, London, S.W.6, or at the door.

THE Institution of Chemical Engineers is holding a symposium and exhibition on "Modern Techniques in Chemical Plant Construction" on March 21 in the University of Birmingham. The papers at the symposium will cover three topics: some special constructional materials, with particular reference to their use by fabricators; fabrication and testing; and plant manufacture and erection. Further information can be obtained from M. G. D. Bailey, 1 Wentworth Gate, Harborne, Birmingham 17.

A SYMPOSIUM on the "Applications of Infra-Red Spectroscopy", organized by the Society of Chemical Industry, will be held in the William Beveridge Hall of the University Senate House, London, W.C.1, during April 9-10. A small exhibition on the same theme will be held in the Department of Chemical Engineering, University College, London. The fee for the symposium is £3 for non-members, and 10s. for members, of the Society. Application forms and

further information can be obtained from the Assistant Secretary (Infrared Symposium), Society of Chemical Industry, 56 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.

THE Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Department of Agriculture for Scotland are offering a limited number of postgraduate scholarships in agricultural economics, husbandry, statistics and agricultural and dairy engineering, for the academic year 1956-57. The closing date for applications is March 31. Further information can be obtained from the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Great Westminster House, Horseferry Road, London, S.W.1, or the Secretary, Department of Agriculture for Scotland, St. Andrew's House, Edinburgh 1.

APPLICATIONS are invited for Lady Tata Memorial Fund grants, scholarships or fellowships from scientific workers of any nationality for research on diseases of the blood, with special reference to leukaemia, or any aspect of malignant disease connected with leukaemia, during the academic year October 1956-57. Grants are for research expenses: scholarships for personal remuneration (usually £600); and fellowships for workers with considerable research experience (£1,000). Application forms, to be returned by March 31, and further information can be obtained from the Secretary of the (European) Scientific Advisory Committee, Lady Tata Memorial Trust, Chester Beatty Research Institute, Fulham Road, London, S.W.3.

Two scholarships tenable at research institutions in France during the academic year 1956-57 are being offered to British workers in medical science by the Medical Research Council on behalf of the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique. They are intended for young graduates in medicine or science who have already had some experience in a branch of medical science, and are worth 50,000-70,000 francs a month, with a supplementary allowance (payable in sterling) for married men. A working knowledge of French is essential. Application forms, to be returned by March 31, and further information can be obtained from the Secretary, Medical Research Council, 38 Old Queen Street, London, S.W.1.

To mark the completion of ten years of publication of the journal *Weather*, the Royal Meteorological Society is offering a prize of forty guineas for an essay of about five thousand words in English on "The Place of Meteorology in Liberal Education". Additional prizes may be awarded, and for these particular consideration will be given to entries from persons less than twenty-five years old. Entries must be sent in by December 31 to the Royal Meteorological Society, 49 Cromwell Road, London, S.W.7.

ABOUT £30 is available from the Clough Memorial Research Fund of the Edinburgh Geological Society for geological research in Scotland and the north of England (Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland, Westmorland and Yorkshire) during the period April 1, 1956-March 31, 1957. Applications for grants must be sent before March 31 to the Secretary, Clough Memorial Research Fund Committee, Edinburgh Geological Society, Synod Hall, Castle Terrace, Edinburgh 1.

ERRATUM. In the letter by C. H. Vincent on "The Gas Multiplier: a New Type of Electron Multiplier", published in *Nature* of February 25, p. 391, in the third and fourth lines for "... a highly stable electron-multiplication factor" read "... a high stable electron-multiplication factor".