

Announcements

DR. GERHARD HERZBERG, director of the Division of Pure Physics, National Research Council of Canada, has been elected an honorary member of the Indian Physical Society. He is the first person outside India to be thus honoured. During his current lecture tour in India, undertaken at the invitation of the Indian Science Congress, Dr. Herzberg was also presented with the Joy Kissen Mookerjee Gold Medal for 1954, awarded by the Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science.

THE award of the Rennie Memorial Medal for 1956 has been made to Dr. P. R. Jefferies, senior lecturer in chemistry at the University of Western Australia, for his researches on terpenes and the stereochemistry of cyclohexane derivatives. This annual award is administered by the Royal Australian Chemical Institute and is made to a member under thirty years of age for the best contribution to the development of chemical science in Australia.

THE Bourke Lectures of the Faraday Society will be given by Prof. A. J. Rutgers, of the University of Ghent, who will speak on "Electrokinetic Researches". The Lectures will be delivered in the Department of Chemistry, University of Bristol, on May 8 at 5.30 p.m.; of the University of Reading on May 9 at 4.30 p.m.; and of King's College, Newcastle upon Tyne, on May 10 at 5 p.m. Admission in each case is free and without ticket.

THE 361st meeting of the Biochemical Society will be a joint meeting with the Société Belge de Biochimie-Belgische Vereniging voor Biochemie, and will be held in the Department of Biochemistry of the University of Oxford on Friday and Saturday, April 12 and 13, starting at 11 a.m. on the Friday.

THE following appointments in the University of Birmingham have been announced: Dr. J. C. Robb, at present lecturer in chemistry, to be professor of physical chemistry; Dr. G. F. Alfrey, to be lecturer in electron physics; S. V. Hayes, to be lecturer in mechanical engineering; E. H. L. Harries, to be lecturer in physiology.

A SECTIONAL meeting of the World Power Conference will be held in Belgrade during June 5-11, after which there will be a series of study tours. The general programme and membership application forms are available from the British National Committee, World Power Conference, 201-2 Grand Buildings, Trafalgar Square, London, W.C.2.

THE Fourth International Congress of Nutrition, to be held under the auspices of the International Union of Nutritional Sciences, is to take place in Paris during July 26-August 1. For information about the Congress, early application should be made to Prof. E. Terroine, 4^{ème} Congrès International de Nutrition, Centre National de Coordination des Études et Recherches sur la Nutrition et l'Alimentation, 71 Boulevard Péreire, Paris, 17^e, as enrolments should be in his hands early in April. Information about the International Union of Nutritional Sciences can be obtained from the Secretary-General, Dr. Leslie J. Harris, Dunn Nutritional Laboratory, Milton Road, Cambridge.

THE British Glaciological Society has recently set up a sub-committee to encourage and advise on glaciological research. This sub-committee has already advised some ten expeditions visiting Norway, Kashmir, Iceland, Africa and Antarctica, on

their glaciological programmes, and is preparing a series of duplicated Technical Notes on the kinds of measurements that it is desirable to make on glaciers, and on the techniques involved. Inquiries from persons organizing scientific expeditions to glacierized regions should be addressed to the Secretary, British Glaciological Society, c/o Scott Polar Research Institute, Lensfield Road, Cambridge, England.

A SYMPOSIUM on "Recent Developments in Research Methods and Instrumentation", sponsored by the Washington sections of the American Chemical Society, the Instrument Society of America, the Society of American Bacteriologists, the American Association of Clinical Chemists, the Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine and the group on medical electronics of the Institute of Radio Engineers, is to be held in conjunction with the seventh Annual Research Equipment Exhibit, during May 13-15, at the Clinical Center Auditorium, Public Health Service, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland. The symposium will include sections on the processing and computation of biological data, automation in the laboratory, nuclear magnetic and paramagnetic resonance, tissue culture and its significance in bacteriology and virology, and on electron microscopy. Further details can be obtained from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Public Health Services, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda 14, Maryland.

THE fifth Midlands Conference of the British Institute of Management is to be held at Droitwich during April 5-7. The programme has been planned in conjunction with the Institution of Production Engineers; its theme will be "Meeting To-morrow's Problems". The conference is organized by the British Institute of Management and the Institute of Industrial Administration with the support of regional organizations of the Federation of British Industries and the National Union of Manufacturers. At each of the working sessions the emphasis will be on an exchange of information between top managers in the Midlands. Speakers will summarize papers previously circulated to delegates and discussion from the floor will occupy the greater part of the meeting. Guest speaker at the closing dinner on April 6 will be Mr. Aidan Crawley. Further information can be obtained from the Conference Secretary, British Institute of Management, 8 Hill Street, London, W.1.

THE essay subjects for this year's *Endeavour* Prizes of the British Association for the Advancement of Science will be as follows: the International Geophysical Year; science fiction; Irish contributions to science; atmospheric pollution; chemistry and the conquest of disease; particles in plant or animal cells. Essays, which must be in English and should not exceed four thousand words in length, must be sent in before June 1. Competitors must be less than twenty-five years of age. Prizes will be 50, 25 and 15 guineas, respectively, with two special awards of 5 guineas to those less than eighteen years old. Full particulars can be obtained from the Assistant Secretary, British Association for the Advancement of Science, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W.1.

THE general headquarters of the Institution of Electronics has moved to a new address at 78 Shaw Road, Rochdale, Lancashire. The former general headquarters, at 20 Buckingham Street, Strand, London, W.C.2, is to be retained as the headquarters of the London Division of the Institution.