

Prof. Rothlin and Trabucchi, together with Drs. Deniker (France), Denber (United States), Bradley (United Kingdom) and Radouco-Thomas (Switzerland), was appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

#### Canadian Federation of Biological Societies

THE Canadian Federation of Biological Societies was instituted in Ottawa on October 11. The Federation comprises four member societies: the Canadian Physiological Society, the Pharmacological Society of Canada, the Canadian Association of Anatomists and the Canadian Biochemical Society. The Canadian Physiological Society has been active since 1935. The other three societies have been founded in the past two years; many of their members already belong to the Canadian Physiological Society. However, the rapid growth of these sciences has made it desirable to form societies for the individual disciplines not only to further their development in Canada but also to meet international obligations. The purposes of the Federation are to bring together persons who are interested in teaching and research in the biological sciences, to disseminate information on the results of biological research through scientific meetings and through publication, to encourage exchange of information between constituent societies, and to act for the member societies when it is agreed that concerted action is desirable. At the invitation of Queen's University, the Canadian Federation of Biological Societies will hold its first annual meeting in Kingston, Ontario, in June 1958.

#### Meteorites Conference in Moscow

A BRIEF report on the seventh Meteorite Conference, which was held in Moscow towards the end of 1956, is published by E. L. Krinov (*Priroda*, No. 7, 57; 1957). The Conference was attended by about a hundred delegates, and thirty papers were read and discussed. A number of papers dealt with the calculation of the orbits of meteorites, which in all cases proved to be elliptical; this suggests that meteorites are derived from bodies belonging to the solar system, most probably asteroids. On the basis of a large number of chemical analyses of meteorites, A. A. Yavnel has concluded that these may be referred to five distinct groups, each group probably corresponding to a parent asteroid. Other topics discussed included meteorite dust, isotopes in meteorites and age of meteorites. A full report will appear in the journal *Meteoritica*.

#### Harwell Reactor School

THE Reactor School at Harwell is to increase the number of courses to be held each year. Four standard courses will be held instead of three, each lasting sixteen weeks (beginning in January, April, September and October), and there will also be two courses for senior technical executives, each lasting nine days (in May and September). Further details can be obtained from the Principal, Reactor School, Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell, Didcot, Berkshire. Applications must be submitted three months before each course begins; the January course has already been filled.

#### Scholarships Abroad

MORE than one hundred scholarships are being offered to British students by nineteen foreign coun-

tries for study abroad during the academic year 1958-59. The countries offering the scholarships are: Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Iran, Italy, Japan, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Yugoslavia. Most of the scholarships correspond to awards made by the British Council to students from these countries for study in the United Kingdom. The British Council assists in publicizing the offers and in most cases in the recruitment of candidates. Closing dates for applications vary according to the country concerned, the earliest being February 1, 1958. Further information and application forms, for which a stamped addressed foolscap envelope should be sent, can be obtained from any British Council office, or from the Director, Universities Department, British Council, 65 Davies Street, London, W.1.

#### Announcements

THE Order of Merit has been conferred on Lord Waverley, chairman of the Port of London Authority, formerly Lord President of the Council (as Sir John Anderson).

DR. H. G. KUHN, reader in physics, University of Oxford, has been awarded a Cherwell Fellowship by the William Waldorf Astor Foundation of New York to enable him to work for a few months at the University of California, Berkeley.

THE annual conference of the Geographical Association will be held at the London School of Economics, Houghton Street, London, W.C.2, during December 31-January 3. Further information can be obtained from R. C. Honeybone, University of London Institute of Education, Malet Street, London, W.C.1.

THE Radio Industry Council offers six premiums of 25 guineas each, for articles on electronics published in 1957, to any writer not earning his living wholly or mainly by writing. Articles for consideration should be sent to the Secretary of the Radio Industry Council, 59 Russell Square, London, W.C.1, before the end of the year. Six copies, with a signed declaration of the eligibility of the writer or writers, should be submitted.

A POST-DOCTORATE fellowship, to commence in the summer of 1958, is available in the Physics Department at Dalhousie University. The fields of research under investigation are acoustics, high-frequency gas discharges, nuclear physics, solid-state physics and theoretical physics. Further information can be obtained from the Physics Department, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

ERRATA. In the communication entitled "Triphosphopyridine Nucleotide as a Catalyst for Photosynthetic Phosphorylation" in *Nature* of July 27, p. 182, the following corrections are necessary: (1) p. 183, col. 1, line 2, after "vitamin K" insert "(a high concentration of either riboflavin phosphate or vitamin K masks the requirement for triphosphopyridine nucleotide; details will be presented elsewhere)"; col. 2, last sentence in the middle paragraph should read "The reduction of triphosphopyridine nucleotide was not specific; diphosphopyridine nucleotide was also reduced, but in our case at a lower rate (compare ref. 12)"; Table 2, third column units for "( $\mu$ mols)" read "( $\mu$ atoms)".