

in the techniques of reactor construction and operation, particularly in connexion with nuclear power stations. A special course for senior technical executives, the tenth of its kind, will be held during May 9-20, 1960. Application forms and details of both courses can be obtained from the Principal, Reactor School, Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell, Didcot, Berks.

University News :

Oxford

It is announced that the Medical Research Council has provided a grant not exceeding £1,100 for the year beginning October 1 for scientific assistance in a study of X-ray analytical methods of insulin and related structures, to be carried out in the Laboratory of Chemical Crystallography under the direction of Dr. D. M. Hodgkin. A grant not exceeding £5,700 for the three years beginning October 1 has been provided by the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority for studies in interferometric spectroscopy to be carried out in the Clarendon Laboratory under the direction of Dr. H. G. Kuhn; and in addition a further grant not exceeding £1,250 during the period October 1, 1959, to September 30, 1960, for work on the constitution of bismuth-rich alloys being carried out in the Department of Metallurgy under the direction of Prof. W. Hume-Rothery.

The United States Public Health Service has provided a sum of 14,160 dollars for the year which commenced September 1 for the continuation of research on vision and light quanta, being carried out in the Department of Physiology by Dr. M. H. Pirenne, under the direction of Prof. E. G. T. Liddell.

Grants are to be received from the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research as follows: £1,000 for the year beginning October 1, for research on some natural products with biological activity, to be carried out in the Sir William Dunn School of Pathology under the direction of Dr. E. P. Abraham; £1,500 for one year as from October 1, for research into perceptual limitations in high-speed performance, to be carried out in the Institute of Experimental Psychology by Dr. H. Kay, under the direction of Prof. R. C. Oldfield; £22,860 for the three years ending September 30, 1962, for an investigation of the geological age of rock series by methods based on natural radioactivity, being carried out in the Department of Geology under the direction of Prof. L. R. Wager; £1,220 for equipment for research on the biochemical mechanism of cell division, to be carried out in the Department of Biochemistry under the direction of Sir Hans Krebs; £25,725 for the period October 1, 1959, to July 31, 1962, for an investigation of materials, using magnetic resonance and double resonance techniques, to be carried out in the Clarendon Laboratory under the direction of Prof. B. Bleaney; £17,610 for the period October 1, 1959, to July 31, 1962, for an investigation of nuclear orientation and nuclear cooling in magnetic fields to be carried out in the Clarendon Laboratory by N. Kurti under the direction of Prof. B. Bleaney. The Ministry of Supply has provided a grant not exceeding £1,175 for the year as from September 1, 1959, for the continuation of an investigation of fluorocarbohydrates being carried out in the Department of Biochemistry under the direction of Dr. P. W. Kent. £2,200 is to be expended from the University General Fund on alterations to the Department of Zoology in order to provide additional teaching space.

Mr. F. A. Burchardt, director of the Institute of Statistics, who died on December 21, 1958, has been succeeded by E. F. Jackson, Fellow of St. Antony's College.

World Meeting on Veterinary Education

A WORLD meeting on veterinary education, to be held in London during April 25-29, 1960, is being convened by the Food and Agriculture Organization. The meeting will be held at Church House, Westminster, by invitation of H.M. Government, and will be attended by participants from most parts of the world, including the Far East, Latin America, the Near East and Africa.

British Society of Rheology

THE British Society of Rheology has announced the following officers for the year 1959-60: *President*, Dr. H. Kolsky (Armament Design Establishment); *Hon. Secretary*, Dr. M. F. Culpin; *Hon. Treasurer*, Mr. C. C. Mill; *Hon. Editor (Bulletin)*, Mr. J. F. Hutton (Shell Research, Ltd.); and *Hon. Editor (Abstracts)*, Dr. J. C. Vernon.

British Electronic Achievements

THE scheme for awarding annual premiums for articles on electronics, organized in the past by the Radio Industry Council (London) is now under the joint sponsorship of the Council and of the Electronic Engineering Association. Articles published during 1959 will be considered by the panel of judges early in the New Year, and explanatory leaflets can be obtained from the Electronic Engineering Association, 11 Green Street, London, W.1, to which also eligible articles should be submitted before the end of the year.

The Annual Review of Pharmacology

ANNUAL REVIEWS, INC., of Palo Alto, California, announces the organization of a new series: "The Annual Review of Pharmacology". The first volume is scheduled to appear in April 1961. Prof. Windsor C. Cutting, of Stanford University, has been appointed as editor, and Prof. Henry W. Elliott, of the University of California, as associate editor. Members of the Editorial Committee, under whose direction the Reviews will be organized, are initially as follows: Windsor C. Cutting (*chairman*); Bernard B. Brodie, National Heart Institute; Maynard B. Chenoweth, Dow Chemical Co.; Louis S. Goodman, University of Utah; G. B. Koelle, University of Pennsylvania; Chauncy D. Leake, Ohio State University; and Maurice H. SeEVERS, University of Michigan.

Announcements

MR. A. PERERA, representing Ceylon, has been appointed chairman of the Executive Council of the Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, in succession to Dr. J. G. Malloch. Mr. C. K. Reheem, representing Pakistan, has succeeded Mr. Perera as vice-chairman.

ERRATUM. In the communication entitled "Production of Serum Albumin and of Globulins . . .", by Prof. E. Broda *et al.*, in *Nature* of August 1, p. 361, the penultimate line of column 1 should be at the foot of column 2; further, Dr. Leslie's strain referred to in column 2 should be *HLM* and not *HIM* as printed.