

Technology, and Dr. D. Jones, for additional equipment for use in connexion with the development of an electron interference microscope; £1,000 in supplement of a previous grant, to Dr. H. B. Barlow, assistant director of research, department of physiology, University of Cambridge, and Mr. P. E. K. Donaldson, technical officer, Physiological Laboratory, University of Cambridge, for further work on the development of (a) a device for automatically improving coding of messages, and (b) a diffused storage sequence engine.

The Pugwash International Conferences of Scientists

THE next two conferences in the series of Pugwash International Conferences of Scientists will be held in Moscow during November 27–December 4, and in the United States in the summer of 1961. The subject of both conferences will be “Disarmament and World Security”, which will be discussed under two headings: (a) problems of disarmament and arms control; and (b) the role of scientists in the creation of a stable and peaceful world. About sixty-five scientists from a dozen countries will take part in the Moscow conference, the largest national groups being from the United States and the U.S.S.R. During their stay in Moscow, the participants will be the guests of the Soviet Academy of Sciences. The proceedings of the conference will be private, but a statement will be issued at the end. Further information can be obtained from Wayland Young, 100 Bayswater Road, London, W.2.

The Australian Mathematical Society: Summer Research Institute

THE Australian Mathematical Society has decided to hold its first Summer Research Institute at the Australian National University, Canberra, during January 3–31, 1961. Prof. T. M. Cherry (University of Melbourne) is to be the first director of the Institute, and will be assisted by Drs. H. Levey and J. Gani (University of Western Australia) as secretaries. The Australian National University has agreed to provide working accommodation for the fourteen Fellows of the Institute. Two groups, one in the mechanics of continua, and the other in probability and statistics, will be carrying out research at the Institute; four survey lectures reviewing particular branches of these fields have been arranged, but the Institute will otherwise remain fairly informal. Further information can be obtained from Dr. J. Gani, Department of Mathematics, University of Western Australia, Nedlands, Western Australia.

Symposium on National Health Institutes

A CELEBRATION will be held on December 12 to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Istituto Superiore di Sanità of Rome. This reunion is being held concomitantly with the first international symposium on “National Health Institutes and Actual Research and Medicosanitary Problems”. The symposium is being sponsored by the World Health Organization, under the auspices of the Italian Minister of Health and the Istituto Superiore di Sanità. The topics to be discussed at this symposium will be: (1) organization of national institutes of health and their function in scientific research and in the safeguarding of public health; (2) national institutes of health and government controls; (3) active intervention of national institutes of health in contingent and specific

problems. Further information can be obtained from the Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Viale Regina Elena 299, Rome.

Announcements

DR. ALBERT WETTSTEIN, head of the Biological Research of CIBA, Ltd., Basle, has been awarded the 1959 prize of the Marcel Benoist Foundation. The prize, which is awarded annually by the Foundation's administrative committee composed of federal government officials, university professors and the French Ambassador to Switzerland, is given to the Swiss scientist who has made the most useful contribution to human life during the preceding year. Dr. Wettstein received this distinction for his outstanding work in the field of steroid hormones.

DR. PAUL E. GAGNON is to succeed Dr. P. Ribeiro de Arruda (Brazil) as director of the International Atomic Energy Agency's Division of Exchange and Training of Scientists and Experts. Dr. Gagnon was governor of Laval University and also dean of the Graduate School at that University from 1940 until he joined the Agency. In 1947 Dr. Gagnon was elected president of the Chemical Institute of Canada.

PROF. M. V. LAURIE, professor of forestry in the University of Oxford, has been appointed a member of the Steering Committee of the Forest Products Research Laboratory (Department of Scientific and Industrial Research) at Princes Risborough in succession to Mr. Harry Douglass, general secretary of the Iron and Steel Confederation. The appointment is for a period of two years.

UNDER its plastics programme, Princeton University is offering a number of fellowships for engineering study and fundamental research in plastics leading to the degree of master of science in engineering. Applicants must hold a first degree in engineering or physical sciences from a recognized institution. The fellowships are valued at 1,500–2,100 dollars, plus tuition and fees. Opportunities for employment as part-time research assistants at 2,100 dollars per annum are also available to students not on fellowships. Further information can be obtained from Prof. Louis F. Rahm, Plastics Laboratory, Princeton University, Princeton, N.J.

THE University of Texas M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute is sponsoring a symposium on “The Molecular Basis of Neoplasia” during February 23–25. Further information can be obtained from the Publications Department, University of Texas M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute, Texas Medical Center, Houston 25, Texas.

A JOINT meeting of the Challenger Society and representatives of the Marine Laboratories (Development Commissioners' Scheme) will be held at the National Institute for Research in Dairying, Reading, during January 26–27, 1961. Further information can be obtained from Dr. L. R. Fisher, National Institute for Research in Dairying, Shinfield, Reading.

A PUBLIC conference “Education—18 Plus” is being organized by the Communist Party on December 3 at the A.C.T.T. Hall, 2 Soho Square, London, W.1. The conference will discuss the problem of university selection and expansion. Further information can be obtained from the assistant secretary, W. Alexander, Communist Party of Great Britain, 16 King Street, London, W.C.2.