

### D.S.I.R. Studentships, Fellowships and Research Grants: 1961

Two booklets, issued by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, have become available and give detailed information on grants to be offered by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research during 1961 for studentships, fellowships and special research. The first, entitled *D.S.I.R. Studentships and Fellowships, 1961*, gives the information required by young scientists and technologists who wish to obtain grants in order that they may continue their training beyond their first degree (Pp. 28. London: H.M. Stationery Office, 1961. 1s. 9d. net). Information is also given of awards made available by the Council and tenable abroad, and of Nato science studentships and fellowships. In most cases it is required that applications for these grants be made by March 1. The second booklet, entitled *D.S.I.R. Research Grants, 1961*, gives information on grants for special research work (Pp. iv+8. London: H.M. Stationery Office, 1961. 1s. net). This covers such grants as are applicable to investigators who are already of acknowledged standing in their subjects. Applications for these grants should be submitted to the Council by May 1 or November 1. Grants issued by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research are essentially for British subjects normally resident in the United Kingdom, but in certain cases the Council will consider persons of other nationalities who are working in the United Kingdom.

### Lady Tata Scholarships and Fellowships

THE Trustees of the Lady Tata Memorial Trust invite applications for grants, scholarships and fellowships for research on diseases of the blood, with special reference to leukaemia, in the academic year beginning October 1. In view of the affinity between leukaemia and other forms of neoplastic disease, candidates with programmes of research on any aspect of malignant disease which may throw light on problems of leukaemia will be eligible for consideration. The Trustees specially wish to encourage studies of the leukemogenic viruses in mammals, the epidemiology and natural history of leukaemia, and the genetical and cytological aspects. 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. Applications must be submitted before March 31.

### "Radiative Recombination in Gallium Phosphide Point-Contact Diodes"

DRS. H. C. Gorton, J. M. Swartz and C. S. Peet write: "The acknowledgment to the United States Air Force, which sponsored the work reported in the communication under this title published in *Nature*, 188, 303 (Oct. 22, 1960), through subcontract with the Lincoln Laboratory, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was inadvertently omitted. Appreciation is hereby expressed to the Lincoln Laboratory for permission to publish this work".

### "Lablization of Deoxyribonucleic Acid in Thymus Nucleoprotein after Whole-body Irradiation"

REFERRING to the communication under this title in *Nature*, 187, 1123 (1960), Dr. Ulrich Hagen writes: "In the text, Fig. 1 and in Tables 1 and 2, the extrac-

tion of DNA is described as being done with 'trichloroacetic acid'. It must be emphasized that the sodium salt of trichloroacetic acid was always used, at the concentrations mentioned (0.5, 1.0... per cent). The pH-value of the solution was 6.7".

### Announcements

PROF. THEODORE VON KÁRMÁN, at the California Institute of Technology, has been awarded the 1961 James Watt International Medal of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, in recognition of his contributions to the advancement of mechanical engineering science in the field of aeronautics. The award of the Medal is made every two years.

DR. E. K. JANAKI AMMAL has been awarded the Indian Botanical Society's Birbal Sahni Medal. The Medal is awarded every year to a distinguished Indian botanist for his contributions and services to botany in India.

VOLUME 4, Part 4, of *Scientific Institutions and Scientists in Latin America*, issued by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Scientific Co-operation Office, Montevideo, lists the scientists of Argentina, N-Z, giving the usual particulars of career, research activities and publications (Pp. 453-706. Montevideo: Unesco, Centro de Cooperacion Cientifica para America Latina, 1960).

*Industrial Abstract*, No. 47 (November 17, 1960), issued by the Technical Information Section, Federal Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Lagos, Nigeria, includes the abstracts classified according to the Universal Decimal Classification, indicated by its title. There are also a review of the fourth edition of the *Handbook of Commerce and Industry in Nigeria* and a list of industrial, scientific and commercial fairs, exhibitions and conferences, November 1960-February 1961 (Pp. ii+26. Lagos: Federal Ministry of Commerce and Industry, 1960).

THE Clay Minerals Group of the Mineralogical Society is holding a joint meeting with the British Society of Soil Science in the School of Agriculture, University of Cambridge, during April 6-7. The subject for discussion will be "Weathering". Further information can be obtained from Dr. R. M. S. Perrin, School of Agriculture, University of Cambridge.

THE Advisory Committee on Arid Zone Research and the World Meteorological Organization are jointly organizing a symposium on "Changes of Climate" at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization, Rome, during October 2-7. The symposium is being arranged with special reference to Arid Zone Research. Further information can be obtained from W. Moller, Arid Zone Unit, Department of Natural Sciences, Unesco, Place de Fontenoy, Paris-7e.

A CONFERENCE is being organized jointly by the Colour Group, the Institute of Physics and the Physical Society and the Inter-Society Color Council of America, to celebrate James Clerk Maxwell's demonstration of trichromatic colour reproduction at the Royal Institution in London. The conference will be held at the Imperial College of Science and Technology during May 16-18. Further information can be obtained from the Institute of Physics and the Physical Society, 1 Lowther Gardens, Prince Consort Road, London, S.W.7.