

Animal Health Trust Research Awards

THE Animal Health Trust has announced the following awards under its education assistance scheme which is designed to increase the flow of skilled personnel into the veterinary, medical and scientific fields: *Research Training Scholarships*: W. J. Herbert, for a course in microbiology and a Ph.D. course in virology at the Department of Bacteriology, University of Edinburgh, under Prof. R. Cruickshank; R. C. Chubb, to investigate the use of the gel-diffusion precipitin technique for the diagnosis of infectious bronchitis and pathogenic pleuropneumonia-like organisms. Mr. Chubb will work at the Houghton Poultry Research Station under Dr. R. F. Gordon. *Wellcome Research Fellowships*: B. A. Matson, to make a study of the life-cycle of *Piroplasmosis* under Dr. E. J. L. Soulsby in the Department of Animal Pathology, University of Cambridge; I. E. Lush, to enable him to extend his work on biochemical polymorphism in birds, and its possible connexion with hybrid vigour, at the Agricultural Research Council's Poultry Research Station, Edinburgh, under Dr. A. W. Greenwood.

Unesco Science Study Fellowships

UNESCO is offering six study fellowships to Member States to enable specialists to undertake research abroad in either mechanical translation or reduction of geophysical data. The fellowships will be tenable for a period of six months. Travel to and from the country in which the research is to be carried out, and living expenses, will be paid by Unesco. Further information can be obtained from the Unesco National Commission for the United Kingdom, Ministry of Education, Curzon Street, London, W.1.

Transfer of Calcium and Strontium across Biological Membranes

A CONFERENCE on transfer of calcium and strontium across biological membranes will be held during May 13-16, 1962, at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., under the joint sponsorship of the United States Atomic Energy Commission, National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation and the New York State Veterinary College. Members of the steering committee are: Dr. R. H. Barnes and Dr. C. L. Comar, Cornell University; Dr. D. Harold Copp, University of British Columbia, Vancouver; Dr. H. E. Harrison, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland; and Dr. R. H. Wasserman, Cornell University. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss present knowledge of basic aspects of movement of calcium and strontium ions across various animal membranes and to present information on physiological, biochemical and nutritional factors which influence this movement. Twenty-two papers are to be presented. Inquiries should be addressed to Dr. R. H. Wasserman, Department of Physical Biology, New York State Veterinary College, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

Announcements

DR. F. T. LAST, of Rothamsted Experimental Station, has been appointed as head of the Department of Mycology and Bacteriology at the Glasshouse Crops Research Institute in succession to Mr. P. H. Williams, who is retiring after 38 years service, first at the Experimental and Research Station at Cheshunt and latterly at the Institute.

THE Nutrition Society's symposium on "Agricultural Problems in Developing Countries" will be held at the National Institute for Research in Dairying, Shinfield, Reading, at 10.45 a.m. on October 13, 1961. Further particulars can be obtained from Miss D. F. Hollingsworth, c/o Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Great Westminster House, Horseferry Road, London, S.W.1.

A LECTURE entitled "A National Spectra Index: Plans and Problems" is being organized at the University of Reading on September 26 and will be given by P. S. Davison, of the Scientific Documentation Centre, Halbeath House, nr. Dunfermline, Fife, immediately following the meeting of the Infra-red Discussion Group. The lecture is open to all, admission free.

A CONFERENCE on "Electrically Exploded Wires", sponsored by the Thermal Radiation Laboratory of the Geophysics Research Directorate of the Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratories, is to be held at the Kenmore Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts, during November 13-14. Further information can be obtained from W. G. Chace, Thermal Radiation Laboratory, CRZCM, Geophysics Research Directorate, Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratories, Bedford, Massachusetts.

AN interscience conference on "Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy" is to be held at the Hotel Commodore, New York City, during October 31-November 2. The first day will be devoted to "Infectious Diseases" and the second and third to "Various Aspects of Antimicrobial Agents, including their Clinical Evaluation". The conference is sponsored by the American Society for Microbiology, 19875 Mack Avenue, Detroit 36, Michigan, from which further information can be obtained.

NEARLY 1,000 members and delegates will be attending the twenty-eighth conference of the National Society for Clean Air, to be held at Brighton during October 4-6. A special exhibition preview for the Press and others will be held at the Brighton Corn Exchange on Tuesday, October 3, from 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Coach transport will be arranged if demand is adequate, and will leave Victoria at 1.15 p.m. Full particulars may be obtained from the National Society for Clean Air, at Field House, Breems Buildings, London, E.C.4.

THE Winter Meeting of the Powder Metallurgy Joint Group of the Iron and Steel Institute and the Institute of Metals will be held in the Hoare Memorial Hall, Church House, London, S.W.1, during December 7-8, 1961. The main discussion of the Winter Meeting will be a symposium on "Sintered High Temperature Compounds" on December 8, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. The papers comprising the symposium will be published in *Powder Metallurgy*, No. 8. Further details of the Joint Group and its meetings can be obtained from the Secretary of the Powder Metallurgy Joint Group, 17 Belgrave Square, London, S.W.1.

ERRATUM. In the leading article entitled "Purpose in Publication" in *Nature* of August 5, it was stated that there is no journal which deals exclusively with biological or biochemical research published more frequently than once a month. We regret this is an error, because *Biochimica et Biophysica Acta* (Elsevier Publishing Co.) has appeared fortnightly since January 1, 1960.