

financial support under the NATO Advanced Study Institute Programme. Courses should last for two weeks or longer, and participants should be drawn from several countries. The NATO grant may be used for administrative expenses, publication of the proceedings, and to subsidize the expenses of foreign visitors. Courses in any of the sciences, for example, mathematics, astronomy, physics, chemistry, biology, etc., are eligible for support. The meetings may consist of experimental classes, as well as the more usual arrangement of lectures and discussions. The Programme, which this year is supporting nineteen courses, will continue in 1962, subject to confirmation from the appropriate authorities. It is hoped to raise the budget-level of the Programme. Persons interested in organizing such courses and requiring financial assistance from NATO should write, before December 1, to the Scientific Affairs Division, NATO, Place du Maréchal de Lattre de Tassigny, Paris 16e, France.

Royal Meteorological Society: Officers for 1961-62

THE following have been elected officers and Council for 1961-62 of the Royal Meteorological Society: *President*, Dr. H. L. Penman; *Vice-Presidents*, Dr. A. G. Forsdyke, P. J. Meade, J. S. Sawyer, Dr. J. M. Stagg; *Vice-President for Canada*, Dr. F. K. Hare; *Vice-President for Scotland*, R. Cranna; *Treasurer*, B. C. V. Oddie; *Secretaries*, Dr. R. C. Frith, Dr. R. S. Scorer, Dr. F. Pasquill (*Editor*), G. A. Bull (*Librarian*); *Ordinary Members of Council*, Dr. J. A. Chalmers, T. J. Chandler, R. H. Clements, J. R. D. Francis, W. A. Grinstead, Dr. J. T. Houghton, E. Knighting, A. L. Maidens, Dr. J. L. Monteith, P. R. Owen, Inst. Capt. R. Thorp, Dr. G. B. Tucker.

University News :

Edinburgh

THE following have been made readers within their respective faculties, with effect from October 1: (a) Faculty of Medicine, Dr. Eric Samuel, honorary senior lecturer in radiodiagnosis (status of honorary reader), Dr. H. M. Adam, senior lecturer in pharmacology, and Dr. J. S. Robson, senior lecturer in therapeutics; (b) Faculty of Science, Dr. N. A. Mitchison, lecturer in zoology.

Appointments have been made as follow: Dr. P. P. Brown, lecturer in bacteriology; Dr. W. P. Doyle and Dr. J. L. Holmes, lecturers in chemistry.

The Department of Radiotherapy has received an anonymous gift of £1,000 for research.

Royal College of Science and Technology, Glasgow

DR. DAVID W. A. SHARP has been appointed senior lecturer, and Dr. Graham R. Knox lecturer, in the Department of Chemistry from September 1.

London

THE following have been appointed readers in the Imperial College of Science and Technology: Dr. C. B. Alcock (chemical metallurgy), Dr. J. N. Hunt (physical oceanography), Dr. J. A. Kitchener (science of mineral processing).

Manchester

MR. R. H. KANTOROWICH, formerly lecturer in town planning in the Department of Land Surveying and Civil Engineering at the University of Cape Town, has been appointed professor of town and country planning in succession to the late Prof. Clifford Holliday.

Southampton

THE following appointments have been made: Mr. B. M. Bland, at present deputy librarian in the University of Birmingham, to the University librarianship; Mr. H. J. Trump, at present director of extra-mural studies in the University of Glasgow, to the directorship of adult education; Dr. J. P. Jones, senior lecturer in the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics, to the Westland readership in helicopter engineering. The title of reader has been conferred on Dr. I. G. M. Campbell, senior lecturer in the Department of Chemistry.

Announcements

SIR RUDOLPH PETERS, emeritus professor of biochemistry in the University of Oxford, and Dr. J. L. Pawsey, assistant chief of the Division of Radio-physics, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, Sydney, have been awarded the degree of Hon. D.Sc. of the Australian National University at Canberra.

MR. DAVID OWEN, assistant head of the Department of Operational Research and Cybernetics of the United Steel Companies, Ltd., has been appointed head of the Department in succession to Mr. Stafford Beer, who is to be managing director of a new international firm of operational research consultants based in London.

DR. B. J. A. BARD, vice-chairman of Dracone Developments, Ltd., has been appointed chairman of the company, in succession to Prof. W. R. Hawthorne, professor of applied thermodynamics in the University of Cambridge, the inventor of the Dracone project, who will continue on the board of the company as technical adviser.

MR. N. G. McCULLOCH has been appointed an honorary life governor of the Cotton, Silk and Man-made Fibres Research Association, Shirley Institute, Manchester, in recognition of his outstanding services to the Association and the industry. Mr. McCulloch has been intimately associated with the Shirley Institute for more than twenty years and played a leading part in the discussions which led to the recent fusion of the British Cotton Industry Research Association and the British Rayon Research Association.

THE Faraday Society has arranged a general discussion on "The Structure and Properties of Ionic Melts", to be held in the Department of Inorganic and Physical Chemistry, University of Liverpool, during September 5-7. Further information can be obtained from the Secretary, Faraday Society, 6 Gray's Inn Square, London, W.C.1.

AN international conference on plasma physics and controlled nuclear fusion research will be held by the International Atomic Energy Agency at Salzburg, Austria, during September 4-9. It is expected that the conference will show what progress has been achieved since the Second United Nations International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy, held in Geneva in 1958. The proceedings of the conference will appear in special issues of *Nuclear Fusion: Journal of Plasma Physics and Thermo-nuclear Fusion*, published by the Agency. Further information can be obtained from the Division of Public Information, I.A.E.A., Vienna I, Kärntnering 11, until August 31, and afterwards at Europahaus, Salzburg, Austria.