

organized by the National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council Committee on Biological Control of Soil-borne Plant Pathogens. It will be held at the University of California, Berkeley, during April 7-13, 1963. Because the objective of the symposium is primarily to facilitate discussions between active workers in this field, participation will be by invitation. Invitations have now been issued. Those who are actively studying biological control of soil-borne plant pathogens and who would like an invitation can apply to Dr. W. C. Snyder, chairman of the NAS-NRC Committee, Department of Plant Pathology, University of California, Berkeley 4, before March 15, 1963.

University News :

Belfast
THE following appointments to lectureships have been announced: Dr. T. Williams (light electrical engineering); A. H. Garmany Love (medicine); C. W. R. McCreary (mycology and plant pathology).

Birmingham

THE following titles have been conferred: *Professor*, Dr. P. L. Krohn (endocrinology). *Reader*, Dr. R. L. Riddiford (high-energy physics); Dr. Anita Mandl (reproductive physiology); Dr. E. H. Ashton (primate anatomy); Sir Francis Knowles (comparative endocrinology); Dr. J. B. Finean (molecular biology). The following appointments have been announced: *Lecturer*, Dr. Bertha Singer (physiology). *Research Fellow*, R. F. Cheeney (geology); J. A. McCracken (physiology); Dr. H. S. H. Sherratt (medical biochemistry and pharmacology); Dr. E. F. Marshall (experimental neuropharmacology).

Borough Polytechnic

IN view of the fact that the advanced work in the Borough Polytechnic, London, S.E.1, is increasing rapidly session by session, both in volume and complexity, the former Department of Electrical Engineering and Physics is to be divided into two parts—one a separate Department of Physics under the headship of Mr. A. J. L. Collinson, and the other the Department of Electrical Engineering which will continue with Mr. V. Pereira-Mendoza as head. In addition, the former Department of Chemistry and Food Technology has been divided. One portion, known as the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Technology, will function under the headship of Dr. S. Cotsen, and the other, designated the Division of Food Science and Technology, will be under the headship of Dr. D. B. Smith. In addition to this reorganization, all work in science and engineering up to and including Ordinary National Certificate Level will be grouped in a General Science and Engineering Section in charge of Mr. L. M. Clark and Mr. C. E. T. Maguire.

The College of Aeronautics

THE following appointments have been announced: J. Murdoch, senior research fellow in the Department of Production and Industrial Administration, to the post of senior lecturer, with effect from January 1, 1962; Dr. P. L. B. Oxley, lecturer at the Manchester College of Science and Technology, to the post of senior lecturer in the Department of Production and Industrial Administration, with effect from July 1, 1962; A. Battersby, senior technologist, British Petroleum, Ltd., to the post of senior organizer in the Work Study School, with effect from September 1, 1962; G. S. Ram, senior scientific officer, National Aeronautical Laboratory, Bangalore, to the post of research fellow in the Department of Aerodynamics, with effect from May 1, 1962; R. J. L. McLaren, engineer, English Electric Co., Ltd., to the post of research fellow in the Department of Aircraft Propulsion, with effect from September 1, 1962.

Leeds

THE following appointments to lectureships have been announced: Dr. M. P. Crosland and J. E. McGuire (history

and philosophy of science in the Department of Philosophy); Dr. J. G. Shoesmith (bacteriology); J. W. T. Richards (psychology).

London

THE title of professor emeritus of western asiatic archaeology in the University has been conferred on Prof. M. E. L. Mallowan. (Prof. Mallowan was professor of western asiatic archaeology at the Institute of Archaeology from 1947 until 1962.) The title of professor of molecular biology in the University has been conferred on Dr. M. H. F. Wilkins, in respect of his post in the Department of Biophysics at King's College. Dr. L. B. Strang, senior lecturer at the Institute of Child Health, has been appointed to the readership in paediatrics tenable at University College Hospital Medical School.

Nottingham

THE title of professor has been conferred on John Edward Adkins, at present reader and head of the Department of Theoretical Mechanics, who is well known for his work on non-linear continuum mechanics with special reference to non-linear elasticity.

Southampton

AN independent Institute of Sound and Vibration Research is to be established within the Faculty of Engineering with effect from October 1. The first director of the Institute will be Prof. E. J. Richards, at present professor of aeronautics and astronautics in the University.

Announcements

MR. P. M. HOLLINGSWORTH has been appointed deputy chief engineer of British Insulated Callender's Cables, Ltd. Mr. Hollingsworth joined the former British Insulated Cables Ltd. in 1928 after graduating from the University of Liverpool. In 1938 he went to Johnson and Phillips, Ltd. as manager, Cable Test and Research Department. He rejoined B.I.C.C. in 1954 as chief engineer, Power Cables Division, afterwards becoming assistant chief engineer.

AT the annual general meeting of the Photobiology Group, held at the Institute of Ophthalmology, on October 19, Dr. L. R. Fisher of the National Institute for Research in Dairying, Reading, was elected honorary secretary in succession to Dr. D. Vince. Dr. H. J. A. Dartnall of the Institute of Ophthalmology was elected as chairman to succeed Prof. N. Millott.

THE pharmaceutical business operated by the Distillers Co. (Biochemicals), Ltd. has been transferred to the Eli Lilly Group of Companies as from January 1. The business is being operated by a new company named Dista Products, Ltd.

A SHORT course for graduates on "Flow Processes in Polymeric Systems" will be held at the Bradford Institute of Technology during March 8-9. Lectures to be delivered will include: modern trends in rheology (Prof. K. Weissenberg); rheology of polymer melts (Dr. E. R. Howells); rheology of concentrated polymer solutions (Dr. D. W. Saunders); measurements of flow properties in polymeric systems (Dr. M. F. Culpin); rheology of surface coatings (T. R. Bullett); viscosity-temperature relationships for polymer solutions (Dr. W. R. Moore). Further information can be obtained from the Registrar, Bradford Institute of Technology, Bradford 7.

THE jubilee meeting of the British Ecological Society will be held at Queen Elizabeth College, Campden Hill Road, London, W.8, during March 28-31, and not March 8-31 as announced in *Nature*, 196, 1271; 1962.

THE tenth international symposium on "Combustion", organized by the British Section of the Combustion Institute, will be held at the University of Cambridge during August 16-21, 1964. Further information can be obtained from Dr. W. G. Parker, Department of Chemistry, College of Advanced Technology, Gosta Green, Birmingham 4.