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#### Blood Group Reference Laboratory

DR. K. L. G. GOLDSMITH, formerly deputy director, succeeded Dr. A. E. Mourant as director of the Blood Group Reference Laboratory on September 1. This Laboratory, which is administered by the Medical Research Council on behalf of the Ministry of Health, will continue to deal with all aspects of blood group work with the exception of anthropological and population surveys which will remain the responsibility of the outgoing director. On the same date, Dr. Mourant will transfer to the Council's External Scientific Staff in charge of a serological population genetics laboratory being set up by the Council. This Laboratory, which will incorporate the Anthropological Blood Group Centre (hitherto supported through a grant from the Medical Research Council to the Royal Anthropological Institute), is to be situated at Boundary House, 91 Charterhouse Street, London, E.C.1; its postal address will, however, be Serological Population Genetics Laboratory, c/o St. Bartholomew's Hospital, West Smithfield, London, E.C.1.

#### Ministerial Meeting on Science

UNDER the title "Ministers Talk about Science", a summary and review of the first ministerial meeting on science, October 1963, edited with an introduction and notes by E. G. Mesthene, secretary of the ministerial meeting on science, has now been issued by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (Pp. 178. Paris: Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, 1965. 10 francs; 15s.; 2.50 dollars). Of its five parts, one is a prefatory part, in which Monsieur Lefèvre, Prime Minister of Belgium, comments on the purpose of the meeting generally, and Dr. A. King, director of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development scientific affairs, reviews the position of science in the work of the Organization. This is followed, in the second part, by an account of the work of the advisory group on science policy prefatory to the meeting, including the report "Science and the Policies of Government" and some discussion of the theory and practice of science policy generally. In Part 3, J. Salomon reviews the work of international scientific organizations generally, and there is a summary paper on issues of international science policy. Part 4 includes a foreword by J. R. Gass and a paper by C. Freeman, R. Poignant and I. Svennilson on science, economic growth and Government policy, covering first the economic aspects of science and next the problems of Government policy. Part 5 gives a summary of the meeting and the text of the subsequent communiqué.

#### Periodical Publications in the Patent Office Library

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of title, especially alternative language forms, have been added, and in a few cases references have been given from alternative forms of entry for organizations. The publication is divided into five sections. The first deals with U.K. Patent Office publications, the second with the series of overseas patents, and Section 3 the overseas patent and trade-mark indexes, abstracts and periodicals. Section 4 deals with international patent indexes. Section 5, which constitutes the main part of the publication (pp. 13-436), lists alphabetically the scientific and technical periodicals held. Title entries are given if the title is distinctive; if not, the name of the issuing body is entered. The Patent Office Library does not lend its publications, but a quick postal photocopy service is provided, and this is supplemented by an immediate 'while-you-wait' photocopy service for personal callers. The basic charge is 9d. a page.

#### Physical Review

THE more frequent issue, weekly instead of fortnightly, of the *Physical Review* commenced in 1964 and the division into four volumes per annum has not proved sufficient to meet the growing demands for publication. The editors announce that it will be necessary to publish one volume per month in 1966. Because of technical difficulties, however, it will not be possible to offer separate subscriptions in smaller divisions than the present sections A and B. Starting in January 1966, each monthly volume will contain four issues and one comprehensive index issue. Each of the four issues will be devoted to one of the following specific sets of subjects in the following order: (1) atoms, molecules, plasmas; properties of atoms, ions and nuclei in solids; fluids; collective effects in solids; (2) solids (except the topics listed under (1)); (3) nuclei; (4) elementary particles; fields; relativity. The index issue will contain a comprehensive author index and an analytic subject index for all four sections. Members of the American Physical Society are offered the option of receiving (A) issues 1, 2 and index; (B) issues 3, 4 and index, or (AB) all issues. Non-members may subscribe only to all issues (AB). The editors state that it seems inevitable that more than four text issues per month will be needed in 1967.

#### The Geochemical Society of India

WITH the primary objective of fostering national and international co-operation between the geochemists and persons applying geochemical results in any field of investigation, an all-India society, to be known as the Geochemical Society of India, was established on August 20. The Society will have its headquarters at Patna, India. The following are the chief aims of the Society as contained in its statutes: "The principal objective of the Society shall be to foster the study and application of geochemistry in the national and international spheres. In pursuance of the foregoing objective the Society shall: (1) work with any interested group in planning symposia and other types of meetings that are related to geochemistry; (2) sponsor a journal called *The Journal of the Geochemical Society of India*; (3) appoint commissions and committees to study problems that require an all-India or international co-ordination". Among the chief programmes of the Society are the following: (1) All-India co-ordination of work on the Earth sciences; (2) publication of quarterly bulletins containing abstracts and summary data of work under way in India together with notes and news of important researches being carried out in the different institutions of the country as well as elsewhere.

The officers of the Geochemical Society of India are: *President*, Prof. D. N. Wadia; *Vice-Presidents*, Prof. M. S. Krishnan, Dr. A. G. Jhingran, Prof. L. Rama Rao, Dr. Hari Narain; *Treasurer*, Shri A. P. Jain (Patna); *Executive Secretary*, Dr. D. N. Ojha (Patna); *Regional*