

appointed to the chair of bacteriology. He will take up his appointment on October 1, 1966, when Prof. A. W. Downie retires.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

WILLIAM B. KEHL has been appointed associate professor of electrical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and associate director of the M.I.T. Computation Center. Dr. John Ross has been appointed a professor of chemistry and, for five years, head of the Department of Chemistry.

Appointments

THE trustees of the British Museum (Natural History) have appointed Dr. H. W. Ball to be keeper of the Department of Palaeontology in succession to Dr. E. I. White, who retires on June 30; and Mr. R. Ross to be keeper of the Department of Botany in succession to Mr. J. E. Dandy, who relinquishes his post on September 30 to devote more time to research.

Announcements

DR. A. R. SANDAGE, of Mount Wilson and Palomar Observatories, has been awarded the Gold Medal of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences. This award was instituted by Pope John XXVIII to honour a young scientist who has made distinguished contributions to science.

DR. ALAN T. WATERMAN has received an award created by the National Academy of Sciences in the name of the late Edwin Bidwell Wilson to honour a civil servant especially distinguished in the field of science and public affairs. The award was presented during the Vicennial Convocation of the Office of Naval Research in Washington.

THE American Geophysical Union has made the following awards: the *William Bowie Medal*, to Dr. L. R. Slichter; the *John A. Fleming Medal*, to S. E. Forbush; the *James B. Macelwane Award*, to Dr. D. L. Anderson.

A SYMPOSIUM on "Aromaticity", sponsored by the Chemical Society, will be held in the University of Sheffield during July 6-8. Further information can be obtained from the General Secretary, The Chemical Society, Burlington House, London, W.1.

THE second conference of the Institute of Information Scientists will be held at Jesus College, Oxford, during July 11-13. Further information can be obtained from Dr. D. J. Campbell, 54 Hurst Rise Road, Cumnor Hill, Oxford.

THE seventh general assembly of the International Union of Crystallography will be held in Moscow during July 12-19. Further information can be obtained from the General Secretary of the Union, Rekencentrum der Rijksuniversiteit, Grote Appelstraat 11, Groningen.

A symposium on "Statistical Mechanics and Thermodynamics", arranged by the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics, will be held in Copenhagen during July 11-16. Further information can be obtained from Prof. T. A. Bak. H. C. Ørsted Institute, Universitetsparken 5, Copenhagen Ø.

AN international symposium on "Naturally Occurring Phosphoric Esters", arranged by the Chemical Society, will be held in Newcastle upon Tyne during July 10-12. Further information can be obtained from the General Secretary of the Chemical Society, Burlington House, London, W.1.

AN international summer school on "The Autonomic Nervous System" will be held by the Netherlands Central Institute for Brain Research, Amsterdam, during July 10-23. Further information can be obtained from Dr. J. P. Schadé, Central Institute for Brain Research, IJdijk 28, Amsterdam.

AN international symposium on "Reaction Mechanisms of Inorganic Solids", arranged by the Chemical Society, will be held in the University of Aberdeen during July 11-16. Further information can be obtained from the General Secretary of the Chemical Society, Burlington House, London, W.1.

A CONFERENCE on "Chemically-grown Surface Films", arranged by the Electron Microscopy and Analysis Group of the Institute of Physics and the Physical Society, will be held in the University of Strathclyde during July 7-8. Further information can be obtained from the Meetings Officer, the Institute of Physics and the Physical Society, 47 Belgrave Square, London, S.W.1.

THE first international conference on "Haemorheology" will be held in the University of Iceland, Reykjavik, during July 10-16. Further information can be obtained from the Scientific Organizing Committee of the conference, Hemorrhage and Thrombosis Research Laboratories, Veterans Administration Hospital, East Orange, New Jersey.

ERRATUM. Sir Harry Melville points out that the U.K. Science Research Council postgraduate awards are already tenable at universities outside Britain, contrary to the implication on June 4 (*Nature*, 210, 977; 1966).

THE NIGHT SKY IN JULY

All times are in Universal Time

MOON		CONJUNCTIONS WITH THE MOON	
New Moon	18d 05h	Venus	15d 23h, 4° S.
Full Moon	2d 20h	Mars	16d 17h, 3° S.
		Jupiter	—
		Saturn	9d 07h, 2° N.

PLANETS

Times of rising (R) and setting (S) during the month

Name	R/S	Beginning	Middle	End	Mag.	D ₁₅ (10 ⁶ miles)	Zodiacal position
Mercury	S	21h 45m	Unfavourable for observation		+0.9	60	Cancer
Venus	R	1h 50m	1h 45m	2h 00m	-3.3	129	Taurus
Mars	R	Unfavourable	2h 15m	2h 05m	+1.8	230	Gemini
Jupiter	—	Unfavourable for observation		—	—	577	Gemini
Saturn	R	23h 40m	22h 40m	21h 40m	+1.1	851	Pisces

D₁₅ is the distance of planet from the Earth on the 15th of the month

OCCULTATIONS OF STARS BRIGHTER THAN MAGNITUDE +6 AT GREENWICH

Star	R/D	Time	Mag.
ω Sgr	R	4d 01h 03.4m	+4.8
τ Tau	R	15d 02h 29.7m	+4.3

(D, disappearance; R, reappearance)

METEORS

Name	Active period	Date of maximum	Radiant	Remarks
Perseids	July 27-Aug. 17	Aug. 12d	+46° R.A., +58° Dec.	Favourable

OTHER PHENOMENA

4d 21h, Venus 4° N. of Aldebaran.