

University News:

Bradford
MR. D. C. JOHNSON, who has been working on design and development as a director of the Almondbury Development Company, has been appointed visiting professor in fibres and materials engineering for three years as from October 1.

City University

DR. C. F. CULLIS has been appointed professor of physical chemistry as from January 1.

Essex

MR. R. A. BROOKER, at present at the Department of Computer Science in the University of Manchester, has been appointed to the chair of computing science, and Prof. M. Gordon, at present professor of physical chemistry in the University of Strathclyde, has been appointed to the chair of chemistry.

Keele

A NEW building to contain the work of the Communication Department was opened by Lord Adrian on October 26. The laboratory will house twelve senior people working principally on various aspects of brain research. The head of the department, Prof. D. M. McKay, is engaged on the computer analysis of brain potentials evoked by visual stimuli and of human speech. Other work at this department includes the study of visual, aural and tactile acuity.

Leeds

MR. P. J. LAWRENSON, at present a reader in the Department of Electrical Engineering, has been awarded a personal professorship in that department.

St. Andrews

MR. I. S. SMILLIE, lecturer in orthopaedics in Queen's College, has been appointed to the newly created chair of orthopaedics in Queen's College, Dundee.

Swansea

PROF. G. A. DIRAC, professor of mathematics in the University of Aarhus, Denmark, has been appointed to the newly established second chair of pure mathematics as from December 1.

Appointments

MR. H. G. LLEWELLYN has been appointed to serve on the University Grants Committee as a second deputy chairman. Mr. S. L. Bragg, chief scientist, Aero Engine Division, Rolls-Royce, Ltd., and Prof. C. C. Butler, professor of physics in the Imperial College of Science and Technology, have also been appointed to membership of the Committee in order to fill existing vacancies.

Prof. W. J. M. Mackenzie, Dr. N. Kurti, Mr. J. Leicester and Mr. D. J. Foskett have been appointed to the Advisory Committee for Scientific and Technical Information, in succession to Prof. J. D. Bernal and Dr. N. F. Astbury, who have completed their terms of office, and Mr. B. C. Vickery, who has resigned on becoming head of the Research Department at Aslib.

Announcements

THE European Molecular Biology Organization has made the following awards of long-term fellowships for research work to be carried out by the recipients in the institutions named: Dr. J. I. Boukema, Delft (King's College, London); Dr. N. Glansdorff, Brussels (Glasgow University); Dr. U. Muscatello, Modena (Institute of Animal Physiology, Cambridge); Dr. E. Pojnar, Krakow (Nottingham University); Dr. M. Sajgo, Budapest (Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Cambridge); Dr. J. Witz, Strasbourg (Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Cambridge). The

Organization has also made awards to Miss S. A. Bonanou, Keddey Fletcher-Warr student at the National Institute for Medical Research, London; Dr. E. Lee (London), to visit the Department of Biochemistry, Washington University; Dr. C. Vesco (Naples), to visit the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The Organization has also awarded short-term travel fellowships for collaborative work in molecular biology covering visits between twenty-four laboratories in ten countries. Financial support for E.M.B.O. has been provided by a large grant from the Stiftung Volkswagenwerk, and by smaller grants from Interpharma and the Government of Israel.

THE International Laboratory of Genetics and Biophysics in Naples is awarding ten fellowships to provide the opportunity for young scientists to carry out postgraduate research and to receive further training at the Laboratory. The fellowships are available to applicants who are not older than 26 years and who have received a university degree during the past 2 years in one of the following fields: mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, medicine. The fellowship will be awarded for 2 years and may be extended for a third, and will start during February 1967. Any further information can be obtained from Laboratorio Internazionale de Genetica e Biofisica, Casella Postale 104, Napoli, Italy.

THE U.S. Government's Committee on Scientific and Technical Information (COSATI) is embarking on two studies of what it describes as "vital communications links in the national research and development program". In the first place it has awarded a contract of \$50,000 to the American Institutes of Research at Silver Spring, Maryland, to study the use made of informal communications by practising scientists. This study is thought to be the first step in a more extensive programme. The second project, for which a contract worth \$286,000 has been awarded to Science Communication, Inc., of Washington, D.C., is an attempt to survey present practice in the "collection, reduction, analysis and dissemination" of data. This work will be confined to industry, but the object is eventually to collect basic information upon which to construct a better understanding of how the scientific literature is actually used.

PROF. G. WALD, professor of biology in Harvard University, has been awarded the 1966 Frederic Ives Medal by the Optical Society of America.

SIR ROBERT ROBINSON is to give a discourse at the Royal Institution on "The Origins of Petroleum" on November 11, at 9 p.m. The discourse originally announced for this date by Lord Brain on "The Brain and the Atom" will be given at a later date.

An international conference on "Spectroscopy", sponsored by the Department of Atomic Energy, India, IAU and IUPAC, will be held in Bombay, during January 9-18. The conference is intended to cover radiofrequency and microwave spectroscopy, infra-red and Raman spectroscopy and optical spectroscopy of atoms and molecules. Further information can be obtained from the Secretary, Organizing Committee, International Conference on Spectroscopy, Spectroscopy Division, Atomic Energy Establishment, Trombay, 414A Cadell Road, Bombay 8.

CORRIGENDUM. In an article entitled "Optical Filtering of Electron Micrographs: Reconstruction of One-sided Images", by Dr. A. Klug and Dr. D. J. De Rosier, which appeared on p. 29 of the October 1, 1966, issue of *Nature*, line 6 of the legend to Fig. 5 should read "The two approximate lattices formed by the sets of principal spots arising from the . . ." and not "The two approximate spots arising from the . . .".