

University News:

Brandeis
DR GERALD D. FASMAN of the Graduate Department of Biochemistry has been appointed professor of biochemistry.

Edinburgh

THE following appointments have been made to professorships: Professor B. P. Marmion, at present foundation professor of microbiology in Monash University, to the chair of bacteriology; Dr A. E. H. Emery, at present reader in medical genetics in the University of Manchester, to the newly instituted chair of human genetics; Mr I. G. Stewart, at present reader in the Department of Economics, to a personal chair in economics; Mr P. Vandome, at present senior lecturer in the Department of Economics, to a personal chair in econometrics; Mr S. Michaelson, at present director of the Department of Computer Science, to the chair of computer science.

Glasgow

DR A. GOLDBERG, reader in medicine (Western Infirmary), and Dr J. H. Renwick, reader in human genetics, have been appointed titular professors with effect from October 1.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

PROFESSOR BORIS MAGASANIK, a professor of microbiology at the Institute for the past seven years, has been appointed head of the Department of Biology, in succession to Dr Irwin W. Sizer, who has been appointed dean of the Institute's Graduate School.

Pennsylvania

DR S. W. CHURCHILL, chairman of the University of Michigan's Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering Department, has been appointed first Carl V. S. Patterson professor of chemical engineering.

Swansea

PROFESSOR D. C. COOPER, at present associate professor of computer science and for 1965-66 acting head of the Department of Computer Science at the Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, has been appointed to the chair of computation and head of the Computation Centre.

Appointments

MR C. P. FOGG has been appointed Deputy Controller of Electronics at the Ministry of Technology in succession to Dr W. H. Penley. Mr Fogg has been a civil servant for 30 years, and was at the Royal Radar Establishment, Malvern, until 1959.

DR W. H. PENLEY has been appointed director of the Royal Armament Research and Development Establishment, Fort Halstead, Kent, on the retirement of Mr E. W. Chivers.

DR F. L. ALT, of the US National Bureau of Standards, has been appointed director of the Computer Applications Division of the American Institute of Physics.

Announcements

SIR WILLIAM PENNEY, chairman of the UK Atomic Energy Authority, with four other senior representatives of the authority, is visiting the USSR during June 5-16 to see something of Russian work on the utilization of atomic energy for peaceful purposes.

THE Royal Society and the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities have come to an agreement concerning the exchange of scientific visits which is designed to further relations between research scientists in university laboratories and other scientific institutions in the United Kingdom and Israel.

DR H. E. GUNNING, head of the Department of Chemistry in the University of Alberta, Edmonton, has been awarded the Chemical Institute of Canada medal for 1967, in recognition of his contributions to chemistry in Canada.

Meetings

MODEL Building in Economics and Industry, July 4-6, London (Education Division, C-E-I-R Limited, Gillow House, 5 Winsley Street, London, W.1).

ACCURACY of Spectroscopic Methods, July 6-7, University of Birmingham (The Meetings Officer, The Institute of Physics and the Physical Society, 47 Belgrave Square, London, S.W.1).

SUMMER School on Theoretical Inorganic Chemistry, July 9-20, Sanderstead, Surrey (Professor J. Lewis, Department of Chemistry, University of Manchester, or Professor R. Mason, Department of Inorganic Chemistry, University of Sheffield).

ASTRONOMICAL Optics, July 10-12, Imperial College (Conference Secretary, Dr C. G. Wynne, Department of Physics, Imperial College, Prince Consort Road, London, S.W.7).

SECOND Latin American Soil Biology Congress, July 10-15, Federal University of Santa Maria (Second Latin American Soil Biology Congress, Federal University of Santa Maria, Santa Maria, RGS, Brazil).

COMPARATIVE Research in Leukaemias, July 11-13, Paris (Professor A. M. Boiron, Institut de recherches sur les Leucémies, Hôpital Saint-Louis, Paris Xè).

GAS Kinetics, July 11-14, Swansea (Dr G. Stedman, Department of Chemistry, University College of Swansea, Singleton Park, Swansea).

INTERNATIONAL Symposium on Corrins, July 17-19, Nottingham (Scientific Affairs Officer, The Chemical Society, Burlington House, London, W.1).

THYROCALCITONIN and the C Cell, July 17-20, Postgraduate Medical School (Dr Giraud Foster, Postgraduate Medical School, London, W.12).

LASER Applications, July 18-23, Paris (Mr Locquin, Chairman of the Organizing Committee, 14 rue de Buffon, Paris 5°).

SIXTH International Congress on Animal Reproduction and Artificial Insemination, July 22-25, 1968, Paris (Sixth International Congress on Animal Reproduction and Artificial Insemination, 7 rue Auber, Paris 9e).

ERRATUM. IN the article "A Galactic Discontinuity at $\Pi = 140^\circ$ " by V. C. Reddish (*Nature*, 213, 1107; 1967) in the bottom line of the caption to Fig. 1, 408 μ s should read 408 Mc/s.

ERRATUM. Throughout the communication entitled "Response of Pines irradiated with Lethal and Sublethal Doses of γ -Radiation" by J. P. Okuncwick and S. E. Herriek (*Nature*, 214, 514; 1967) the unit "rad" should be changed to "r." (roentgen). The sixth sentence of the third paragraph should read: "One of these died about 18 months after exposure, without showing any evidence of growth following irradiation". The fifth sentence of the eighth paragraph should read: "In our experiments, the needles observed arose from completely new meristems formed after irradiation with a dose of 715 r."

CORRIGENDUM. In the article "Chemical Synthesis by Gas-phase Discharge" by P. L. Spedding (*Nature*, 214, 124; 1967), line 30 of col. 2 on p. 125 should read "the deposit normally becomes tacky . . .". The following adjustments should also be made to the reference numbers in text: reference 5 should appear beside reference 4, reference 6 should take the place of reference 5, and reference 7 the place of reference 6. Footnote reference 7 should be added as follows: Rugdale, R. A., *J. Mat. Sci.*, 1, 160 (1966).