

A new association, entitled the **International Confederation on Thermal Analysis**, was established at the second international conference on thermal analysis, held in Worcester, Massachusetts, during August 18–23. The association's main functions will be to keep scientists in touch with developments in the field through periodic newsletters, to promote international understanding and cooperation in thermal analysis, and to organize periodic conferences at which problems can be discussed. Further information can be obtained from Mr J. A. Hill, Xerox Corporation, PO Box 1540, Rochester, NY 14603, USA.

The **International Potash Institute** has organized a third competition for young research workers in which prizes will be awarded for papers on the chemical, biological or physiological role of potassium in the soil, in the vegetable realm or in the animal organism, including the field of human nutrition. Further information can be obtained from the International Potash Institute, 30 Zieglerstrasse, Berne, Switzerland.

Applications are invited for a number of **Ciba fellowships** to be awarded in February 1969 to enable graduates of universities in the UK and Eire to carry out research—in chemistry, physics or some other allied scientific subjects—at continental universities during the academic year 1969–70. Applicants may be at present either at university or in industry. Further information can be obtained from the Secretary, The Ciba Fellowship Trust, 96 Piccadilly, London W1V 0LN.

**CORRIGENDUM.** In the introductory paragraph at the top of the article "Survey of Ross's Original Deep Sea Sounding Site" by Robert S. Dietz and Harley J. Knebel (*Nature*, 220, 751; 1968) it was wrongly stated that the first successful sounding of the ocean depths was carried out by Sir John Ross in 1840. It was in fact Sir James Ross who made the first abyssal sounding.

**ERRATUM.** In the bibliography of the book *Fundamentals of Mycology*, the review of which was published in the December 7 issue of *Nature* (220, 1010; 1968), we should have stated that a paperback edition of the book was also available at a price of 65s.

**ERRATUM.** In the communication "Radiation and Matter in an Open Cosmological Model", by A. D. Chernin (*Nature*, 220, 250; 1968), the last equation in the first column of page 250 should read

$$A_m = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{3}{\alpha} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} (\rho_c - \rho)^{-3/2} \rho_m, A_r = \left( \frac{3}{\alpha} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} (\rho_c - \rho)^{-1} \rho_r^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

**ERRATUM.** In the communication "Fracture in Bending, Torsion and Radial Pressure" by C. Gurney (*Nature*, 220, 61; 1968), equation (4) should read

$$E_1 = \frac{1}{2} Xu_1 = \frac{1}{2} Xu_3 + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^A \sigma dA e_1$$

The reference to equation (7) in the fourth paragraph of the second column should be to equation (5), and in the last equation  $C$  should be  $c$ .

**ERRATUM.** In the article "Magnetic Models of Pulsars" by V. L. Ginzburg *et al.* (*Nature*, 220, 355; 1968) the sentence beginning on the nineteenth line of the third paragraph should begin "If we assume that  $v_s \sim c, \dots$ ". The penultimate sentence of the same paragraph should read "Besides, we can see no real mechanism in pulsars for accelerating particles with  $e \gg Mc^2 \sim 10^9$  eV. The second sentence of the sixth paragraph should read "With an asymmetrical orientation of the dipole, the intensity of the subpulses will be different". The second reference should read Maran, S. P., and Cameron, A. G. W., *Physics Today*, 21, 41 (1968).

## International Meetings

April 1, **Tribology**, Deeside (Mr R. Harrop, Flintshire College of Technology, Conna's Quay, Deeside, North Wales).

May 4–10, **Stereochemistry**, Burgenstock, near Lucerne (Professor A. Kjaer, Institute of Organic Chemistry, Technical University of Denmark, Bygning 201, Lyngby, Denmark).

May 5, **Organization and Management of Research and Development**, London (Meetings Officer, Institute of Physics and the Physical Society, 47 Belgrave Square, London SW1).

May 5–6, **Chemistry and Metabolism of Sphingolipids**, Michigan (Dr C. C. Sweeley, Department of Biochemistry, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, USA).

May 6, **Crop Protection**, Ghent (Professor R. H. Kips, International Symposium on Crop Protection, Rijks-faculteit der Landbouwwetenschappen, Coupure Links 235, Ghent, Belgium).

May 8–9, **Organolead and Organozinc Chemistry**, Utrecht (Organizing Committee of the Conference on Organolead and Organozinc Chemistry, c/o Jaarbeurs, Utrecht, The Netherlands).

May 12–17, **German Engineering Conference**, Braunschweig (Verein Deutscher Ingenieure, Postfach 1139, 4 Dusseldorf 1, Germany).

May 19–21, **Muscle Diseases**, Milan (Dr N. Canal, c/o Clinical delle Malattie Nervose e Mentali, via F. Sforza 35, 20 122 Milan, Italy).

May 19–24, **Organic Chemistry of Phosphorus**, Paris (P. Chabrier, 242 Boul. St Germain, Paris 7, France).

May 22–24, **Chemical and Molecular Lasers**, St Louis (Dr D. P. Ames, McDonnell Douglas Corporation, OP Box 516, St Louis, Missouri 63166, USA).

May 26–30, **Spectroscopy**, Madrid (Sr. Secretario, XV Colloquium Spectroscopium Internationale, Serrano 119, Madrid 6, Spain).

May 27–June 1, **Medical Continuation Studies**, Berlin (Kongressgesellschaft für Artliche Fortbildung, Kling-sortstr. 21, Berlin 41, Germany).

May 28–30, **German Metallurgical Society Assembly**, Berlin (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Metalkunde, Alterburger Str. 402, Koln-Marienburg, Germany).

May 29–June 3, **Accident and Traffic Medicine**, New York (Dr Milton Helpert, c/o Office of Chief Medical, Examiner, 520 First Avenue, New York, NY 10016, USA).

September 2–6, **Cybernetics**, London (Dr J. Rose, c/o College of Technology and Design, Blackburn BB2 1 LH, Lancashire, UK).

## Sabbatical Itinerants

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**WANTED:** Czechoslovakian doctor requires furnished room or flatlet in Central London from the end of December 1968 for approximately twelve months. Please contact Dr I. A. Macpherson, Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2 (01-242-9901).