

Professor S. P. Hutton, University College of South Wales, Cardiff, has been appointed to the chair of mechanical engineering in the **University of Southampton**. He succeeds **Professor A. N. Black**, who has been appointed to a chair of engineering in the university and who has now general responsibilities within the faculty and duties connected with academic planning in the university. **Mr G. J. Goodrich**, National Physical Laboratory, has been appointed to the chair of ship science in the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

Appointments

Mr M. W. Leonard, a chartered civil and mechanical engineer, has been appointed secretary to the **Council of Engineering Institutions**.

Professor B. C. L. Weedon, London, has been appointed chairman of the **Food Additives and Contaminants Committee** in succession to **Professor R. A. Morton**. **Professor F. Aylward**, Reading, **Mr J. Saunders**, Cerebos Groups Research Ltd, and **Mr E. F. Williams**, J. Sainsbury Ltd, have been appointed members of the committee in succession to **Professor J. Hawthorn**, **Mr R. De Giacomo** and **Mr W. M. Shortt**. All appointments have been made for a period of three years.

Announcements

The 1968 **Leonard Medal** of the **Meteoritical Society** has been awarded to **Dr E. J. Opik**, research associate at Armagh Observatory, for his work in the field of meteoritics.

Professor Francis Birch, professor of geology at Harvard University, and **Sir Edward Bullard**, professor of geophysics at the University of Cambridge, have been awarded the **Vetlesen Prize** for 1968 by Columbia University, in recognition of their work in the earth sciences. They will receive the Vetlesen Gold Medal and will share the prize's \$25,000 award equally.

ERRATUM. The name of one of the authors of the article "Polychlorinated Biphenyls in the Global Ecosystem" (*Nature*, 220, 1098; 1968) was incorrectly spelt. P. Rieche should have been P. Reiche.

ERRATUM. In the article "Species Specificity in Growth Regulatory Effects of Cellular Interaction" by Harry Eagle, Elliot M. Levine and Hilary Koprowski (*Nature*, 220, 266; 1968) the last twelve rows of the last column of Table 1 should read as follows:

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ERRATUM. The communication "Mollusc of the Cambro-Devonian Class Monoplacophora found in the Northern Pacific" by Z. A. Filatova *et al.* (*Nature*, 220, 1114; 1968) was inaccurately classified in the list of contents as Invertebrate palaeontology. This error may have obscured the fact that the specimen described was living and not a fossil.

International Meetings

January 25, **Primary Science, Curriculum Project**, London (School Natural Science Society, Miss M. J. Sellers, 2 Bramley Mansions, Berrylands Road, Surbiton, Surrey, UK).

February 28, **Nutritional Disorders of Ruminants**, Edinburgh (J. L. Clapperton, Hon. Scottish Secretary, Hannah Dairy Research Institute, Ayr, Scotland).

March 16-22, **Cell Proliferation Kinetics**, Tübingen (Dr M. F. Rajewski, Max-Planck-Institut für Virusforschung, Abteilung Physikalische Biologie, Spemannstrasse 35, 74 Tübingen, Germany).

March 20-21, **Technology and Uses of Natural Rubber Latex**, Welwyn Garden City (Dr P. W. Allen, NRPR, 56 Tewin Road, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, UK).

March 23-28, **Industrial Microbiology**, Cardiff (Director of Extra-Mural Studies, 40 Park Place, Cardiff, CF1 3BB, UK).

March 24-25, **Laser Safety**, Cincinnati (Dr Leon Goldman, International Laser Safety Conference, c/o Laser Laboratory, Children's Hospital Research Foundation of the Medical Center, University of Cincinnati, Elland and Bethesda Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45229, USA).

June 2-6, **Yeasts**, Delft and the Hague (Dr L. Rodrigues de Miranda, Secretary, Organizing Committee, Julianalaan 67A, Delft, Netherlands).

June 2-7, **Northwest Atlantic Fisheries**, US (L. R. Day, Bedford Institute of Oceanography, POB 6389, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada).

June 3-13, **Arid Lands in a Changing World**, Tucson (T. L. Smiley, Geochronological Laboratories, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona 85721, USA).

June 4-7, **Textile Chemists and Colorists**, Baden-Baden (Rohrbacherstr. 78, Heidelberg, Germany).

June 5-11, **Forensic Sciences**, Toronto (International Association of Forensic Sciences, 8 Jarvis Street, Toronto 2, Canada).

June 5-11, **Forensic Immunology, Medicine, Pathology and Toxicology**, Toronto (Douglas Lucas, c/o Attorney General's Laboratory, 8 Jarvis Street, Toronto, Canada).

June 8-9, **Lead-Zinc Symposium**, Utrecht (Organisch Chemisch Instituut Tno, Croesestr., Utrecht, Netherlands).

June 8-11, **Canadian Nuclear Association Meeting**, Montreal (Roy F. Gross, 19 Richmond Street West, Toronto 1, Canada).

June 8-13, **Genetic Polymorphism**, Athens (Dr C. B. Krimbas, c/o School of Agriculture, Athens, Greece).

June 8-14, **Metallurgical Research**, Madrid (Ciudad Universitaria, Madrid 3, Spain).

June 15-22, **Navigation Congress**, Paris (General Secretary, Permanent International Association of Navigation Congresses, Quartier Jordaens (Rez-de-Chaussee), 155 rue de Loi, Brussels 4, Belgium).

June 16-17, **Dialysis and Transplant Association Meeting**, Berlin (Dr W. Drukker, General Secretary, 75 de Lairesestr., Amsterdam 7, Netherlands).

June 22-27, **Nephrology**, Stockholm (Dr F. Berglund, Postfack 272, Stockholm 1, Sweden).

June 23-26, **Animal Production**, Helsinki (Corso Trieste 67, Rome, Italy).

June 23-28, **Anaesthesiologists**, Bergen (Dr C. Thorsauge, c/o Rigshospitalet Tagensvej, Copenhagen, Denmark).

July 8-10, **Measurement Education**, Warwick (The Press Officer, The Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London WC2).