Sir Barnes Neville Wallis has been awarded the **Kelvin Gold Medal for 1968** of the Institution of Civil Engineers in recognition of his work in the application of science to engineering, including the design of the Airship R100, the invention of the geodetic form of aircraft construction and the design of the "skip" bomb.

Mr R. E. Hollingsworth has been presented with the **Distinguished Service Award** of the Atomic Energy Commission for his contributions to the US atomic energy programmes.

CIBA Laboratories, Limited, Horsham, has donated a silver medal and a prize of £50 to be awarded annually by the **Biochemical Society** for outstanding research in any branch of biochemistry. The award is intended to be for work carried out in Great Britain and Northern Ireland, but is open to candidates of any nationality. The **Colworth Medal** has been donated by the Unilever Research Laboratory, Bedford, and is awarded annually for work of an outstanding nature by the Biochemical Society to a young British biochemist. Nominations are invited for both these awards; further details can be obtained from the Executive Secretary, The Biochemical Society, 7 Warwick Court, London WC1.

The Proceedings of the **Vith International Congress of Animal Reproduction and Artificial Insemination** (Paris, July 21–26, 1968) have been published in two volumes containing articles in English, German, French and Russian.

CORRIGENDUM. J. T. O. Kirk has written to say that in the article he wrote with Dr Baxter, "Base Composition of DNA from Chloroplasts and Nuclei of *Phaseolus vulgaris*" (*Nature*, **222**, 272; 1969), "there was a minor error concerning the GC content of *Phaseolus vulgaris* DNA as calculated from its buoyant density in CsCl solution. The average buoyant density, estimated from the data of Wolstenholme and Gross¹, is in the region of 1.696–1.697 g cm⁻³. For a non-methylated DNA this would indicate a GC content of 37–38 per cent. *Phaseolus vulgaris* nuclear DNA, however, is methylated (3.7 moles per cent 5-methylcytosine). Having stated (correctly)² that methylation lowers buoyant density, we went on to say that application of a methylation correction to the buoyant density gave a calculated GC content of 35 per cent. In fact, the correction was made in the wrong direction, and we should have said that the calculated GC content is 39.8 per cent. Thus, the calculated value of the GC content is somewhat higher than our measured value of 37.3 per cent (not somewhat lower as we previously said), the actual size of the discrepancy being about the same in either case. It should be pointed out that this error in no way affects the findings or conclusions of our paper (which was concerned with the measured base compositions of chloroplast and nuclear DNA). I wish to draw attention to it, however, as it may lead to confusion about the effect of methylation on estimates of base composition based on values of buoyant density in CsCl."

¹ Wolstenholme, D. R., and Gross, N. J., *Proc. US Nat. Acad. Sci.*, **61**, 245 (1968).

² Kirk, J. T. O., *J. Mol. Biol.*, **28**, 171 (1967).

ERRATUM. In the article by Travers and Burgess, "Cyclic Re-use of the RNA Polymerase Sigma Factor" (*Nature*, **222**, 537; 1969), the third sentence of the third paragraph should read: "After addition of rifampicin to polymerase which was actively synthesizing RNA, the average extent of elongation . . .". In Table 2 the times of incubation in lines four, six and eight should have been 3 min, 2 min and 3 min respectively. The last sentence of the seventh paragraph should read: "The molecular weight of the 13S–14S complex⁷ is too small for there to be two σ chains in each complex".

International Meetings

June 17–20, **Exhibition—Physics at Work**, Paisley (Mr G. M. Somerville, Department of Physics, Paisley College of Technology, High Street, Paisley, Scotland).

June 20, **High Speed Photography in USSR**, Teddington (Mr R. J. Cox, Treasurer, Association for High Speed Photography, 44 Gade Avenue, Watford, Hertfordshire, UK).

August 31–September 4, **Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association**, Washington (Mr K. Goodall, Director of Public Affairs, American Psychological Association, 1200 Seventeenth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036, USA).

September 27, **Biochemical Identification of Species and Races of Fish**, Dublin (Hans Tambs-Lyche, Secretary-General, International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, Charlottenlund Slot, Charlottenlund, Denmark).

September 28–30, **European Association of Anti-Poison Centres**, Madrid (Professor G. T. Nunez, Instituto Nacional de Toxicologia, Farmacia 9, Madrid 9, Spain).

September 29–October 1, **Chemistry of Liquid Polymers and Thermoplastic Co-Polymers**, London (Mr R. H. Craven, Institute of Rubber Industry, 4 Kensington Palace Gardens, London W8).

September 29–October 2, **Military Medicine and Pharmacy**, Dublin (Office of Director, Army Medical Corps, c/o Army Headquarters, Parkgate, Dublin 8, Ireland).

September 29–October 2, **Pressure Vessel Technology**, Delft (Mr J. van Kruiselbergen, Department Secretary, Koninklijk Instituut van Ingenieurs, Prinsessegracht 23, The Hague, Netherlands).

September 29–October 10, **34th Physicists' Conference**, Salzburg (Dr K. H. Riewe, General Secretary, German Physical Society, Heraustrasse 12–14, 645 Hanau/Main, Germany).

September 30–October 4, **Rural Medicine**, Japan (Organizing Committee of CIMA, Nokyō Buildings, Zenkoku-Otemachi Chiyoda-Ku, Tokyo, Japan).

Sabbatical Itinerants

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