

Announcements

The following prizes have been awarded by the **Royal Aeronautical Society** for written papers in five subject groups published by the society in 1968: the **George Taylor (of Australia) Prize** to **J. Taylor**, Royal Aircraft Establishment; the **Simms Prize** to **E. G. C. Burt**, Royal Aircraft Establishment; the **Busk Prize** to **A. B. Haines**, Aircraft Research Association, Limited; the **Hodgson Prize** to **A. Stratton**, Ministry of Defence; the **Akroyd Stuart Prize** to **F. J. Bayley** and **A. B. Turner**, University of Sussex; and the **Pilcher-Usborne Prize** to **P. D. Chappell**, Technical Staff, Royal Aeronautical Society.

Dame Honor B. Fell has retired and **Sir Alexander Haddow** has resigned from the advisory board of the **Beit Memorial Fellowships**. They are succeeded by Professor M. Abercrombie and Professor R. R. Porter.

CORRIGENDUM. Dr D. F. Cheesman and Anne Whitehead have written to say that after the publication of their article "Possible Role in Contraction of Structurally Bound Phosphate of Muscle" (*Nature*, 221, 736; 1969), "Professor A. F. Huxley pointed out that, while agreement was good between the mean values for specific activity ratios obtained in our different experimental series, such agreement was hardly consistent with the relatively high values for the standard error of the mean.

"The first footnote to our Table 1 is, in fact, wrong. The limits of error given for all results, in this as in the earlier paper¹, represent the standard deviation about the mean. The effects recorded thus have considerably higher significance than the text would suggest.

"We apologize to Latinists for a proof-reading error which gave an outrageous plural to 'rectus abdominis'."

¹ Cheesman, D. F., and Hilton, E., *J. Physiol.*, 183, 875 (1968).

ERRATUM. In the article entitled "Anatomical Demonstration of Columns in the Monkey Striate Cortex" by D. H. Hubel and T. N. Wiesel (*Nature*, 221, 747; 1969), the introductory paragraph should have read "Here the shape, size and arrangement of ocular-dominance columns are described." On p. 749, line 8, "left eye" should have read "right eye", and on line 9, "left" should have read "right". On the same page, the sentence beginning on line 5 of the third paragraph should have read "A few fibres ascended to the first layer where they turned horizontally and ran for several millimetres. A separate concentration of geniculate terminals in layer three has not to our knowledge been described before." In the following paragraph, "is about 1 mm" on line 19 should have been "0.7 mm", and this should have been followed by "so that each column has a width of about 0.35 mm". On line 32 "seventy-five" should have been "one hundred" and "150" should have been "200".

CORRIGENDUM. In the article "Dielectric Diffusion—A New Cross Phenomenon" by Breuer and Robinson (*Nature*, 221, 1116; 1969) the factor $1/T$ in equations (3), (4) and (5) should be deleted from the right-hand side of the equation. Consequently in equations (13) and (14) the factor T should be omitted from the left-hand side of the equation. The final equation (17) should therefore read:

$$D \frac{d\mu_1}{dc} \left(\frac{dc_1}{dx} \right)^2 - L_P \bar{I}^2 \left(\frac{1}{k_0} - \frac{1}{k} \right)^2 + \bar{I}^2 \left(\frac{k_0}{k^2} - \frac{1}{k} \right) = 0$$

CORRIGENDUM. W. B. Gratzner and D. A. Cowburn write to say that in their article "Optical Activity of Biopolymers" (*Nature*, 222, 426; 1969) the legend of Fig. 5 omits to state that the curves for the β -structure in the third panel include only data on solutions. For clarity the very different curves observed in some films by Fasman and Potter³¹, and termed by them Type II- β , were omitted from the diagram.

International Meetings

June 16–19, **Antiviral Substances**, New York (Amy Selwyn, New York Academy of Sciences, 2 East 63 Street, New York, NY 10021).

September 18, **Clean Surfaces**, Southampton (Meetings Officer, The Institute of Physics and the Physical Society, 47 Belgrave Square, London SW1).

September 22–26, **Cystic Fibrosis**, Cambridge (General Secretary, Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust, Stuart House, 1 Tudor Street, London EC4).

September 30–October 2, **International Synthetic Rubber Symposium and Exhibition**, London (Mary Taylor, Rubber and Technical Press, Ltd, 25 Lloyd Baker Street, London WC1).

October 1–4, **Suicide Prevention**, London (Dr E. Stangel, c/o Department of Psychiatry, University of Sheffield, Sheffield, UK).

October 2–4, **Therapeutics**, Paris (Professor J. Leoper, CHU St Antoine, 27 Rue Chaligny, 75 Paris 12, France).

October 5–9, **Meeting of the Water Pollution Control Federation**, Texas (Mr R. E. Furtman, Room 302, 4435 Wisconsin Avenue NW, Washington DC 20016, USA).

October 5–10, **Engineering Management Conference**, Montreal (Office of the Technical Activities Board, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 345 East 47th Street, New York, NY 10017).

Sabbatical Itinerants

In the hope of providing some practical assistance in the good cause of mobility between laboratories, *Nature* advertises the needs for housing of families about to take up periods of sabbatical leave. To begin with, no charge will be made for advertisements like this. It is hoped that a period of experiment will show what form these advertisements could most usefully take and whether they are effective.

Wanted: House in Birmingham with reasonable access to the university from about mid-December 1969 to mid-December 1970 for a botanist and wife and three children (6, 8, 12 years). A house will be available for letting in Adelaide. Please contact D. E. Symon, Waite Institute, Private Bag, Glen Osmond, South Australia.

Vacant: Furnished house, 2–3 bedrooms, available in Battersea Park area of London for 12 months from September 1, 1969. Gas-fired boiler, small garden. Convenient access to central London. Please contact Dr J. Craske, Virus Reference Laboratory, Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale Avenue, London NW9.

Vacant: From October 1, 1969, for 12 months, semi-detached 3-bedroomed house, Edmonton, North London. Convenient for trains to central London. Please contact Dr P. J. Simons, School of Medicine, Victoria Square, Perth, Western Australia 6000.

Wanted: Furnished apartment, 2 bedrooms, in Berkeley, California, for a Belgian doctor and wife from September 1, 1969, for 12 months. Preferably within easy reach of the Virus Laboratory, University of California. Please write airmail to Dr Jean Content, Institut Pasteur du Brabant, 28, rue du Remorqueur, Bruxelles 4, Belgium.

Wanted: Flat or house for American professor and family in Oxford area for July and August. Please contact Dr Melvin Greenblatt, 667 Parkwood Lane, Omaha, Nebraska 68132, USA.