

University News

Dr M. J. A. Geoghegan, head of the Plant Pathology Section, ICI Agricultural Research Station, has been appointed professor of industrial microbiology at **University College, Dublin**.

Appointments

The following have been appointed **Vice-Presidents of the Royal Society** for the year ending November 30, 1970: **Sir Frederick Bawden** (Rothamsted Experimental Station); **Sir Bernard Katz** (University College London); **Sir Harrie Massey** (University College London); **Sir Harold Thompson** (University of Oxford); **Sir Charles Goodeve** (British Iron and Steel Research Association); **Professor W. R. Hawthorne** (University of Cambridge); **Professor F. Hoyle** (University of Cambridge); **Sir John McMichael** (British Postgraduate Medical Federation).

Mr A. S. Lobban has been appointed managing director of **Organon Laboratories, Ltd**, and **Dr A. F. Taylor** has succeeded him as deputy managing director. These appointments have been made on the retirement of **Mr G. J. Pikaar**, the former managing director.

Announcements

The Provisional British National Committee for Food Science and Technology has recently changed its name to the **United Kingdom Coordinating Committee for Food Science and Technology**.

Dr B. S. Hartley, a member of the MRC Molecular Biology Unit, Cambridge, has been awarded the first **BDH Award in Analytical Biochemistry** by the Biochemical Society, in recognition of his introduction of three new techniques for use in protein sequence studies. The award, consisting of a gold medal and a prize of £200, was donated by BDH Chemicals, Ltd, and will be made triennially by the society.

International Meetings

September 14–17, **Third European Fluorine Chemistry Symposium**, Aix-en-Provence (Secretariat, J. Chatelet, DPC/BHU-CEN Saclay, BP No. 2, 91 Gif-sur-Yvette, S et O, France).

September 15–18, **Gas Discharges**, London (The Conference Department, IEE, Savoy Place, London WC2).

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: 4-bedroomed, centrally heated, furnished house, preferably in Hendon or otherwise near the National Institute for Medical Research at Mill Hill, London, for 1 year from September 1, 1970. Can offer same accommodation in Montreal for same period. Please contact Professor R. A. MacLeod, Department of Microbiology, Macdonald College of McGill University, Macdonald College PO, Province of Quebec, Canada.

British Diary

Monday, January 12

- Economical Curing Systems for Greater Productivity** (7.30 p.m.) Mr D. A. Hammersley, Institution of the Rubber Industry, at the Stork Hotel, Queen Square, Liverpool.
- Phasor Diagrams** (5.30 p.m. discussion) Institution of Electrical Engineers, at Savoy Place, London WC2.
- Tribology in the Iron and Steel Industry—an Effective Means of Cost Reduction** (7.30 p.m.) Mr H. P. Jost, Lincolnshire Iron and Steel Institute, at the North Lindsey Technical College, Scunthorpe.

Tuesday, January 13

- Are Specifications Relevant to Performance?** (6.30 p.m. symposium) Institution of the Rubber Industry, at the Chemical Society Lecture Theatre, 23 Saville Row, London W1.
- Control of Circulation** (6 p.m.) Dr I. Gabe, Institution of Electronic and Radio Engineers, Joint IERE/IEE Medical and Biological Electronics Group, at St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College, Charterhouse Square, London EC1.
- Crop Production for Beverages** (10.30 a.m.) Society of Chemical Industry, at 14 Belgrave Square, London SW1.
- Latest Techniques of Data Capture** (7.30 p.m.) Mr T. A. B. Scott, British Computer Society, at General Accident Buildings, Isla Road, Perth.
- Prospects for Ultra High-frequency FET's** (5.30 p.m. discussion) Institution of Electrical Engineers, at Savoy Place, London WC2.
- The Overpainting of Preservative Treated Wood** (7.30 p.m.) Mr R. W. Watson, Oil and Colour Chemists' Association, at the Griffin Hotel, Leeds 1.

Wednesday, January 14

- Changing Relations between Science and Technology and their effect on International Co-operation** (5.30 p.m.) Dr A. P. Speiser, Institution of Electrical Engineers, at Savoy Place, London WC2.
- Digital Instrumentation** (7.15 p.m.) Institution of Electronic and Radio Engineers, at Gloucester Technical College.
- Dynamic Testing of Rubber** (7.30 p.m.) Institution of the Rubber Industry, at the College of Technology, Hull.
- Electron Probe Microanalysis** (6.30 p.m. discussion) Society for Analytical Chemistry, Microchemical Methods Group, at the Leicester Lounge, Glasshouse Street, London W1.
- Electronics for Process Control Instrumentation** (6.30 p.m.) Mr J. Seers, Institution of Electronic and Radio Engineers, at the University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology, Cardiff.
- Metal Organic Compounds in Surface Coatings** (4.30 p.m. student lecture), Mr W. K. H. Lakin, Oil and Colour Chemists' Association, at the Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society, 36 George Street, Manchester 1.
- Taxonomic Patterns in the Triglyceride Composition of Natural Fats** (6.15 p.m.) Dr Carter Litchfield, Society of Chemical Industry, at 14 Belgrave Square, London SW1.
- The Computer in Management Science** (7.30 p.m.) Dr M. Fieldhouse, British Computer Society, at the College of Technology, Hull.
- The East African Rift Valley** (10.15 a.m. colloquium) Royal Society; Royal Astronomical Society; and the Geological Society of London, at the Royal Society, 6 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1.
- Thermo-setting Acrylic Resins—Recent Application** (7 p.m.) Mr J. R. Taylor, Oil and Colour Chemists' Association, at the Manor Hotel, Datchet.
- Tomorrow's World—Use of Satellites for Communication** (7 p.m.) Mr W. J. Bray, Institution of Electrical Engineers, at the College of Technology, Headington, Oxford.
- UHF Television Transposer Equipment** (6 p.m.) Mr W. L. Gregory, Institution of Electronic and Radio Engineers, Communications Group, at 9 Bedford Square, London WC1.

Thursday, January 15

- BAC Satellites** (7 p.m.) Mr G. Crowder, Institution of Electronic and Radio Engineers, at Filton House Conference Room, Filton, Bristol.
- Design and Operation for Safety** (6.30 p.m.) Mr Hearfield and Mr Kletz, Institution of Chemical Engineers, at Constantine College, Middlesbrough, Teesside.
- Impact of Industry on Plants and Animals** (5 p.m.) Mr R. S. A. Beauchamp; Mr G. T. Goodman and Mr Peter D. V. Savage, Linnean Society of London, at Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1.
- Imported Diseases** (7.30 p.m. discussion) Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, at Manson House, 26 Portland Place, London W1.
- The Engineer in Management** (7 p.m.) Mr F. Oakes, Institution of Electronic and Radio Engineers, at Medway College of Technology, Chatham.
- The Value of Solid Isotope Therapy and its Future Potential** (5.45 p.m. discussion); **The Ret-Rad Equivalent Therapy—a Unit of Biological Effect** (7.15 p.m. discussion) British Institute of Radiology, at 32 Welbeck Street, London W1.
- Use of Refuse** (6.30 p.m.) Mr F. Flintoff, Institution of Chemical Engineers, at the School of Chemistry, University of Bristol.

Friday, January 16

- Manufacture of Latex Dipped Goods** (7.30 p.m.) Mr P. Parker, Institution of the Rubber Industry, at the Goscote Hotel, Birstall, Leicester.
- Metabolic Regulation in Plants**, Phytochemical Society, at the Unilever Research Laboratory, Sharnbrook, Bedford.