

**ERRATUM.** An amendment should be made to the erratum (*Nature*, 226, 782; 1970) referring to the article "Increase in Antiviral Activity of Polynucleotides by Thermal Activation" by E. de Clercq, R. D. Wells and T. C. Merigan (*Nature*, 226, 364; 1970). The sentence beginning on line 16 of the paragraph following Table 1 should read "Addition of  $10^{-3}$  M EDTA following the 37° C incubation step did reverse the activating effect whereas rapid cooling to 0° C did not".

## International Meetings

June 28–July 2, **Health Physics Society Annual Meeting**, Chicago (Professional Associates, 6710 Clayton Road, St Louis, Missouri 63117, USA).

June 29–30, **Optimization Techniques in Circuit and Control Applications**, London (The Manager, Conference Department, Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London WC2R OBL).

June 29–July 10, **The Molecular Basis of Biological Specificity and Control Mechanisms**, Seattle (Battelle Seattle Research Center, 400 NE 41st, Seattle, Washington 98105, USA).

July 3, **Polymer Composites**, Cardiff (Organizer of Short Courses, University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology, 22 North Road, Cardiff CF1 3DY).

July 23–24, **Materials Forming Processes**, Swansea (Dr J. P. Berry, Rubber and Plastics Research Association, Shawbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire).

August 31–September 3, **Fluid Mechanics and Design of Turbomachinery**, University Park, Pennsylvania (Department of Public Information, Pennsylvania State University, 312 Old Main Building, University Park, Pennsylvania 16802, USA).

September 8–10, **Optical Techniques for Investigations in the Upper Atmosphere**, Exeter (Meetings Officer, Institute of Physics and the Physical Society, 47 Belgrave Square, London SW1).

## Sabbatical Itinerants

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**Wanted:** Furnished 3 bedroom house in or near Redhill, Surrey, required by visiting professor and family for 3 months from July 1, 1970. Please contact Mr V. I. Paynter, Personnel Manager, Mullard Research Laboratories, Cross Oak Lane, Salfords, Redhill, Surrey (Telephone Horley 5544).

**Wanted:** From October 1, 1970, for 6 months, furnished 2 bedroom flat in London with easy public transportation access to the National Hospital, Queen Square, and to Hammersmith Hospital. Please contact Dr C. Bally, Biochemisches Institut der Universität, Zürichbergstr. 4, 8032 Zürich, Switzerland.

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## British Diary

Monday, June 22

**Computing Techniques for Industrial Applications** (four-day symposium) Hendon College of Technology, at The Burroughs, Hendon, London NW4.

**Kinetic Methods in Analytical Chemistry** (6.30 p.m.) Professor H. B. Mark (University of Michigan), Society for Analytical Chemistry, Electro-analytical Group, in the Mechanical Engineering Department, Imperial College, London SW7.

**The Conformational Basis of Active Transport in the Mitochondrion** (5 p.m.) Professor David E. Green (University of Wisconsin) University College London, in the Botany Theatre, Gower Street, London WC1.

Tuesday, June 23

**Early Mammals** (two-day symposium) Linnean Society of London, at Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1.

Wednesday, June 24

**Progress in the Application of Data Processing Techniques** (2 p.m.) British Institute of Radiology, Nuclear Medicine Committee, in the Barnes Hall, Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1.

**Protein Binding of Antibodies** (2 p.m.) Dr G. Robinson, University of London, at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, DuCane Road, London W12.

Thursday, June 25

**Automation in Haematology** (5.15 p.m.) Dr B. E. Gilliver, University of London, in the Page Street Lecture Theatre, Westminster Medical School, Horseferry Road, London SW1.

**The Electrical Control of the Human Heart** (5 p.m.) Dr Edgar Sowton, University of London, at the Institute of Cardiology, 35 Wimpole Street, London W1.

**Trace Analysis** (two-day meeting) Society for Analytical Chemistry, Scottish Section, jointly with the North East Section; and the Atomic-Absorption Spectroscopy and the Radiochemical Methods Groups, at the University of St. Andrews, St. Andrews, Scotland.

Friday, June 26

**The Earth**, Professor Sydney Chapman, FRS; **The Sun and the Interplanetary Medium**, Professor D. E. Blackwell (11 a.m.–1 p.m.); **The Stars and the Structure of the Galaxy**, Sir Richard Woolley, OBE, FRS; **Extra-Galactic Nebulae**, Professor Sir Martin Ryle, FRS; **Astronomy of the Future**, Professor H. Bondi, FRS (2.15–6 p.m.), Royal Astronomical Society, at the Royal Institution, Albemarle Street, London W1 (Sesquicentenary Celebration Lectures).

## Reports and Publications

(not included in the monthly Books Supplement)

### Great Britain and Ireland

Universities Council for Adult Education. Report on the year 1968/1969. Pp. 12. (Oxford: F. W. Jessup, Honorary Secretary, University Council for Adult Education, The University, 1970.) 274

Bulletin of the British Museum (Natural History). Zoology. Vol. 19, No. 4: Fourteen New Species of Free-living Marine Nematodes from the Exe Estuary. By Richard Martyn Warwick. Pp. 137–177. 24s. Vol. 19, No. 5: The Anatomy and Taxonomy of *Indostomus paradoxus* Frashad and Mukerji. Pp. 179–209. 16s. (London: British Museum (Natural History), 1970.) [274

Cotton Research Corporation. Annual Report for 1969. Pp. 27. (London: Cotton Research Corporation, 1970.) [274

Ministry of Technology. Report by the Working Party on Maintenance Engineering. Pp. 14. (London: Ministry of Technology, 1970.) [274

Commonwealth Mycological Institute. Phytopathological Papers. No. 11: Banana Leaf Spot Disease (Sigatoka) Caused by *Mycosphaerella musicola* Leach. By D. S. Meredith. Pp. 147. 45s. No. 12: South American Leaf Blight (Microcyclus Ulei) of *Hevea brasiliensis*. By Paul Holliday. Pp. 31. 12s. (Kew: Commonwealth Mycological Institute, 1970.) [274

Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London. B: Biological Sciences. Vol. 258, No. 821 (28 April, 1970): Further Observations on the Lower Devonian Plant *Gosslingia breconensis* Heard. By Dianne Edwards. Pp. 225–243. 18s; \$2.35. Vol. 258, No. 822 (28 April, 1970): The Fine Structure of the Digestive Tubules of the Marine Bivalve *Cardium edule*. By G. Owen. Pp. 245–260. 27s; \$3.50. (London: The Royal Society, 1970.) [284

Ministry of Technology and the Council of Engineering Institutions. Studies in Technological Manpower. No. 1: The Survey of Professional Engineers 1968. Pp. 57. 22s 6d (£1.12½) net. No. 2: The Survey of Professional Scientists 1968. Pp. 41. 15s (75p) net. (London: HMSO, 1970.) [284

Imperial Cancer Research Fund. Sixty-seventh Annual Report and Accounts, 1968/1969. Pp. 76. (London: Imperial Cancer Research Fund, 1970.) [284

*The Zoological Record*. 1967, Vol. 104, Section 1: Comprehensive Zoology. Compiled by S. Markowski. Pp. 31. 12s 6d. 1967, Vol. 104, Section 6: Vermes. Part 1 compiled by R. A. Bray, J. W. Coles and Stephen Frudhoe. Part 2 compiled by E. G. Easton. Part 3 compiled by S. Ware. Pp. 179. 60s. 1967, Vol. 104, Section 15: Pisces. Recent literature compiled by G. Palmer, Ann Proctor and David Cole. Fossil literature compiled by H. A. Toombs, R. Miles and C. Patterson. Pp. 163. 40s. 1968, Vol. 104, Section 17: Reptilia. Compiled by Lorna Goldsmith, Ann Proctor, David Cole and Michael Dadd. Pp. 108. 1967, Vol. 104, Section 18: Aves. Compiled by Carolyn Roberts and Dorothy Thelwall. Pp. 244. 60s. (London: Zoological Society of London, 1969 and 1970.) [284

Shirley Institute—Report and Accounts, 1st April to 30th September 1969. Pp. 22. (Didsbury, Manchester: The Cotton Silk and Man-Made Fibres Research Association, Shirley Institute, 1970.) [284

Education and Science in 1969: Being a Report of the Department of Education and Science. Pp. 164+36 photographs. (London: HMSO, 1970.) 20s net. [294

British Flame Research Committee. 1969 Annual Report. Pp. 20. (London: British Flame Research Committee, 1970.) [294