

Appointments

Professor John Heslop-Harrison will succeed **Sir George Taylor** as director of the **Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew**, when Sir George retires in May 1971.

Mr Robert Wood has been appointed director of studies at the Overseas Development Institute in succession to Dr Tom Soper.

Mr W. E. Jones, chief agricultural adviser to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, has been appointed first director general of the MAFF Agricultural Development and Advisory Service which is to start on March 1, 1971. **Major E. S. Dobb**, at present director of the Agricultural Land Service, and **Mr W. R. Smith**, at present director of the National Agricultural Advisory Service, will be deputy directors general of the new service.

Miscellaneous

The **J. J. Thompson award** of the **Institution of Electrical Engineers** has been won jointly by **Dr H. G. Lubszynski**, **Dr B. J. Mayo**, **Mr J. Wardley** and **Mr N. C. Barford**, all of EMI, for their paper "New All-electrostatic Vidicon".

Professor B. E. C. Nordin, head of the MRC Mineral Metabolism Unit, Leeds General Infirmary, has won the first **International Health Foundation award**, for his paper "The Clinical Significance and Pathogenesis of Osteoporosis."

The **Hanbury Memorial Medal** of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, awarded biennially in memory of the nineteenth century pharmacist Daniel Hanbury, has been won by **Professor R. B. Woodward**, Donner professor of science at Harvard University. Professor Woodward will deliver the memorial lecture on "Recent Advances in the Chemistry of Unnatural Products", at the School of Pharmacy, University of London, on November 4.

The Council of the Royal Society has awarded four **Royal Society Leverhulme scholarships**: to **Mr Patrick Duncan**, University of Oxford, to study the habitat utilization of the topi in the Serengeti National Park; to **Mr B. J. T. Jones**, University of Cambridge, to investigate at Mount Stromlo Observatory phenomena in the southern skies relating to the formation and properties of galaxies; to **Mrs P. J. Edwards**, University of London, to study the freshwater fishes of New Guinea; and to **Mr D. J. Maberley**, University of Oxford, to carry out an ecological investigation in the mountains of East Africa and Madagascar of thick stemmed vegetation with special regard to its origin.

ERRATUM. In *Nature* of August 29, the article entitled "Membranes Dismembered" (227, 888; 1970) was attributed to our Microbiology Correspondent. It was, of course, by our Molecular Biology Correspondent.

ERRATUM. In the review, "Weddell's Voyage South", by H. G. R. King (*Nature*, 227, 973; 1970), the words "chronometer sand tables" in lines 16 and 17 of the second paragraph should read "chronometers and tables", and the word "Indies" in line 24 in the same paragraph should read "Indians".

International Meetings

September 7-12, **Hormonal Steroids**, Hamburg (Dr J. Tamm, 2 Medizin, Universitätsklinik, Martinistrasse 52, 2000 Hamburg 20, Germany).

September 9-11, **British Association for Crystal Growth Conference**, Bristol (Dr D. Elwell, Physics Department, Portsmouth Polytechnic, Park Road, Portsmouth, Hampshire).

September 9-11, **British Pharmacological Society Meeting**, London (Dr P. J. Piper, Department of Pharmacology, Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2 3PN).

September 14-16, **Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Group on Antennas and Propagation Meeting**, Columbus, Ohio (William D. Stuart, Battelle Memorial Institute, Columbus Laboratories, 505 King Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43201, USA).

September 15-17, **US National Committee of URSI Meeting**, Columbus, Ohio (William D. Stuart, Battelle Memorial Institute, Columbus Laboratories, 505 King Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43201, USA).

September 17-19, **Prostaglandins**, New York (The Executive Director, New York Academy of Sciences, 2 East Sixty-third Street, New York, NY 10021, USA).

September 22, **Technology and the Environment**, London (Information Department, Confederation of British Industry, 21 Tothill Street, London SW1).

September 22, **Analysis and Control of Pollution**, Bristol (Society for Analytical Chemistry, 9-10 Savile Row, London W1X 1AF).

September 24, **Air Coolers**, London (Conference Publicity Section, Institution of Mechanical Engineers, 1 Birdcage Walk, Westminster, London SW1).

September 24, **The Feeding Habits of Schoolchildren**, London (D. J. Vogler, The National Dairy Centre, 5-7 John Princes Street, London W1M 0AP).

September 29-October 2, **Trunk Telecommunications by Guided Waves**, London (Manager, Conference Department, Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London WC2R 0BL).

September 30, **Spectra and Structures of Molecular Ions** (Faraday Lecture), London (Dr John F. Gibson, The Chemical Society, Burlington House, London W1V 0BN).

October 5-9, **Electron Microscopy Society of America Meeting**, Houston (Carl Tessmer, Section of Experimental Pathology, University of Texas MD Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute, Texas Medical Center, Houston, Texas 77025, USA).

October 5-9, **Plutonium and Other Actinides**, Santa Fe (F. W. Schonfeld, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, PO Box 1663, Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544, USA).

October 13, **Profit from Tribology**, Glasgow (Ministry of Technology, Millbank Tower, Millbank, London SW1).

October 13-16, **Population 70—Family Planning and Social Change**, Tokyo (The Information Officer, International Planned Parenthood Federation, 18-20 Lower Regent Street, London SW1).

October 20-23, **Clean Air Exhibition**, Southport (National Society for Clean Air, 134-137 North Street, Brighton, Sussex).

October 21-22, **British Coal Utilization Research Association Open Days**, Leatherhead (Public Relations Officer, BCURA, Randalls Road, Leatherhead, Surrey).

October 22-23, **Organic Microchemistry and its Applications**, Salisbury (Society for Analytical Chemistry, 9-10 Savile Row, London W1X 1AF).

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