

# Announcements

## University News

**Dr James A. Dunne** has been named project scientist at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, **California Institute of Technology**, for the 1971 Mariner mission to Venus and Mercury.

**Mr Bryan Campbell Clarke**, University of Edinburgh, has been appointed to the newly established chair of genetics in the **University of Nottingham**.

## Appointments

**Mr A. Goodson** has been appointed head/space in the **Ministry of Technology** in succession to **Mr R. H. W. Bullock**. Mr Bullock has been appointed deputy secretary.

**Dr Harold R. Fletcher** has retired as Regius keeper of the **Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh**. He is succeeded by **Mr Douglas M. Henderson**, formerly principal scientific officer at the Garden.

**Mr A. A. Gray**, at present a deputy chairman of the **Wellcome Foundation Limited**, will succeed **Sir Michael Perrin** as chairman when Sir Michael retires at the end of this year.

**Sir Harry Melville** has been appointed chairman of the **Advisory Council on Research and Development for Fuel and Power**, with effect from October 13, in succession to **Sir Charles Sykes** who is retiring.

At the annual meeting of **Rolls-Royce Limited**, two new board members were announced: **Mr Ian Morrow**, vice-president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland, will become executive deputy chairman, with his principal interest in financial control; **Lord Beeching** is to be a non-executive director, representing the interest in Rolls-Royce of the Industrial Reorganization Corporation.

## Miscellaneous

**Dr Riccardo Giacconi**, executive vice president of American Science and Engineering Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts, has been nominated for the **Röntgen award in astrophysics** by the Physikalisch-Medizinische Gesellschaft, Würzburg. Dr Giacconi is cited for his contributions to X-ray astronomy, including the discovery of X-ray stars and the development of the instrumentation and spacecraft systems required for their observation.

Recent awards announced by the **Academy of Sciences of the USSR** include: the **Vavilov gold medal** for 1970, awarded to **Petr Petrovich Feofilov** for his work on spectroscopy and luminescence of activated crystals; the **Chaplygin Prize for 1970**, awarded to **Samvel Samvelovich Grigoryan** (of the Moscow University Institute of Mechanical Sciences) for his work on mathematical models of explosions in soil and bedrock; and the **Dokuchaev Prize for 1970**, awarded to **Dr Tat'yana Vyacheslavovna Aristovskaya** (of the V. V. Dokuchaev Central Museum of Pedology) for her monograph *Microbiology of Podzolic Soils*, published in 1965.

ERRATUM. In the contents list for the issue of August 1 (*Nature*, 227, xv; 1970), the entry for page 493 should read:

**Transmitter release**—Characteristics for squid ganglion similar to those for frog neuromuscular junction—LESTER (Rockefeller and Woods Hole).

ERRATUM. In the report "Five Hundred Years After" (*Nature*, 227, 541; 1970) the second line should read "the birth of Mikolaj Kopernik, known to the world"

## International Meetings

September 2–9, **World, Water and We**, Jönköping (ELMIA AB, Box 6066, 550 06 Jönköping, Sweden).

September 13–16, **Nature Conservation in Norway**, Oslo (Administration for Outdoor Life and Nature Conservation, Ministry of Labour and Municipal Affairs, Kommunaldepartementbat, Oslo Dep, Norway).

September 14–16, **Plastic Pipes**, Southampton (Dr Howard Allen, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Southampton, Southampton C09 5NH).

September 15–18, **Bio-Medical Engineering Exhibition**, London (UTP Exhibitions Ltd, 36–37 Farnival Street, London EC4).

September 21–25, **Plant Protection**, Paris (The Secretariat, Société Française de Phytologie et de Phytopharmacie, 57 Boulevard Lannes, 75 Paris 16e, France).

September 29–October 1, **Advances in Polymer Science and Technology**, London (R. H. Craven, Institution of the Rubber Industry, 4 Kensington Palace Gardens, London W8).

September 30–October 2, **Nature Reserves and their Problems**, Bonn-Bad Godesberg (ABN, 53 Bonn-Bad Godesberg 1, Heerstrasse 110, Federal Republic of Germany).

October 13–14, **Reinforced Thermoplastics**, Solihull (The Plastics Institute, 11 Hobart Place, London SW1).

October 13–15, **Petrochemicals and their Raw Materials in Europe: Present Markets and Future Trends**, Budapest (Mr E. Gaal, c/o Chemolimpex, POB 121, Budapest, Hungary).

October 18–24, **Man in the Park Environment**, Canberra (The Grotto, Lower Basildon, Reading, Berkshire).

May 12–14, 1971, **International Powder Technology and Bulk Solids Conference**, Harrogate (Powtech 71, Powder Advisory Centre, 1 Eldon Square, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 7JG).

May 18–21, 1971, **Electronic Components**, London (Conference Secretary, Electronic Components Board, Mappin House, 4 Winsley Street, London W1N 0DT).

May 31–June 4, 1971, **Biological Aspects of Electrochemistry**, Rome (Professor G. Milazzo, Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Viale Regina Elena 299, 00161 Rome, Italy).

June 14–18, 1971, **Congress of the European Association of Radiology**, Amsterdam (Congress Secretariat, c/o Holland Organizing Centre, 16 Lange Voorhout, The Hague, Holland).

June 27–July 2, 1971, **Improving the Utilization of Energy with Special Reference to Complex Uses**, Bucharest (The Secretary, British National Committee, World Energy Conference, 201–202 Grand Buildings, Trafalgar Square, London WC2).

September 6–11, 1971, **Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy**, Geneva (International Atomic Energy Agency, Karntner Ring 11, PO Box 590, A-1011 Vienna, Austria).

September 13–17, 1971, **Comparative Leukaemia Research**, Padua (Mrs Patricia Segato, Division of Experimental Oncology, Institute of Pathological Anatomy, Via A. Gabelli 35, 35100 Padua, Italy).