

## Appointments

**Lord Nelson of Stafford**, chairman of the General Electric and English Electric companies, has been elected president of the **Institution of Electrical Engineers** for 1970-71.

**Mr F. W. Dunning** has been appointed curator of the **Museum of Practical Geology**, South Kensington, in succession to **Mr A. J. Butler**, who is retiring from the office in order to undertake a special assignment in the Institute of Geological Sciences.

**Dr Stevenson Buchan** will retire as deputy director of the **Institute of Geological Sciences**, South Kensington, in April 1971. He will be succeeded by **Dr A. W. Woodland**, assistant director, Northern Region England and Wales, and head of the Leeds office of the Institute.

## Miscellaneous

**Professor R. R. Haering** of Simon Fraser University has been awarded the **Hertzberg medal** of the Canadian Association of Physicists.

**Mr S. W. K. Morgan, Dr S. E. Woods, Mr J. Lumsden, Mr B. G. Perry and the late Mr L. J. Derham**, of the Imperial Smelting Corporation Ltd, Avonmouth, have won the **Royal Society Mullard award** for 1970 for their outstanding contributions to the concept and development of the zinc blast furnace. The award, which consists of a gold medal and a prize of £1,000, is made annually for an advance in science, engineering or technology which has in the past ten years led directly to national prosperity in the United Kingdom.

The Council of **The Royal Society** has awarded the following fellowships, tenable for two years from October 1: **Mr and Mrs John Jaffe donation research fellowship**, to **Dr A. E. Hill** to study the molecular assembly of an ion pump at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, and the University of Cambridge; **Pickering research fellowship**, to **Dr R. K. Thomas** to continue his work on infrared and photoelectron spectroscopy at the University of Oxford; **Stohtert research fellowships**, to **Mr P. R. Cook** to work on genetic activity in fused cells at the University of Oxford, and to **Dr G. D. Lindsay** to undertake chemical modification studies on insulin at the University of Sussex. The Sorby Research Fund Committee has awarded the **Sorby research fellowship** to **Dr Bridget I. Baker** to study the functions and control of teleost pituitary secretions at the University of Sheffield.

ERRATUM. In the review, "Skyie-Influences", by N. W. Pirie (*Nature*, **227**, 525; 1970), the word "courses" in line 20 of the first paragraph should read "sources", and the word "prebiotic" in line 14 of the second paragraph should read "probiotic".

## International Meetings

September 2-4, **Man-Computer Interaction**, Teddington (Dr Christopher Evans, Conference Organizing Committee, Division of Computer Science, National Physical Laboratory, Teddington, Middlesex).

September 11, **Land Management in the Seventies: Concepts and Models**, Seattle (Land Management Conference, Battelle Seattle Research Center, 4000 NE 41st Street, Seattle, Washington 98105, USA).

September 16-October 24, **Plastics at the Design Centre**, London (The Information Officer, British Plastics Federation, 47 Piccadilly, London, W1V 0DN).

September 20-25, **International Federation of Societies of Cosmetic Chemists Conference**, Barcelona (The General Secretary, International Federation of Societies of Cosmetic Chemists, 56 Kingsway, London WC2).

September 22-24, **Critical Factors in the Application of Diesel Engines**, Southampton (Mrs M. Wyatt, Institution of Mechanical Engineers, 1 Birdcage Walk, Westminster, London SW1).

September 28, **The Theory, Design and Applications of the Optics Technology Inc. Modulation Transfer Function Analyser**, London (Techmation Limited, 58 Edgware Way, Edgware, Middlesex HA8 8JP).

October 6, **New Developments in Lanolin and its Derivatives**, London (The General Secretary, Society of Cosmetic Chemists of Great Britain, 56 Kingsway, London WC2).

October 12-16, **Transports and Communications**, Genoa (Istituto Internazionale delle Comunicazioni, Viale Brigate Partigiane 18, 16129 Genova, Italy).

October 18-21, **Canadian Chemical Engineering Conference**, Sarnia (Canadian Society for Chemical Engineering, 151 Slater Street, Suite 906, Ottawa 4, Ontario, Canada).

October 20-22, **Electricity Distribution**, Edinburgh (Manager, Conference Department, Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London WC2R 0BL).

October 28-29, **Hormonal Regulation of Protein Synthesis in the Liver**, Blindern (Per O. Seglen, Zoologisk Laboratorium, Universitet, Box 1050, Oslo 3, Norway).

December 6-11, **Air Pollution**, Washington (Professor A. C. Stern, Department of Environmental Sciences and Engineering, School of Public Health, University of North Carolina, PO Box 630, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514, USA).

March 9-14, 1971, **The Exploitation of the Oceans**, Bordeaux (Oceanexpo, 8 rue de la Michodière, 75-Paris-2, France).

March 16-18, 1971, **Electrical Safety in Hazardous Environments**, London (Manager, Conference Department, Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London, WC2R 0BL).

March 20-April 2, 1971, **Datafair 71**, Nottingham (Datafair 71 Conference Office, The British Computer Society, 29 Portland Place, London W1).

March 30-April 1, 1971, **Use of Electricity in Process Engineering and Petroleum Technology**, Newcastle upon Tyne (Dr A. Winward, Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Newcastle upon Tyne, Merz Court, Claremont Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 7RU).

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