

Announcements

University News

Dr W. G. Irwin has been appointed to the chair of general practice, **Queen's University of Belfast**.

Dr B. Benjamin, Civil Service College, has been appointed visiting professor of applied statistics in the Graduate Business Centre, **City University**.

Mr G. T. Goodman, University College, Swansea, has been appointed to the chair of applied biology tenable at Chelsea College, **University of London**, and **Dr O. M. Wrong**, University of Dundee, has been appointed to the chair of medicine tenable at University College Hospital Medical School. The title of professor of nutrition has been conferred on **Dr A. E. Bender**, in respect of his post at Queen Elizabeth College.

Appointments

Dr Lionel E. Mawdesley-Thomas has been appointed director of the **Huntingdon Research Centre**.

Mr H. A. Maxwell, **Professor D. H. Valentine**, **Mr Hew Watt**, **Professor A. D. Bradshaw** and **Professor C. D. Pigott** have been appointed members of the **Nature Conservancy**, in succession to **Sir Henry Beresford-Pierse**, **Mr R. B. Verney**, **Professor R. O. Buchanan**, **Professor A. R. Clapham** and **Sir Charles G. Connell**. **Mr A. E. Smith** has succeeded **Mr R. B. Verney** as chairman of the Conservancy's Committee for England and **Professor K. M. Clayton** and **Mr Stanley Cramp** have joined the Committee, from which **Professor J. T. Coppock**, **Dr S. M. Walters** and **Mr J. R. Herbert** have retired.

Miscellaneous

Entries are invited by the **Plastics and Polymer Group of the Society of Chemical Industry** for the annual prize of £50, awarded for the best paper received on any aspect of pure or applied polymer science. Entrants who are not British subjects must be overseas members of the Society, and the entries should be between 3,000 and 5,000 words and in English. Further information is available from the Plastics and Polymer Group, Society of Chemical Industry, 14 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PS.

A travelling scholarship of £300 is offered by the **Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers** for a visit or visits to foreign electrical or electronic research or manufacturing establishments by a postgraduate student. Candidates must submit a programme for their visits by December 31, and must be students or

graduate members of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, the Institution of Electrical Engineers or the Institution of Electronic and Radio Engineers. Further information is available from **Dr A. J. Ellison**, Queen Mary College, Mile End Road, London E1 4NS.

Applications are invited by the **International Agency for Research on Cancer**, Lyon, for training fellowships in 1972-73. The fellowships are awarded for one year and are tenable at a suitable institution abroad. Applicants should be junior scientists who intend to pursue a career in cancer research and who wish to be trained in such research, and the agency is particularly interested in receiving applications for training in epidemiology, biostatistics and all aspects of environmental biology. Further information can be obtained from the chief of the Research Training and Liaison Unit, International Agency for Research on Cancer, 16 Avenue Marechal-Foch, 69 Lyon (6e), France. Applications must reach the agency not later than February 29, 1972.

The 1971 awards of **State Prizes of the USSR** for science and technology include: **L. D. Fadeev**, for his work on the non-relativistic quantum theory of the scattering of charged particles; **E. P. Aksenov** and **G. N. Duboshin**, for their work on the perturbed motion of natural and artificial satellites and of asteroids, and on the formulation of the Earth's gravitational field; **Academician L. A. Artsimovich** and his team for their theoretical and practical work on high-temperature thermonuclear plasma; **Corresponding-Academician D. I. Blokhintsev** and his team for work on the new fast-neutron impulse nuclear reactor; **G. I. Goretskii**, for geological work connected with major hydro-electric projects; **S. A. Popov**, **T. M. Mukhamedov** and their team for investigating the engineering problems involved in the Bakhsh irrigation scheme in Tadjikistan; **Yu. A. Eliseev** and **A. V. Karagin** for innovations in building technology; **G. E. Ovsepyan** and his team for development of the "Nairi" computer; **T. M. Zakharenko**, **A. K. Miloserdnyi**, **I. K. Pokhodnya**, **N. V. Panyushkin**, **V. Kh. Kas'yan**, **I. I. Kershanskii**, **I. P. Brovin**, **P. D. Borodin**, **A. I. Antonov**, **F. S. Borisov**, **I. A. Figurovskii**, **G. B. Karapetyan**, **V. L. Arkhangel'skii**, **I. M. Petukhov**, **S. G. Avershin** and their teams for specific innovations in industry; **Academician G. A. Razubaev** and **N. S. Byzankin** for work on the synthesis of metallo-organic compounds; **K. K. Andreev** and **A. F. Belyaev** for theoretical work on the combustion of explosives; **G. P. Badalov**, **Ya. A. Timoshenko**, **A. T. Vorontsov**, **E. I. Zakharova** and their teams for the development of agricultural machinery; **Academician N. D. Ierusalimskii**, **Corresponding-Academician G. K. Skryabin** and their teams for work on the production of nutrient protein from petroleum wastes; **F. V. Krogius** and his

team for their detailed study of the ecology of Lake Dalnoe (Kamchatka); **E. V. Shmidt** and his team for work on the major vessels of the brain; **Academician B. V. Petrovskii**, **Dr V. I. Shumakov** and their team for the development of kidney transplants; **A. P. Andriyashev**, **E. I. Tolstikov** and their team for their "Atlas of Antarctica"; **Corresponding-Academician R. I. Avanesov** and his team for their work on the linguistic geography of Byelorussia; **A. P. Dul'zon** and his team for their work on the Ket language of Western Siberia and the ethnology of the area; **T. Kh. Margulova** for her book *Atomic Power Stations*, and **A. P. Kreshkov** for his book *Principles of Analytical Chemistry*.

International Meetings

January 3-5, 1972, **The Teaching of Numerical Analysis**, Brighton (The Secretary and Registrar, Maitland House, Warrior Square, Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS1 2JY).

January 4, 1972, **Plant Constituents of Pharmacological Interest**, London (Dr J. B. Harborne, Botany Department, The University, Reading RG1 5AQ).

January 4-5, 1972, **Incineration of Refuse and Sludge**, Southampton (Mr M. A. McSweeney, Symposium on Incineration of Refuse and Sludge, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Southampton, Southampton SO9 5NH).

January 4-6, 1972, **Solid State Physics**, Manchester (Meetings Officer, Institute of Physics, 47 Belgrave Square, London SW1).

January 5, 1972, **Vibration Isolation**, London (Society of Environmental Engineers, 68a Wigmore Street, London W1H 9DL).

January 5-7, 1972, **Design of Laboratories for Work with Toxic and Biological Materials**, Leeds (Director of Special Courses, Department of Adult Education and Extramural Studies, The University, Leeds LS2 9JT).

January 7, 1972, **Sampling of Mineralogical and Geological Materials**, London (The Editor, Institution of Mining and Metallurgy, 44 Portland Place, London W1N 4BR).

January 7-8, 1972, **Blood Flow Measurement**, London (Dr V. C. Roberts, Department of Biomedical Engineering, King's College Hospital Medical School, Denmark Hill, London SE5).

January 10-11, 1972, **The Molecular Basis of Biological Transport**, Miami (Biochemistry-PCRI Winter Symposia, PO Box 906, Biscayne Annex, Miami, Florida 33152, USA).

January 10-12, 1972, **Surface Physics of Semiconductors**, Southampton (Meetings Officer, Institute of Physics, 47 Belgrave Square, London SW1).