

announcements

Appointments

Sir Denys Wilkinson, Professor of Experimental Physics at the University of Oxford, has been appointed Vice-Chancellor of Sussex University.

Professor John B. Goodenough, Leader of the electronic materials group at M.I.T., has been appointed Professor of Inorganic Chemistry at the University of Oxford.

Awards

The Geological Society of London has announced the following awards for 1976:

The **Wollaston Medal** to **Sir Kingsley Dunham**, Foreign Secretary of the Royal Society, an authority on mineral occurrences in Northern England.

The **Murchison Medal** to **Professor R. A. Howie**, King's College, London, for his research on pyroxenes and other minerals and his contribution to teaching.

The **Lyell Medal** to **Mr W. B. Harland**, University of Cambridge, for work in Spitsbergen, contributions to stratigraphy and the geology of tillites and work on orogenesis.

The **Prestwich Medal** to **Professor W. W. Bishop**, Queen Mary College, London, for his studies of mammalian palaeontology and the stratigraphy and geomorphology of Miocene-Pleistocene deposits in East Africa.

International meetings

March 1, Deadline for **Experimental Use of Algal Cultures in Limnology** to take place on October 26-28, in Sandefjord, Norway (Norwegian Institute for Water Research, P.O. Box 333, Blindern, N-Oslo 3, Norway).

March 25-26, A symposium on **The Zoological Society of London 1826-1976 and Beyond**, to be held at the Meeting room of the Zoological Society (Assistant director of Science (UM), Zoological Society of London, Regent's Park, London NW1 4RY, UK).

March 30-April 2, **Sixth Conference on Molecular Spectroscopy**, University of Durham (Institute of Petroleum, 61 New Cavendish Street, London W1M BR, UK).

March 30-April 2, **The Synapse**, St Andrews, Scotland (Dr G. Cottrell, The Wellcome Laboratories, The Gatty Marine Laboratory, St Andrews, Fife, UK).

Person to Person

Joseph Lister, a new biography. I wish to consult letters, diaries, related materials held by friends, former patients, family, especially descendants of Lister's sisters, Isabella Sophie Pim and Jane Harrison, and of James Syme, the Scottish surgeon. **Richard B. Fisher**, 26 St Paul's Road, London, N1. 01-226 2765.

There will be no charge for this service. Send items (not more than 60 words) to Martin Goldman at the London office. The section will include exchanges of accommodation, personal announcements and scientific queries. We reserve the right to decline material submitted. No commercial transactions.

March 31, Deadline for attendance at an **International Symposium on Migraine**, London (The Director, The Migraine Trust, 23 Queen Square, London WC1N 3AY, UK).

March 31-April 2, **Intraocular Foreign Body and Metallosis**, organised by the German Ophthalmological Society, Cologne (Professor Dr H. Neubauer, Universitäts-Augenklinik D 5 Cologne 41, Joseph-Stelzmann-Strasse 9).

April 1-2, **A Symposium on Diabetes and Other Endocrine Disorders During Pregnancy and in the Newborn Infant**, New York City (Professor Maria I. New, Cornell University Medical Center, 525 East 68th Street, New York, N.Y. 10021).

April 5-8, **mRNA: The Relation of Structure to Function**, Gatlinburg, Tennessee (Elliot Volkin, Chairman, Organising Committee, 1976 Biology Research Conference, P.O. Box Y, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830).

April 5-6, **Microscopy of Organic Sediments**, Oxford (The Administrator, Royal Microscopical Society, 37/38 St Clements, Oxford OX4 1AJ, UK).

April 5-8, **Anglo-Dutch Wood Anatomy Meeting**, Oxford University (The Administrator, Royal Microscopical Society, 37/38 St Clements, Oxford OX4 1AJ, UK).

April 5-9, **Fifth European Ophthalmology Congress**, Hamburg (The Congress Secretariat, c/o Holland Organising Centre, 16 Lange Voorhout, The Hague, The Netherlands).

April 5-9, **EMBO Workshop on Thermodynamics and Calorimetric Studies on Biological Systems**, Santa Mar-

gherita Ligure, Genoa (Dr Giovanni Rialdi, c/o Centro Chimica Fisica di Macromolecole Sintetiche e Naturali, Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Istituto di Chimica Industriale, Via Pastore, 3-16132 Genova, Italy).

April 5-9, **The Annual Chemical Congress of the Chemical Society and the Royal Institute of Chemistry**, Glasgow (Dr John F. Gibson, The Chemical Society, Burlington House, London W1V 0BN, UK).

April 6-8, **Components of Protein Synthesis**, Cambridge (Dr A. R. Fersht, M.R.C. Laboratory of Molecular Biology, University Postgraduate Medical School, Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 2QR, UK).

April 6-8, **Advances in Mechanisms of Drug Metabolism and Species Differences in Drug Metabolism—from Microbe to Man**, Guildford (Dr L. J. King, Department of Biochemistry, University of Surrey, Guildford, Surrey GU2 5XH, UK).

April 6-9, **Biology and Systematics of Colonial Organisms**, Durham (Dr B. Rosen, Department of Palaeontology, British Museum (Nat. Hist.), London SW7 SBD, UK).

April 7-9, **A Symposium on Endocytosis and Intracellular Digestion**, organised by the British Society for Cell Biology/Lysosome Club, Nottingham (Dr T. R. Ricketts, Department of Botany, School of Biological Sciences, University of Nottingham, Nottingham NG7 2RD, UK).

April 8-9, The British Institute of Radiology announces its **34th Annual Congress and Scientific Exhibition**, London (The General Secretary, The British Institute of Radiology, 32 Welbeck Street, London W1M 7PG, UK).

April 8-9, **Moisture in Solid Materials in the Process Industries**, jointly organised by SIRA and The Koninklijk Instituut van Ingenieurs (Netherlands), Delft (Mrs R. G. Keiller, SIRA Institute Ltd, South Hill, Chislehurst, Kent BR7 5EH, UK).

April 8-9, **The Ordinary Meeting of the Royal Astronomical Society**, Manchester (The General Secretary of the Royal Astronomical Society, Burlington House, London W1V 0NL, UK).

April 30, Deadline for abstracts, **The Stratosphere and Related Problems**, Logan, Utah, on September 15-17 (Dr Wesley T. Huntress, Jr, Executive Secretary, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, M/S 183-401, 4800 Oak Grove Drive, Pasadena, California 91103).