

# announcements

## Appointment

Mr E. S. Booth, CBE, MEng, FRS, Chairman of the Yorkshire Electricity Board, Leeds, will take over as President of the Institution of Electrical Engineers for 1976/77.

## Awards

The Association for Radiation Research has awarded the 1976 Weiss Medal to Dr Ulrich Hagen of the Institute of Radiobiology in the Nuclear Research Centre, Karlsruhe for his work on the effects of radiation on biological molecules.

The University of Chicago has awarded the first George Willard Wheland award to Professor M. J. S. Dewar of the University of Texas for his achievement in introducing new concepts from quantum mechanics into university courses on organic chemistry.

## Meetings

November 8–10, **Function and Biosynthesis of Lipids** (Sponsored by the IUB and PAABS), Sierra de la Ventana, Argentina (Dr Nicolas G. Bazan, Chicla 508,8000 Bahia Blanca, Argentina).

November 11–12, **Scientific and Technical Publishing in a Multilingual Society**, Luxembourg (Mr J. M. Gibb, DG XIII, European Centre, Kirchberg, Luxembourg).

November 22–26, **Corrosion Problems, Prevention and Practice**, Auckland, New Zealand (Conference Chairman, Australasian Corrosion Association, PO Box 5961, Wellesley Street, Auckland, New Zealand).

December 10, **New Aspects of Epithelial Transport**, London (The Secretary, Dept of Physiology, King's College, London).

December 28–31, **Coconut Research and Development**, Kasaragod, Kerala State, India (N. M. Nayar, CPCRI Regional Station, Vittal 574 243, Karnataka State, India).

January 11, 1977, **Corrosion in Agriculture**, Nottingham (B. Wilton, School of Agriculture, Sutton Bonington, Loughborough, Leics.).

January 26–28, 1977, **Electrical Properties of Biological Polymers, Water and Membranes**, New York (The Conference Director, The New York Academy of Sciences, 2 East 63rd

## Person to Person

Myocrisin (sodium aurothiomalate) is said to photosensitise the skin of some patients. Any information concerning such an effect in humans or animals treated with drugs containing gold would be appreciated by Dr R. J. Wilkins, Dept. of Microbiology, University of Otago Medical School, Dunedin, New Zealand.

Smithsonian Fellowships will be awarded to support independent research in residence at the Smithsonian Institution using the collections, facilities, and laboratories and pertaining to research interests of the Smithsonian research staff (anthropology, biology, the earth sciences and the history of science and technology). Fellowships worth \$10,000 p.a. and research allowances, are granted to postdoctoral scholars, and predoctoral fellowships, of \$5,000 and research allowances, may be granted to doctoral candidates. Applications are due by January 15, 1977.

A limited number of Research Fund grants, (of ~£100) will be awarded for 1977. Application forms, together with the regulations governing the awards, may be obtained from the Education Officer, The Chemical Society, Burlington House, London W1V 0BN, and the closing date for applications is November 1, 1976.

Three awards (consisting of a silver medal and 250 guineas) for work in chemistry will be made to the British chemists who have published the most meritorious contributions in their fields of experimental chemistry. The rules for the award may be obtained from the Local Activities Officer of the Chemical Society, Burlington House, London W1V 0BN. Applications or recommendations must be received by December 31, 1976.

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.

Street, New York, New York 10021). April 18–20, 1977, **Chemical and Molecular Lasers**, St Louis, Missouri (Deadline for abstracts: January 10, 1977) (Dr W. Q. Jeffers, Helios Inc., PO Box 2190, Boulder, Colorado 80302).

April 18–22, 1977, **Molecular Beams**, Amsterdam (A. E. de Vries, FOM-Institute, Kruislaan 407, Amsterdam, The Netherlands).

April 20–27, 1977, **First International Conference of Science Editors**, Jerusalem (Miriam Balaban, PO Box 4059, Jerusalem, Israel).

May 4–6, 1977, **Ozone Technology**, Paris (Deadline for abstracts: October 31) (International Ozone Institute, European Committee Secretariat, 52 rue d'Anjou, 75384 Cedex 08 Paris, France).

July 24–30, 1977, **40th Annual Meeting of the Meteoritical Society**, Cambridge, UK (Dr E. R. D. Scott, Department of Mineralogy and Petrology, Downing Place, Cambridge CB2 3EW).

August 15–19, 1977, **International Conference on Applied General Systems Research: Recent Developments and Trends**, Binghamton, New York (George J. Klir, School of Advanced Technology, State University of New York, Binghamton, New York 13901).

August 30–September 1, 1977, **Dopamine** (ISN satellite symposium) (Dr P. J. Roberts, Department of Physiology and Biochemistry, University of Southampton, Southampton SO9 3TU, UK).

September 13–16, 1977, **Unconventional Photographic Systems**, Oxford (G. W. Smith, Ozalid (UK) Ltd, Langston Road, Loughton, Essex, UK).

September 14–16, 1977, **Quantum Electronics**, Southampton (Deadline for papers: May 31) (Dr H. C. Hanna, Department of Electronics, University of Southampton, Southampton, Hants SO9 5NH).

September 28–30, 1977, **Platelets: a Multidisciplinary Approach**, Florence (Dr G. de Gaetano, Laboratory for Haemostasis and Thrombosis, Istituto di Ricerche Farmacologiche 'Mario Negri', Via Eritrea, 62–20157 Milano, Italy).

October 7–11, 1977, **Essential Oils**, Kyoto, Japan (Mr Yasumasa Kato, Secretary General, VII International Congress of Essential Oils, c/o Kyoto International Conference Hall, Takaraike Sakyo-ku Kyoto, 606 Japan).