

announcements

Appointments

Professor C. C. Booth has been appointed by the Medical Research Council to succeed Sir Graham Bull as Director of the Clinical Research Centre, Northwick Park, Harrow.

Awards

The **Paul Martini Award** has been increased to 20,000 DM. The award is for development of scientific methods for evaluation in the clinical, pharmacological and therapeutic fields. Papers should be sent with six copies to the Medizinisch Pharmazeutisch Studiengesellschaft e.V., Humboldtstrasse 94, D 6000 Frankfurt. The competition deadline will be April 30, 1977.

Meetings

March 23–25, **Nuclear Physics**, Surrey (Institute of Physics, 47 Belgrave Square, London SW1).

March 23–25, **The Challenge of Change**, York (Institute of Information Scientists, S. Nichol, 'Rivendell', Southfield Road, Driffield, North Humberside).

March 26–April 5, **Genetics, Evolution and Ecology of Marine Organisms**, Venice (J. A. Beardmore, University College of Swansea; P. Battaglia, University of Padua).

March 28–April 1, **Chemistry in Our Lives**, London (The Chemical Society, Burlington House, London W1).

April 4–7, **Displays for Man-Machine Systems**, Lancaster (Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London WC2).

April 15–16, **Stadler Genetics Symposium**, Columbia, Missouri (117, Curtis Hall, University of Missouri, Columbia Mo 65201).

May 3, **Crop Protection**, Gent, Belgium (Ir. W. Dejonckheere, Agricultural Sciences, University of Gent, Belgium).

May 25–27, **The Testis**, Toronto (I. B. Fritz, University of Toronto, 112 College St, Toronto, Ontario M5G 1L6, Canada).

May 31–June 2, **Pharmaceutical Technology**, Paris (Association de Pharmacie Galenique Industrielle, Rue J. B. Clement 92290 Chatenay-Malebry, France).

June 1–3, **Frequency Control**, Atlantic City, New Jersey (J. R. Vig, US Army Electronics Command, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey 07703).

Person to Person

Surrey–Minneapolis, St Paul. 4-bedroomed house in Frensham near Farnham, Surrey, offered in exchange for similar sized house in Minneapolis, St Paul, from March 1977 for one year. Frensham is a village in delightful countryside within commuting distance of London by train. The Universities of Surrey and Reading are within 30-min drive. Contact Dr J. N. Gibbs, Dragon Lodge, Millbridge, Frensham, Surrey.

Wanted: copy of *The History of the Study of Landforms*, vol. 1, *Geomorphology Before Davis*, by R. J. Chorley, A. J. Dunn & R. P. Beckinsale (Methuen, London, 1964). Please state condition and price to Dr P. J. Smith, Department of Earth Sciences, Open University, Walton, Milton Keynes, UK.

There will be no charge for this service. Send items (not more than 60 words) to Marcus Dobbs 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.

July 5, **Solar Energy Conversion**, London (P. T. Landsberg, The University, Southampton).

July 17–20, **International Metallographic Society**, Houston, Texas (IMSI, Evanston, Illinois 60204).

July 25–28, **Myxobacteria**, Norwich (J. H. Parish, Biochemistry, University of Leeds, UK).

August 15–17, **Endocrine Functions of the Testis**, Austin, Texas (Society for the Study of Reproduction, 113 North Neil St, Champaign, Illinois 61820).

August 21–September 3, **Genome Organisation and Function**, Spetsai, Summer School (H. G. Zachau, Institut für Physiologische Chemie, Physikalische Biochemie und Zellbiologie, Goethestrasse 33, D-8000 München 2).

August 23–26, **Chemical Thermodynamics**, Ronneby, Sweden (IUPAC Conference, S. Sunner, Chemical Centre, Lund University, PO Box 740, S-22007, Lund, Sweden).

August 24–26, **High Polymers**, Ottawa (J. Roovers, 19th Canadian High Polymer Forum NRCC, Division of Chemistry, Ottawa, Ontario KIA 0R9, Canada).

September 1–2, **Cancer Immunotherapy and Prophylaxis**, Bucharest (Oncological Institute, P.O. Box 5916, Bucharest 12, Romania).

September 5–9, **Precise Electrical Measurement**, London (Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London WC2).

October 2–8, **Physical and Chemical Information Transfer in Regulation of Reproduction and Ageing**, Varna, Bulgaria (J. G. Vassileva-Popova, Biophysics, Bulgarian Academy of Science, 1113 Sophia, Bulgaria).

October 17–20, **European Society for Radiation Biology**, Liège, Belgium (R. Goutier, 32 Boulevard de la Constitution, B-4020 Liège, Belgium).

October 31–November 4, **Radioimmunoassay**, Berlin (E. H. Belcher, Medical Applications Section, IAEA, Kartner Ring 11, PO Box 590, A 1011, Vienna, Austria).

April 4–7, 1978, **Communications Equipment and Systems**, Birmingham (Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London WC2).

Reports and Publications

UK & Ireland–November

National Radiological Protection Board. NRPB R42: Radiological Protection Tests for Products which can Lead to Exposure of the Public to Ionising Radiation. By Marion D. Hill, A. D. Wrixon and B. T. Wilkins. Pp. 16. (Harwell, Didcot, Oxon: National Radiological Protection Board, 1976.) [11]

Proceedings of the Royal Irish Academy. Vol. 76, Section B. No. 19: Bird Communities of some Killarney Woodlands. By L. A. Batten. Pp. 285–314. 87p. No. 20: Variation in Invertebrate Community Structure in Three Freshwater Habitats in Ireland, as Described by an Index of Species Diversity. By E. Fahy. Pp. 315–322. 42p. No. 21: A Woodland Population of Small Rodents (*Apodemus sylvaticus* (L) and *Clethrionomys glareolus* Schreber) at Adare, Co. Limerick. By J. S. Fairley and J. M. Jones. Pp. 323–336. 63p. No. 22: Explosion Breccias and Related Features in the Leinster Caledonian Massif, South-East Ireland. By J. C. Brindley, L. N. Gupta and P. S. Kennan. Pp. 337–348. plate 12. 60p. (Dublin: Royal Irish Academy, 1976.) [21]

University College of Wales, Aberystwyth. Report of the Welsh Plant Breeding Station for 1975. Pp. 145. (Plas Gogerddan, Near Aberystwyth: Welsh Plant Breeding Station, 1976.) £1. [31]

Environmental Conservation in Action: Oil and Gas. (Shell Briefing Service.) Pp. 8. (London: Shell International Petroleum Co., Ltd., 1976.) [31]

A Correlation of Dinantian Rocks in the British Isles. By T. N. George, G. A. L. Johnson, M. Mitchell, J. R. Prentice, W. H. C. Ramsbottom, G. D. Sevastopulo and R. B. Wilson. Pp. 87. (Special Report No. 7). (London: Geological Society of London, 1976.) £3.50; \$7.50. [51]

Potato Marketing Board, Annual Report and Accounts 1976. Pp. 36. (London: Potato Marketing Board, 50 Hans Crescent, SW1, 1976.) [81]

The Family Planning Association. 44th Report and Accounts, 1975–1976. Pp. 29. (London: Family Planning Association, 27/35 Mortimer Street, W1, 1976.) [81]

The British Library, Science Reference Library. Periodicals on Ornithology held by the SRL. Pp. 14. (London: Science Reference Library, 1976.) [81]

Edwards' Freeze-Drying Handbook. By Terence W. G. Rowe and John W. Snowman. Pp. 113. (Crawley: Edwards High Vacuum, 1976.) [81]

An Illustrated Key to Freshwater and Soil Amoebae with notes on Cultivation and Ecology. By F. C. Page. Pp. 155. (Scientific Publication No. 34.) (Ambleside, Cumbria: Freshwater Biological Association, 1976.) £2.50. [101]