

announcements

Appointments

Professor G. E. Fogg, as President of the Institute of Biology.

Dr E. F. Henzell, as Chief of the CSIRO Division of Tropical Crops and Pastures, Brisbane.

Awards

Gordon A. Riley is winner of the annual AAAS-Rosenstiel Award in the Oceanographic Science. The prize of \$5,000 was awarded to Dr Riley for pioneering the concept of the ocean as a biological system interacting with physics and chemistry.

Meetings

9-10 March, **6th Technical Seminar**, Manchester (J. Dunmore, National Society for Clean Air, 136 North Street, Brighton, UK).

10-11 March, **Telecommunications in the 1980s and After**, London (P. B. Carter, The Royal Society, 6 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1).

16-17 March, **The Terrestrial Ecology of Aldabra**, London (P. B. Carter, The Royal Society).

16 March, **Surface and Sub-surface Analytical Techniques**, London (The Institute of Physics, 47 Belgrave Square, London SW1).

22-24 March, **Annual Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion Conference**, New Orleans (D. F. Myer, OTEC Conference, University of New Orleans, Louisiana 70122).

31 March-2 April, **Industrial Drug Discovery-Factors Governing its Effectiveness**, York (R. W. Brimblecombe, Smith, Kline & French Laboratories, Welwyn Garden City, UK).

31 March-1 April, **PAG Symposium on Safety of Single Cell Protein for Animal and Human Feeding**, Milan (S. Garattini, Istituto di Ricerche Farmacologiche 'Mario Negri', via Eritrea, 62-20157 Milano, Italy).

12-16 April, **Development and Differentiation in the Cellular Slime Moulds**, Porto Conte, Sardinia (J. M. Ashworth, University of Essex, UK).

28 April, **Electronics in Transport**, London (Institute of Physics, 47 Belgrave Square, London SW1).

8-12 May, **68th Annual Spring Meeting**, New York (American Oil Chemists Society, 508 South 6th Street, Champaign, Illinois 61820).

5-9 June, **Nutritional Factors in Differentiation / Mechanisms of Cellular Control**, New Orleans (F. H. Kasten, Louisiana State University Medical Center, 1100 Florida Avenue, New Orleans, La 70119).

27 June-1 July, **Enzymes and their Use in Analysis and Clinical Diagnosis**, Cambridge Mass. (Director, Room E19-356, MIT, Cambridge, Mass. 02139).

30 June, **Laser Processing of Engineering Materials**, Slough, UK (Fulmer Research Institute Ltd / UKAEA, J. H. C. Maple, UKAEA Culham Laboratory, Abingdon, Oxon, UK).

9-14 July, **10th International Congress on Sedimentology**, Jerusalem (G. Gvirtzman, Israel Geological Survey, 30 Malkhei Street, Jerusalem 95501, Israel).

3-5 August, **26th Annual Conference on Applications of X-ray Analysis**, Denver (M. Cain, Denver Research Institute, University of Denver, Colorado 80208).

Person to Person

Oil aerosols may be a potential safety hazard and R. D. Athey remembers a newspaper report of pneumonia induced by a medicinal vaporiser. Readers recalling fuller details of this report, or with information on the constitution of oil aerosols likely to produce pneumonia are asked to contact R. D. Athey, 3122 Athens Road, Silver Lake Village, Ohio 44224.

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21-27 August, **5th International Conference on Birth Defects**, Montreal (The Secretariat, c/o Holland Organising Centre, 16, Lange Voorhout, The Hague, the Netherlands).

21 August-3 September, **Molecular Physics of Liquid Crystals**, Cambridge, UK (G. R. Luckhurst, Chemistry, The University, Southampton, UK).

5-9 September, **Immunity in Parasitic Diseases: Antigens and Immune Mechanisms**, Grignon-Yvelines, France (Secretary, Laboratoire d'Immunologie INRA F-78850, Thiverval-Grignon, France).

11-16 September, **11th World Congress of Neurology**, Amsterdam (The Secretariat, c/o Holland Organising Centre, 16 Lange Voorhout, The Hague, The Netherlands).

4-7 October, **Hormones and Cell Regulation**, Bishenberg, France (J. E. Dumont, Bishenberg-IRIBHN-Faculté de Médecine 20, rue Evers B-1000, Brussels, Belgium).

10-13 October, **25th International Meeting on Transportation and Communications**, Genoa (International Institute of Communication, Villa Piaggio, Via Pertinace, 16125 Genoa, Italy).

March 7-10, 1978, **Maritime and Aeronautical Satellite Communication and Navigation**, London (Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London, WC2).

April 10-12, 1978, **Private Electronic Switching Systems**, London (Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London, WC2).

23-28 April 1978, **3rd International Symposium on the Natural Radiation Environment**, Houston (T. F. Gesell, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, PO Box 20186 Houston, Texas 77025).

May 6-12, 1978, **11th Commonwealth Mining and Metallurgy Congress**, Hong Kong (M. J. Jones, Institution of Mining and Metallurgy, 44 Portland Place, London, W1).

Reports and Publications

Other countries-December

Prescription Drug Industry-- Factbook '76. Pp. iii + 86. (Washington, DC: Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association, 1155 Fifteenth Street, 1976.) [1712]
National Research Council Canada. Associate Committee on Scientific Criteria for Environmental Quality. NRCC No. 15385: *Bacillus thuringiensis*: Its Effect on Environmental Quality. Prepared by C. W. Forsberg, with contributions by Margaret Henderson, Ellen Henry and J. R. Roberts. Pp. 134. (Ottawa: Publications, NRCC/CNRC, 1976.) \$2. [1712]
CERN: European Organization for Nuclear Research. CERN 76-19: Geodesy and Metrology at CERN--a Source of Economy for the SPS Programme. By J. Gervaise. Pp. v + 19. (Geneva: CERN, 1976.) [1712]

Fisheries Research Board of Canada. Annual Report 1975. Pp. 20. (Ottawa: Environment Canada, Fisheries and Marine Service, 1976.) [1212]

Education in Nutrition for Physicians and Dentists: An Annotated Bibliography. Pp. xx + 127. (Washington, DC: The Nutrition Foundation, 888 Seventeenth Street, NW, 1976.) \$2. [1212]

Magneto-crystalline and Uniaxial Anisotropy in Epitaxial (110) Ni and Ni-Fe Thin Films. Edited by G. Matsumoto. Pp. 87. (Sapporo, Japan: Research Institute of Applied Electricity, Hokkaido University, 1976.) [1212]

Smithsonian Contributions to Zoology, No. 249: On the Troglitic Shrimps of the Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico (Decapoda: Atyidae and Palaemonidae). By H. H. Hobbs, III, and Horton H. Hobbs, Jr. Pp. iii + 20. (Washington, DC: Smithsonian Institution Press, 1976. For sale by US Government Printing Office.) [1212]

Consensus Among Experts: The Untold Grail. By Louis Lasagna. Pp. 12. (Rochester, New York: The Center for the Study of Drug Development, 1976.) [1212]
National Research Council Canada. Annual Report on Scholarships and Grants in Aid of Research, 1975/1976. Pp. 582. (Ottawa: National Research Council of Canada, 1976.) \$2.50. [1212]