

announcements

Appointments

Dr J. H. Steele, to Director of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, October 1977, from his position as Deputy Director of the Marine Laboratory of Agriculture and Fisheries for Scotland.

Dr D. Silverleaf, to Director of Resource Planning, a new post in the Central Electricity Board's recently formed Research Division, from Director of Resource Planning in the South Western Region.

Awards

The French Society of Physics has granted its awards for 1977. The Jean-Ricard Physics Award was received by Roger Balian for his work at the Saclay Centre for Nuclear Studies (Commission for Atomic Energy). Roger Balian is a theoretician of many particle systems and has worked on various subjects from nuclear physics to the physics of condensed matter. He also did research on helium 3 and wave behaviour.

The Jean-Perrin Award for the Popularisation of Science was shared by Robert Clarke and Nicolas Skrotzky from France-Culture.

The Robin Award, generally granted to a physicist for the whole of his work, went to M. P. Cagnac, a specialist in atomic physics teaching at the Paris VI University.

American scientists Seymour Benzer, a biologist, and John Dyson, a physicist, are the 1977 recipients of the Harvey Prize. Seymour Benzer, Professor of Biology at the California Institute of Technology, receives the Harvey Prize in Human Health for his discoveries in molecular and behavioural genetics, and John Dyson, Professor of Physics at the Institute of Advanced Studies, Princeton, receives the Harvey Prize in Science and Technology for his work in the fields of quantum electrodynamics, ferromagnetism, field theory, static mechanics and the stability of matter.

The Institute of Physics, London, and the German Physical Society announce the award of the 1977 Max Born Medal and Prize to Professor W. E. Spear of Dundee University, for his work on charge transport in non-crystalline semiconductors.

The Biochemical Analysis Prize (10,000 DM) donated every two years by Boehringer, Mannheim, BRD, for outstanding work in the field of biochemical instrumentation and analysis. The presentation will take place during the 1978 Analytical Biochemistry conference in Munich from 18 to 21 April. One or several papers concerning one theme, either published or accepted for publication between 1 October 1975 and 30 September 1977, may be sent in triplicate to Professor I. Trautschold, Secretary of the Biochemical Analysis Prize, Medizinische Hochschule Hanover, Karl-Wiechert-Allee 9, 3000 Hannover 61, BRD, by 15 November 1977.

Person to Person

Exchange 3-bedroom house in Mill Valley, Marin County, California, for similar in north Oxford or nearby for one year beginning August/September 1977. Easy commute to San Francisco. Contact David Martin, Jr, Department of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco, California 94143.

Exchange 3-bedroom house easy access Adelaide, Australia, for similar in London area, December 1977 to January 1979. Contact A. Grady, School of Earth Sciences, Flinders University of S.A., Bedford Park, South Australia 5042.

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.

Meetings

18-20 July, **1977 Summer Computer Simulation Conference**, Chicago, Illinois (G. Graber, Treasurer 1977 SCSC, Applied Dynamics International Inc., 3800 Stone School Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104, USA).

7-12 August, **1st International Congress for the Study of Child Language**, Tokyo, Japan (F. C. C. Peng, International Christian University, 10-2, 3 Chome, Osawa, Mitaka, Tokyo 181, Japan).

23-24 July, **4th ICU Symposium on Sociolinguistics**, Tokyo, Japan (Department of Linguistics, International Christian University, 10-2, 3 Chome, Osawa, Mitaka, Tokyo 181 Tokyo, Japan).

30-31 July, **2nd International Symposium on Pedolinguistics**, Tokyo, Japan (Department of Linguistics, International Christian University, 10-2, 3 Chome, Osawa, Mitaka, Tokyo 181, Japan).

25-28 August, **The Linderstrom-Lang Conference 1977 on Biochemical Control Mechanisms of Respiration at the Molecular and Tissue Level**, Espoo, Finland (Department of Medical Chemistry, University of Helsinki, Sittavuorenpenger 10, SF-00170 Helsinki 17, Finland).

25-30 August, **International Conference on Chemical Education**, Ljubljana, Yugoslavia (International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, University of Chemistry, RCPU, PO Box 18/1, 61001 Ljubljana, Yugoslavia).

26-30 August, **85th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association**, San Francisco (Information Office, American Psychological Association, 1200 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036, USA).

4-17 September, **Training Course on Membrane Biophysics and Biochemistry**, Cambridge, UK (V. L. Lew, Physiological Laboratory, Downing Street, Cambridge, UK).

8-9 September, **Conference on The Mechanics of Granular Materials**, London, UK (The Institute of Mathematics and its Applications, Maitland House, Warrior Square, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, UK).

11-24 September, **Summer School—Thermal Neutron Scattering**, Harwell, UK (B. T. M. Willis, MPD/521.2, AERE Harwell, Didcot, Oxon, UK).

19-21 September, **Biennial Polymer Physics Conference**, Shrivernham, UK (Institute of Physics, 47 Belgrave Square, London SW1, UK).

26-29 September, **1st BOC Priestly Conference on Heterogeneous Oxidation**, Leeds, UK (J. T. Cleave, Special Courses Division, Department of Adult Education and Extramural Studies, University of Leeds, Leeds, UK).

26-29 September, **6th Europhysics Conference on Macromolecular Physics, Phase Transitions in Bulk Polymers**, Varna, Bulgaria (M. Mihailov, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Central Laboratory for Polymers, EPS Conference, 1113 Sofia, Bulgaria).

29 September, **Symposium on Food Contamination**, Manchester, UK (G. A. Barker, CPC (United Kingdom) Ltd, Trafford Park, Manchester 17, UK).