

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Awards

**Georges Köhler** (Basle Institute of Immunology) has been awarded the Albion O. Bernstein M. D. Prize for 1980 by the New York Medical Association.

**Dr Günther Ohloff** (Switzerland) is to receive the 1980 Hackforth-Jones Award for his work in perfumery chemistry.

**Dr Arthur Kornberg**, (Stanford University) has been awarded the 1981 Forteza Gold Medal by the Institute for Cell Research of the Caja de Ahorros de Valencia, Spain.

In the Chemical Writers' Awards BASF in association with the SCI have announced that **Peter Grange** (technical editor of *British Plastics & Rubber*); is Chemical Writer of the Year; **Mike Hyde** (editor, *Chemical Insight*) is Chemical Reporter of the Year; **John Murphy** (editor, *Plastics Industry Europe*) is Chemical Application Writer of the Year; and **David McDonald** (editor, *International Pest Control*) is Agrochemical Writer of the Year.

## Appointments

**Trevor W. Cole** has been appointed the P. N. Russell Professor of Electrical Engineering at the University of Sydney, Australia.

**Dr J. L. Hall**, reader in plant physiology in the University of Sussex has been appointed to a Chair of Biology in the University of Southampton with effect from 1 April 1981.

New members of the Directorate of the CERN Laboratory in Geneva include: director general, **Professor H. Schopper**; research directors, **Professor R. Klapisch** (France), **Dr Erwin Gabathuler** (UK); technical director, **Dr G. Brianti** (Italy); LEP Project Leader, **Dr E. Picasso** (Italy); administrative director, **Dr R. F. Heyn** (Netherlands).

## Meetings

13-16 April, **88th Health Congress**, London (Royal Society of Health, 13 Grosvenor Place, London SW1, UK).

29-30 April, **Gauge Theories of the Fundamental Interactions**, London (The Royal Society, 6 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1, UK).

4-7 May, **Emerging Environmental Solutions for the Eighties**, Los Angeles (Institute of Environmental Sciences, 940 East Northwest Highway, Mt Prospect, Illinois 60056).

6-7 May, **Monoclonal Antibodies and Ultrasensitive Immunoassay in Human Diagnosis and Monitoring of Therapy**, Gardone Riviera (RIA 81, Fondazione Giovanni Lorenzini, Via Monte Napoleone, 23, 20121 Milan, Italy).

8-9 May, **Calcitropic Hormones Methods and Clinical Applications**, Gardone Riviera (RIA 81, Fondazione Giovanni Lorenzini, Via Monte Napoleone, 23, 20121 Milan, Italy).

10-16 May, **The Structure and Development of the Greenland — Scotland Ridge**, Bressanone (Prof. Svend Saxov, Laboratory of Geophysics, Aarhus University, Finlandsgade 6-8, DK-8200 Aarhus N, Denmark).

14 May, **Ores in Sediments: Mineralising Fluids**, London (Geological Society of London, Burlington House, London W1, UK).

11-15 May, **Remote Sensing of Environment** Ann Arbor (Ann Arbor Conference & Visitors Bureau, 207 East Washington St, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106).

14-18 May, **Reproductive Immunology**, Banff (Dr T. G. Wegmann, Division of continuing Medical Education, 12-103 Clinical Sciences Bldg, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6G 2G3).

18-22 May, **Ground based Spacecraft Flight Dynamics Operations**, Darmstadt (R. E. Münch, esoc, Robert-Bosch-Strasse 5, 6100 Darmstadt, FRG).

19-21 May, **Telecommunications Energy Conference**, London (IEE, Savoy Place, London WC2, UK).

1-13 June, **Methods of Immunological Research and Diagnosis**, Buffalo (James F. Mohn, The Ernest Witelsky Center for Immunology, State University of New York at Buffalo, 210 Sherman Hall, Buffalo, New York 14212).

2 June, **Geothermal Studies**, Southampton (Geological Society of London, Burlington House, London W1, UK).

8 June, **High Pressure as a Reagent and an Environment**, Washington DC (Dr Robert S. Shane, 7821 Carreigh Parkway, Springfield, Virginia 22152).

10-12 June, **Leukotrienes and Other Lipoxigenase products**, Florence (Fondazione Giovanni Lorenzini, Via Monte Napoleone 23, 20121 Milan, Italy).

16-17 June, **Chromatography in Biochemistry, Medicine and Environmental Research**, Venice (Dr A. Frigerio, Mario Negri Institute for Pharmacological Research, Via Eritrea, 62-20157 Milan, Italy).

18-19 June, **Mass Spectrometry in Biochemistry, Medicine and Environmental Research**, Venice (Dr A. Frigerio, Mario Negri Institute for Pharmacological Research, Via Eritrea, 62-20157, Milan Italy).

## New ventures

A new service has been launched by Harwell which makes the Laboratory's neutron beam facilities available to industry for research into materials problems. The service, based on Harwell's DIDO and PLUTO materials testing reactors, provides a range of techniques — radiography, crystal diffraction, small angle scattering and vibrational spectroscopy — for the investigation of materials properties. Further details from: Peter Schofield, Materials Physics Division, AERE Harwell, Didcot, Oxon OX11 0RA, UK.

A new company Merseyside Laboratories has been formed to manufacture and distribute peptides, amino acid derivatives, resins, anti-sera and reagents and catalysts for asymmetric synthesis. Merseyside Laboratories also has a custom peptide synthesis service. This company is the UK and European distributor of peptides manufactured by Peninsula Laboratories, California. Further information from: Merseyside Laboratories, PO Box 62, 21 Aston Court, Kingsland Grange, Woolston, Warrington WA1 4SL, UK.

London-based Scientific and Technical Book Services Ltd have acquired world distribution rights in English for two Chinese scientific journals. *Science in China* (Scientia Sinica) and *Science Bulletin* (Kexue Tongbao). Further information from: Jennifer Clarkson, Gordon & Breach, 41/42 William IV St, London WC2N 4DE, UK.

The *Journal of Psychophysical Systems* commences publication shortly, with the object of promoting research into the behaviour of systems in which the presence of psychic factors cannot be ignored. Further information from: Prof. D. F. Lawden, Dept of Mathematics, University of Aston, Gosta Green, Birmingham B4 7ET, UK.

Elsevier announces a new bi-monthly publication *Applied Catalysis*, an international journal devoted to catalytic science and its applications. Sample copies from: Elsevier Scientific Publishing Company, PO Box 330, 1000 AH Amsterdam, The Netherlands.