ANNOUNCEMENTS

Awards

Dr Alvin M. Weinberg (Oak Ridge and Sir Rudolf E. Peierls (Oxford) have been selected to receive the US Department of Energy's Enrico Fermi Award for 1980.

Dr Seymour A. Papert (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) has been awarded the Seventh Marconi International Fellowship for his work in computer education.

The William Bate Hardy Prize of the Cambridge Philosophical Society has been awarded to **Dr** C **Milstein** (Fitzwilliam College) for his distinguished work on monoclonal antibody techniques.

The Zoological Society of London has made the following awards for contributions to zoology in 1980: The Scientific Medal to Dr J. M. Elliot (Freshwater Biological Association, Ambleside); The Stamford Raffles Award to Dr A. J. Woakes (University of Birmingham); The Zoological Society of London Frink Medal for British Zoologists to Professor W. H. Thorpe (University of Cambridge); The Prince Philip Prize to James Burton (of King's College, Taunton).

The André Lichtwitz Prize (10,000 French Francs) is awarded every year by INSERM for distinguished clinical or fundamental research on calcium and phosphorus metabolism carried out by a French or foreign scientist (or a team). Applicants who have previously applied are allowed to apply again. Details from: Director of INSERM (c/o Mile C. CHIROL, 101 rue deTolbiac75645 Paris Cedex 13, France).

Appointments

Arthur L. Schawlow (Stanford University) has been appointed President of The American Physical Society.

Professor Graham Milbourn has been appointed Director of the National Institute of Agricultural Botany at Cambridge.

Gordon Bell who has been Director of the Royal Observatory, Hong Kong for the past 15 years retired in Janaury, to be succeeded by Mr.J. E. Peacock. Mr Bell has been appointed to the newly created post of Science Adviser to the Hong Kong Government.

Dr George Stewart, has been appointed to the Chair of Petroleum Engineering at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, in succession to **Professor James Brown**, who retires on 31 March 1981.

The University of Newcastle upon Tyne has made the following appointments: **Dr F. K. Kong** to the Chair of Structural Engineering from 1 September 1981, and **Dr C. J. Hull** to the Chair of Anaesthesia from 1 January 1981 and to the Headship of the Department of Anaesthesia from 1 January 1981 to 30 September 1986.

Dr Anthony G. Atkins has been appointed Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Reading University from 1 March 1981.

Meetings

5-8 October, Hormones and Cell Regulation, Bischoffsheim (Dr G. Schultz, Pharmakologisches Institut der Universität Heidelberg, im Neuenheimer Feld 366, D-6900, Heidelberg, Germany).

5 October — 6 November, Land Use Planning and Environment Applications, Flagstaff (J. A. Reinemeund, US Geological Survey, National Center — M/S 917, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Viginia 22092, USA).

6-9 October, Safety in Communications and Transport, Genoa (IIC, Via Pertinace, Villa Piaggio, 16125 Genoa, Italy).

5-10 October, Tropical Ecology and Resources Management, Shopal (Prof. K. C. Misra, Secretary ISTE, Dept of Botany, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi-221005, India).

6-10 October, Microprocessors in Control of Mechanical Function, Leeds (The Institution of Mechanical Engineers, 1 Birdcage Walk, London SW1, UK).

11-17 October, Marine Sciences in the Red Sea, Al-Ghardaqa (Prof. H. A. F. Gohar, 101 Kasr Al-Ainy, St, Cairo, Egypt).

12 October, Mutagenicity Testing, London (Mr M. L. Richardson, c/o Mr E. A. Taylor, The Royal Society of Chemistry, Burlington House, London W1, UK).

18-31 October, Chemical Carcinogenesis, Erice-Trapani (Dr S. Parodi, Istituto Scientifico per lo Studio e la Cura dei Tumori, Viale Benedetto XV, 10-16132 Genova, Italy).

19-23 October, Concrete Roads, London (The Concrete Society, Terminal House, Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1, UK). 26-30 October, Artificial and Human Intelligence, Lyon (Dr A. Elithorn, The Royal Free Hospital, Pond St, London SW3, UK).

27-29 October, **Petroanalysis**, London (Miss I. A. McCann, Institute of Petroleum, 61 New Cavendish St, London W1, UK).

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