

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Awards

The eighth Marconi Fellowship for Communications, Science and Technology has been awarded to **Arthur C. Clarke** for his contributions to the invention of the communications satellite. Most of the \$35,000 grant will be used at the proposed Centre for Third World Communication, Energy and Space Technologies, at the University of Moratuwa, near Colombo, Sri Lanka, of which he is chancellor.

The World Academy of Art and Science has awarded the II Stuart Mudd Award to **Professor Leonardo J. Mata** (Institute of Research in Health, University of Costa Rica) for his pioneer work on intestinal microecology of poor and traditional populations of Central America living in different ecosystems.

The trustees of the Lady Tata Memorial Trust have made international awards for research in leukaemia to **H. Abrams** (USA), **H.J. Allen** (UK), **D.W. Anderson** (USA) (renewed awards); **R.J. Baer** (USA), **A.P. Gee** (USA), and **A.R. Venkataraman** (India) (new awards).

Sir Alastair Pilkington has been awarded the Messel Medal of the Society of Chemical Industry for 1982. The Medal is the premier award of the Society and is awarded every second year.

The Royal Society of Chemistry presented its annual film prize on 8 June to the producers of the German film *Juncture* which describes work at the BASF chemical plant at Ludwigshafen.

The Royal Society of Chemistry has awarded the Meldola Medal and Prize jointly to **Dr D.C. Clary** (UMIST), for contributions to the theory of molecular energy transfer and chemical reactions, and to **Dr A. Dilks** (Xerox Corporation in Rochester, New York), for work on the characterization and plasma modifications of polymer surfaces.

The Meldola Medal, now accompanied by a prize of £100, will next be awarded in 1983 to the chemist who, being a British subject and under 30 years of age at 31 December 1982, shows the most promise as indicated by published chemical work. Applications, by 31 December 1982, to The President, The Royal Society of Chemistry, Burlington House, London W1, UK, the envelope being marked Meldola Medal.

An award of SF5,000 and a silver medal is available every three years, for the best paper or report devoted to significant work pertaining to coal tar products, plant or processes. Full details and conditions from BTIA, 132/135 Sloane Street, London SW1, UK.

The Beilby Awards, which consists of a medal and a prize of £250, are made to British investigators in science in recognition of original work of exceptional merit which has led to advances of practical significance. This work should have involved the development and application of scientific principles in chemical engineering, fuel technology or metallurgy. The awards are intended as an encouragement to younger men and women, normally under the age of 40. Applications, by 31 December 1982, to The Convener of the Administrators, Sir George Beilby Memorial Fund, The Royal Society of Chemistry, Burlington House, London W1, UK.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation of America is providing \$3 million to enable Oxford University to develop a major centre for continuing education. The Rewley House site in Wellington Square, part of which was acquired and converted into a residential centre for adult students with considerable financial help from the Foundation in 1963, will be redeveloped. Its new conference facilities will include a large lecture theatre, eight fully-equipped seminar rooms, a library and an administrative block. Existing residential accommodation will be upgraded, and catering facilities enlarged.

Appointments

Dr Lewis M. Branscomb has been re-elected chairman and **Dr Mary L. Good** vice chairman of the National Science Board, the governing body of the National Science Foundation.

Dr George Bugliarello (President of the Polytechnic Institute of New York) is the new Council Secretary of the Marconi International Fellowship Council following the retirement of Dr Walter Orr Roberts.

Prof. Alvin M. Kaye, has been named as the first incumbent of the Joseph Moss Chair in Molecular Endocrinology, established at the Weizmann Institute of Science.

Prof. R.J. Berry (University College, London) has been elected president of the Linnean Society for the next three years, succeeding Prof. W.T. Stearn. **Dr Colin Patterson** was elected as editorial secretary and the other officers were re-elected.

The Zoological Society of London has elected **Professor John Phillips** (Director of the Wolfson Institute in the University of Hull) as its next Secretary.

Prof. Janet V. Watson (Geology, Imperial College of Science and Technology) has been elected president of the Geological Society.

Prof. David G. Harnden (Department of Cancer Studies, University of Birmingham) has been appointed Director Designate of the Paterson Laboratories, Christie Hospital and Holt Radium Institute at the University of Manchester, to succeed the present Director, Professor L.G. Lajtha on his retirement in June 1983.

Meetings

1-3 September, **International Hepatitis Workshop**, Stirling (Miss E.K.S. Grant, Nuclear Enterprises Ltd, Sighthill, Edinburgh, UK).

1-3 September, **Annual Symposium Uranium Institute**, London (Mrs C. Scott Barrett, Conference Associates UIS, 34 Stanford Rd, London W8, UK).

1-3 September, **Fast Reactions in Solution**, Leuven (Dr A. Persoons, Dept of Chemistry, University of Leuven, Leuven, Belgium).

1-3 September, **The International Environment and Safety Exhibition and Conference**, Wembley (Labmate Ltd, Sandpit Lane, St Albans, Herts, UK).

3-9 September, **Science and Technology in the Service of Conservation**, Washington DC (IIC American Meeting, 1511 K Street NW, Suite 725, Washington DC 20005, USA).

5-9 September, **Protein Metabolism and Nutrition**, Clermont-Ferrand (4ème SIMNA, INRA-Theix, Laboratoire d'Etude de Metabolisme Azoté, 63110 Beaumont, France).

5-11 September, **World Congress on Medical Physics and Biomedical Engineering**, Hamburg (Hamburg Messr, Congress Organisation, D-2000 Hamburg 36, PO Box 30 23 60, FRG).

5-15 September, **Charles Coulson Summer School in Theoretical Chemistry**, Oxford (Dr P.J. Grout, Theoretical Chemistry Dept, 1 South Parks Rd, Oxford, UK).

6-8 September, **Charged Particles Management of Electrostatic Hazards and Problems**, Southampton (Miss L. Claff, Scientific and Technical Studies, Oyez IBC Ltd, 11-13 Norwich St, London EC4, UK).

6-8 September, **Modern Aspects of Heterocyclic Chemistry**, Sussex (Miss L. Hart, Royal Society of Chemistry, 30 Russell Square, London WC1, UK).

6-9 September, **Distillation**, Geneva (The Center for Professional Advancement, Postbus 19865, 1000 GW Amsterdam, The Netherlands).

6-10 September, **Annual Meeting, British Association for the Advancement of Science**, Liverpool (Ms U. Laver, BAAS, Fortress House, 23 Savile Row, London W1, UK).

6-10 September, **Linear Programming and Operational Planning in the Petroleum Chemical and Process Industries**, Edinburgh (Education Secretary, Institution of Chemical Engineers, 12 Gayfere St, London SW1, UK).