

Awards

The division of physiology, cellular and molecular biology of the US National Science Foundation is to award 20 two-year postdoctoral research fellowships in plant biology. The deadline for submitting applications is January 1984 and the fellowships will be announced in March 1984. Only United States nationals who have received a doctoral degree in a biological or a physical science more recently than 1 January 1980 or expect to earn their degree not later than 1 January 1985 are eligible. Their interests must lie within the fields of physiology, cellular and molecular biology. Applicants should have made arrangements for research and training with a scientific adviser at the institution where they intend to hold their fellowships. The fellowships provide a stipend, an institutional allowance and a special allowance to help meet the costs associated with research. It is paid at a rate of US \$1,800 per month. Further information is available from NSF Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Plant Biology, PCM, Room 325, National Science Foundation, Washington DC 20550, USA.

The US Committee on Institutional Cooperation has set up a minorities fellowships programme in science, mathematics and engineering for 1984-85. The programme is designed to increase the representation of minority groups in all scientific fields. It is open to American Indians, black Americans, Mexican-Americans and Puerto Ricans who are US citizens and who hold, or will receive, a bachelor's degree from a regionally-accredited university or college by August 1984. The award provides financial support for four years, consisting of full tuition for the academic year plus an annual stipend of US \$6,000. The award will be renewed annually, contingent upon satisfactory performance and normal progress towards a PhD. Further information is available from CIC Minorities Fellowships Program, Kirkwood Hall 111, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana 47405, USA.

The International Union of Biochemistry (IUB) has set up a number of awards to enable young biochemists to attend the thirteenth IUB congress. The fellowships will support part of the cost of travel (up to half the listed economy fare) and subsistence during the congress. Preference will be given to residents of countries where the practice of biochemistry is still underdeveloped. Further information may be

obtained from Dr R. L. Hill, Department of Biochemistry, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina 27710, USA.

Appointments

Professor R.J. Harrison, formerly professor of anatomy at the University of Cambridge, has been elected chairman of the trustees of the British Museum (Natural History) from 1 January 1984. He succeeds Professor T.R.E. Southwood, who is retiring.

Miscellaneous

The responsibilities of the directors of the British Science and Engineering Research Council have been changed. **Dr Harry Atkinson**, the director of science, is responsible for science, astronomy, space and nuclear physics. He is also responsible for the international section. **Mr Tony Eginton**, the director of engineering, is responsible for the engineering board and engineering directorates. **Mr John Visser's** duties as director of administration are unchanged.

Meetings

1-5 April, **European Conference on Surface Science**, York (The Meetings Officer, The Institute of Physics, 47 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8X, UK).

1-5 April, **AG ENG 84, an International Conference on Agricultural Engineering**, Cambridge, UK (Dr G.F. Forster, National Institute of Agricultural Engineering, Wrest Park, Silsoe, Bedfordshire MK45 4HS, UK).

2-6 April, **International Conference on Nuclear Methods in Environmental and Energy Research**, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico (Dr James Vogt, General Chairman, American Nuclear Society, University of Missouri, 214 Research Reactor, Columbia, Montana 65211, USA).

3-6 April, **Energy Options, The Role of Alternatives in the World Energy Scene**, London (Conference Services, IEE, Savoy Place, London WC2R 0BL, UK).

5-7 April, **International Conference on Infant Studies**, New York (Dr Bernard Karmel, ICIS Program Chair, Department of Pediatrics, Mount Sinai Medical Center, 1 Gustave Levy Place, New York 10029, USA).

9-11 April, **Faraday Discussion on Interfacial Kinetics in Solution**, Hull, UK (Mrs

Y.A. Fish, The Royal Society of Chemistry, Burlington House, London W1V 0BN, UK).

9-14 April, **International Symposium on Satellite Aided Search and Rescue**, Toulouse, France (Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales, Département des Affaires Universitaires, 18, avenue Edouard-Belin, 31055 Toulouse, France).

10-13 April, **Intermag '84, International Magnets Conference**, Hamburg, FRG (Professor Walter Proebster, Conference Chairman, IBM Deutschland GmbH, Research and Development, 7030 Böblingen, FRG).

15-18 May, **Symposium on Biotechnology for Fuels and Chemicals**, Gatlinburg, Tennessee, (Mr Charles Scott, Sixth Symposium on Biotechnology, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, PO Box X. Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830, USA).

16-18 April, **World Conference on Inflammation, Antirheumatics, Analgesics and Immunomodulators**, Venice, Italy (Scientific Secretariat, First World Conference on Inflammation, Istituto di Farmacologia, Via Roma 55, 56100 Pisa, Italy).

17-19 April, **Annual Meeting of the European Society for Clinical Investigation**, Milan, Italy (Organizing Secretariat, Fondazione Giovanni Lorenzini, Via Monte Napoleone, 23-20121 Milan, Italy).

17-19 April, **International Symposium on Analytical Methods and Problems in Biotechnology**, Noordwikerhout, The Netherlands (Miss Tiny Nijhof, Secretary of the Organizing Committee, c/o Elsevier Science Publishers, BV, PO Box 330, 1000 AH Amsterdam, The Netherlands).

17-19 April, **International Congress on Ozone and Biology**, Rennes, France (Mr Alain Laplanche, Symposium IOA, Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Chimie, avenue du General Leclerc, 35000 Rennes-Beaulieu, Rennes, France).

24-27 April, **European Congress of Biopharmaceuticals and Pharmacokinetics**, Salamanca, Spain (General Secretariat, Second Congrès Européen de Biopharmacie et Pharmacoinétique, Faculté de Pharmacie, PO Box 38, 28 place Henri Dunant, 63001 Clermont-Ferrand, Cedex, France).

29 April **EUCHEM Conference on Stereochemistry**, Bürgenstock, Switzerland (Professor L. Ghosez, Université de Louvain, Laboratoire de Chimie Organique de Synthèse, Place Louis Pasteur 1, B-1348 Louvain-La-Neuve, Belgium).

30 April-3 May, **Environmental Integration Technology Today for a Quality Tomorrow**, Orlando, Florida (Mr William Silver, Technical Program Co-chairman, Westinghouse Electric Corporation, PO Box 746, MS 504, Baltimore, Maryland, USA).