

sesame oil solution—20  $\mu\text{gm./ml.}$ ; *d,l*-aldosterone 21-monoacetate—95 per cent ethanol solution—1  $\text{mgm./ml.}$ ; and *d,l*-aldosterone (non-esterified)—95 per cent ethanol solution—10  $\mu\text{gm./ml.}$  The monoacetate will be distributed for biological work and the non-esterified form limited to use as a chromatographic standard. The alcohol solution of the monoacetate can be diluted for intravenous injections. Purified sesame oil can be obtained from CIBA for those who have occasion to dilute the oil solutions. Requests should be made to Dr. R. T. Hill, Executive Secretary, Endocrinology Study Section, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda 14, Maryland, briefly stating the exact amount wanted and the nature of the investigation.

### Aerial Photogrammetry

THE Ecole Nationale des Sciences Géographiques, which is part of the Institut Géographique National, is to hold a theoretical and technical course in aerial photogrammetry, intended for non-French students and photogrammetrists wanting to practise the instruments and methods currently used in France. It will be held at Saint-Mandé, near Paris, during June 24–August 2. Lectures will be delivered in French, with explanations in English and Spanish for those not familiar with the French language. The programme includes discussion of problems of aerial photogrammetry; aerial surveys; principles, construction and adjustment of plotting machines; problems concerning mean scale and small-scale plotting; and a newly elaborated method of aerial triangulation. The number attending is limited to twenty-five, and the fee for the six-weeks course is 20,000 francs. Applications for registration must be sent to the Director, Ecole Nationale des Sciences Géographiques, 2 Avenue Pasteur, Saint-Mandé (Seine), before May 15.

### University of London: Appointments

It has been announced that Dr. F. D. Richardson, Nuffield Fellow at the Imperial College of Science and Technology in the University of London, has been appointed to the chair of extraction metallurgy tenable at that College. The title of professor of the theoretical physics in the University of London has been conferred on Dr. R. K. Eisenschitz in respect of his post at Queen Mary College; and the title of reader in agricultural botany in the University of London has been conferred on Dr. I. W. Selman in respect of his post at Wye College. Dr. W. B. Bonnor, lecturer in the University of Liverpool, has been appointed to the University readership in mathematics tenable at Queen Elizabeth College. The title of professor of hæmatology has been conferred on Dr. J. V. Dacie, and that of professor of clinical endocrinology on Dr. T. Russell Fraser in respect of the posts held by them at the Postgraduate Medical School of London.

### Science Museum: Appointments

DR. D. H. FOLLETT has been appointed keeper of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Communications at the Science Museum, South Kensington, in succession to Mr. F. St. A. Hartley, who has just retired. Until his appointment, Dr. Follett was deputy keeper in the Department of Physics and secretary to the Advisory Council of the Science Museum. Mr. J. A. Chaldecott has been appointed to the posts vacated by Dr. Follett.

### Announcements

THE Hinchley Medal for 1956 of the British Association of Chemists has been awarded to Mr. H. L. Howard, and the formal presentation will be made at a meeting to be held at the Royal Society of Medicine on March 19. Mr. Howard will deliver an address on "Chemists and the Community".

DR. V. G. W. HARRISON has been appointed director of research of the Printing, Packaging and Allied Trades Research Association. He succeeds Dr. G. L. Riddell, who is leaving the Association to join Albert E. Reed and Co., Ltd., as head of their expanding Packaging Research and Development Division. Dr. Harrison, who is forty-five and has been with PATRA since 1937, has for the past nine years been in charge of the Association's optics laboratory.

A SUMMER school in theoretical chemistry is again being organized at Oxford during September 14–28. As in each of the previous years, the School is being directed by Prof. C. A. Coulson. Other courses are to be given by Prof. D. P. Craig, Dr. S. L. Altmann, Dr. J. W. Linnett and Dr. J. T. Lewis. Inquiries should be made in the first instance to the Delegacy for Extra-Mural Studies, Rewley House, Wellington Square, Oxford, from which a descriptive brochure can be obtained. Accommodation (at St. Antony's College) is limited. The closing date for applications is May 15.

A SYMPOSIUM on "Humane Technique in the Laboratory", organized by the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare, will be held in the Harkness Hall, Birkbeck College, Malet Street, London, on May 8, under the chairmanship of Prof. P. B. Medawar. The symposium will be introduced by Major C. W. Hume, secretary-general of the Federation; papers will be read by Dr. W. Lane-Petter, Dr. Phyllis Croft, Dr. W. M. S. Russell, Mr. G. Sykes, Dr. F. K. Sanders, Dr. W. Grey Walter and Dr. M. R. A. Chance. These will be published later in the year in Vol. 6 of the Laboratory Animals Bureau Collected Papers. Admission to the symposium is without charge.

THE Istituto Sperimentale Italiano 'L. Spallanzani', which is affiliated to the University of Milan and this year celebrates the twentieth anniversary of its foundation, is organizing an international symposium on "Zootechnical and Health Aspects of Artificial Insemination", to be held in the agricultural and technical quarter of the thirty-fifth International Samples Fair in Milan, during April 23–24. The symposium will be presided over by the Director of the 'L. Spallanzani' Institute, Prof. T. Bonadonna, of the University of Milan, to whom all inquiries should be addressed.

THE Scientific Film Association, on behalf of the International Scientific Film Association, is organizing a conference to be held at the French Institute, South Kensington, London, S.W.7, during April 4–6, which will be attended by sponsors of films, scientists and television producers from Britain and overseas. The main question to be considered is how films and television can do more to introduce and interpret science to the man in the street. The conference will be opened by Prof. P. M. S. Blackett, president of the British Association. Inquiries should be addressed to the Scientific Film Association, 164 Shaftesbury Avenue, London, W.C.2.