

International Symposium on Combustion

THE seventh International Symposium of the Combustion Institute will be held during August 28–September 3, under the auspices of the British Section of the Institute and the Institute of Fuel, 18 Devonshire Street, London, W.1. It is the first occasion on which the Symposium has been held outside the United States. Participants are attending from more than fifteen different countries. Dr. Bernard Lewis, president of the Combustion Institute, Dr. von Kármán, and many others will attend from the United States, and Academician N. N. Semenov will be among those from the U.S.S.R. Participants are expected to register at the Institute of Fuel on August 27. There will be a reception for those coming from overseas on that evening, given by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House. The opening meeting will be held on August 28 at the Royal Institution, Albemarle Street, at 10 a.m. There will also be a visit to the Laboratories of Combustion Research at the Imperial College of Science and Technology and a dinner at the Guildhall that evening, at which Lord Brabazon will be the chief guest. The rest of the proceedings will be held in Oxford, during August 29–September 3, when about a hundred papers (preprinted and circulated) will be discussed in fourteen separate sessions, only four of which will overlap.

University News :

London

THE following appointments in the University of London have recently been announced: Dr. D. Gabor, Mullard reader in electronics at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, to the University chair of applied electron physics at that College; Prof. L. J. Lewis, B.Sc. (Wales), former director of the University College of Ghana Institute of Education, to the University chair of education, with special reference to education in tropical areas, at the Institute of Education; Dr. J. Sutton, reader in geology, to the University chair of geology, and Dr. R. D'A. Hoyle, senior lecturer in mechanical engineering, to the University readership in mechanical engineering, both at the Imperial College of Science and Technology; Dr. W. J. H. Butterfield, to the University chair of experimental medicine at Guy's Hospital Medical School.

The title of professor in the University has been conferred on the following in respect of their posts at the Colleges and Schools indicated: Dr. R. S. Stacey (pharmacology and therapeutics in St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School); Dr. Eleanor J. Zaimis (pharmacology in the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine).

The title of reader in the University has been conferred on the following: Mrs. J. E. Floud (sociology of education in the Institute of Education); Dr. R. J. Harrison-Church (geography in the London School of Economics and Political Science); Mr. O. R. McGregor (social institutions in Bedford College).

The title of professor emeritus has been conferred on the following, on their retirement from chairs at the Colleges and Schools indicated: Prof. W. N. Bailey (mathematics at Bedford College); Prof. K. J. Franklin (physiology at St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College); Prof. F. M. Haines (botany at Queen Mary College); Prof. L. Dudley Stamp (social geography in the London School of Economics and Political Science).

Dr. A. R. Fairbairn has been appointed to the General Motors Corporation of Detroit postdoctoral fellowship in flame spectroscopy, tenable at the Imperial College of Science and Technology.

Swansea

THE following appointments have recently been made in the University College of Swansea: Dr. S. K. Zaremba, to be lecturer in the Department of Pure Mathematics; Dr. E. G. Brown, to be lecturer in the Department of Botany; Mr. J. D. Davies, to be lecturer in the Department of Engineering.

Announcements

THE British Society of Rheology is organizing a conference on "Rheology of Road Materials" to be held at the Road Research Laboratories, Harmondsworth, on October 24. Further information can be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, 52 Tavistock Road, Edgware, Middlesex.

THE second International Congress of Speleology will be held at Bari, Lecce and Salerno in Italy during October 5–12. Further information can be obtained from the secretary-general of the Congress, Prof. Franco Anelli, Castellana-Grotte, Bari, Italy.

THE International Association of Allergology is holding the third International Congress of Allergology in Paris at the New Medical School during October 19–26. Further information can be obtained from the secretary, B. N. Halpern, 197 Boulevard St. Germain, Paris, 7^e.

THE next standard course at the Harwell Reactor School on which places are available starts on November 10, and ends on March 6, 1959. The fee for the course is £250 exclusive of accommodation. Applications will be considered from overseas as well as the United Kingdom. Forms and further information can be obtained from the Principal, Reactor School, Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell, Didcot, Berkshire.

THE Foundations' Fund for Research in Psychiatry announces that October 15 is the latest date for the submission of completed applications for research fellowships in psychiatry, psychology, sociology, neurophysiology, and other sciences relevant to mental health. The latest date for applications for research grants-in-aid is December 10. Further details can be obtained from the Foundations' Fund for Research in Psychiatry, 251 Edwards Street, New Haven 11, Connecticut.

THE Research Fund of the Chemical Society provides grants for the assistance of research in all branches of chemistry. About £700 per annum is available for this purpose. Applications for grants will be considered in November next and should be submitted on the appropriate form not later than November 14. Applications from Fellows will receive prior consideration. Further information can be obtained from the General Secretary, The Chemical Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W.1.

ERRATUM. Mr. M. J. Lyons has written referring to his communication entitled "Presence of 1,2,3,4-Dibenzopyrene in Cigarette Smoke" in *Nature*, of July 19, p. 178, stating that the first sentence of paragraph 4 should read: "Small quantities of 1,2,3,4-dibenzopyrene have been detected in the exhaust products from petrol and Diesel engines".