

the latest development in scientific research and industrial application in non-destructive testing in different parts of the world and for the discussion of improvements in testing techniques. It will also deal with problems of international co-operation. The main part of the Conference will consist of four principal sessions (two in Tokyo and two in Osaka) and a number of technical sessions. Further information can be obtained from the secretary of the British National Committee for Non-destructive Testing, 1 Birdcage Walk, London, S.W.1.

University of Texas Grant for Genetic Research

THE University of Texas has received a grant of 1,482,480 dollars, to boost basic research in genetics and cell biology over a five-year period, from the National Institutes of Health, the Public Health Service research centre at Bethesda, Md. The grant will support research in the areas of population genetics; genetic effects of radiation and cosmic rays; chromosome studies of cancer and normal cell strains; cytogenetics, and the physiological and biochemical aspects of genetics. Seven principal investigators, their associates and assistants working in the Genetics Foundation of the Department of Zoology, will conduct the research. Principal investigators will be Prof. W. S. Stone and Drs. C. P. Oliver, R. P. Wagner, J. J. Biesele, M. R. Wheeler, B. H. Judd and H. S. Forrest, all members of the University's Genetics and Cell Biology Group.

Royal Meteorological Society: Officers for 1959-60

THE following have been elected officers of the Royal Meteorological Society for 1959-60: *President*, Dr. J. M. Stagg; *Vice-Presidents*, Dr. H. L. Penman, Prof. P. A. Sheppard, Dr. G. D. Robinson and Dr. R. M. Goody; *Vice-President for Canada*, Dr. W. L. Godson; *Vice-President for Scotland*, R. Cranna; *Treasurer*, B. C. V. Oddie; *Secretaries*, P. J. Meade, Dr. R. S. Scorer, J. S. Sawyer (editor) and Dr. A. G. Forsdyke (librarian).

University News:

Cambridge

MR. G. R. CROWE, who joined the Cavendish Laboratory more than fifty years ago and was well known as personal assistant to Lord Rutherford, has had conferred on him the honorary degree of M.A.

Leeds

THE following grants are announced: from the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, £1,835 towards the cost of cosmic-ray research in the Department of Physics, £12,000 over three years for an investigation into high-pressure chemistry and geochemistry in the Department of Chemistry, £3,000 over three years for research by Dr. P. Gray in physical chemistry, and £1,050 for research in high alumina cements in the Houldsworth School of Applied Science; 6,000 dollars a year for two years from W. R. Grace and Co., of the United States, for a research fellowship in physical chemistry; £1,422 from the Marine Biological Association for research on the electron microscopy of marine flagellates; £3,000 for 1959-60 from the National Coal Board, North-Eastern Division, and £1,000 from Richard Sutcliffe, Ltd., for research in mining; and from the Agricultural Research Council for two research projects, £1,893 in the Department of Agriculture and £2,807 for research into the interpretation of fibre types in sheep in the Department of Anatomy.

Lectureships are announced as follows: Mr. D. I. Davies (Department of Organic Chemistry); Mr. A. R. J. Gaskin (Department of Geology) as from October 1; Mr. A. N. Hillas (Department of Physics); Mr. M. D. Longfield (Department of Mechanical Engineering) as from January 1, 1960; Mr. A. R. Mathieson (in the chemistry of high polymers in the Department of Textile Industries) from January 1, 1960.

London

THE title of professor of virology in the University of London has been conferred on Dr. Forrest Fulton in respect of his post at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. The title of professor of epidemiology in the University of London has been conferred on Dr. D. D. Reid in respect of his post at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. The title of reader in pharmaceuticals in the University of London has been conferred on Dr. D. Train in respect of his post at the School of Pharmacy.

Announcements

MR. ERNEST TURNER JONES, deputy controller (Overseas Affairs) Ministry of Aviation, has been elected deputy chairman of the Nato Advisory Group for Aeronautical Research and Development. Mr. Jones is the first deputy chairman to be appointed by the Group, of which Dr. Theodore von Karman has been chairman since its inception in 1952.

DR. NORMAN G. GAYLORD, vice-president of research and development of the Polymer Division of the Western Petrochemical Corporation and a senior lecturer at the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, has been appointed editor of *Resins, Rubbers, Plastics*, the loose-leaf abstract service issued monthly by Interscience Publishers, Inc., New York. It is hoped to accelerate the publication of abstracts of foreign as well as American articles, and the organic aspects of polymer chemistry will be given a greater emphasis than in previous volumes. The subscription price of *Resins, Rubbers, Plastics* is 90 dollars.

THE third Australian Nuclear Research Foundation Summer School for Science Teachers is to be held during January 11-20, 1960, at the University of Sydney. Each science teacher attending the School is to be paid an amount to help defray expenses he may incur in so doing. The total costs of the 1960 School will be in excess of £13,000. The following donations have been made towards these expenses: Philips Electrical Industries Pty., Ltd., £3,500; Ampol Petroleum, Ltd., £2,500; W. D. and H. O. Wills (Australia), Ltd., £3,500. Further information can be obtained from Dr. S. T. Butler, Department of Physics, University of Sydney, Sydney, New South Wales.

ERRATA. We regret that one of the names appended to the communication entitled "Light-induced Production of Carotenoid Pigments by *Cephalosporia*" in *Nature* of August 29, p. 741, was incorrect; the authors are "R. C. Codner and B. C. Platt".

In the communication entitled "Bence Jones Proteinuria associated with a Transplantable Mouse Plasma-Cell Neoplasm" in *Nature* of August 22, p. 654, column 1, par. 2, lines 4 and 8, for "α-globulin" read "γ-globulin"; par. 6, line 3, for "β-globulin" read "γ-globulin". Footnotes 4 and 8 should read "Fahey, J. L. . . ." and "Osserman, R. M. . . .", respectively.