

directly concerned with the competition, including the principals of some twenty of the larger schools, indicated that the overwhelming majority considered the competition was doing useful work and that the Society should continue to organize similar competitions. Many suggestions for the extension of the competition to cover a wider range of industrial and commercial needs were also received. The second inquiry was into the subsequent careers of winners of bursaries since 1946. Most of these young designers attribute their present employment, at least in part, to their success in these competitions, and all pay tribute to the opportunity which the bursaries provided, at the outset of their careers, to broaden their outlook and experience.

Nato Meeting on Ionospheric Research

GREEK national authorities have invited the Ionospheric Research Committee of the Nato Advisory Group for Aeronautical Research and Development to hold its next meeting in Athens during June 20-23. The four-day meeting will be devoted to discussions on radio-wave absorption. Among those who will be presenting papers are Mr. J. Ratcliffe (University of Cambridge); Mr. Finn Lied, director of the Norwegian Defence Research Establishment; M. Nicolet, director of the Centre National de Recherches de l'Espace (Belgium); and Prof. Vassy (Université de Paris). Further information can be obtained from the Advisory Group for Aeronautical Research and Development, Organisation du Traité de l'Atlantique, Palais de Chaillot, Paris, 16.

Summer Courses in Western Europe

Two publications have recently become available concerning summer courses in Western Europe. "Residential Short Courses" is a six-monthly calendar issued by the National Institute of Adult Education and covers short courses to be held, during the summer, in Britain. "European Calendar of Short Summer Courses" covers a similar field of courses to be held in Western Europe as a whole, and is issued by the Bureau Européen de l'Education Populaire (Notes et Etudes, No. 15). Both publications are available from the National Institute of Adult Education, 35 Queen Anne Street, London, W.1, price 1s. each (postage 6d.).

Announcements

PROF. R. L. WAIN, professor of physical sciences in Wye College (University of London), has been awarded the Research Medal of the Royal Agricultural Society of England.

DR. C. J. T. CRONSHAW has been awarded the Hinchley Medal of the British Association of Chemists for his great services to the chemical industry while head of the Dyestuffs Division of Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd.

MR. LESLIE T. MORTON, librarian of the National Institute of Medical Research, Mill Hill, London, N.W.7, has been given the Marcia C. Noyes Award of the Medical Library Association of America for his outstanding services to medical bibliography and librarianship. This Award has hitherto only been made to medical librarians in the United States.

HONORARY fellowships of the Royal Aeronautical Society have been conferred on Prof. W. J. Duncan, professor of aeronautics and fluid mechanics at the

University of Glasgow and chairman of the Aeronautical Research Council; and Sir George Edwards, managing director of Vickers-Armstrongs (Aircraft) Ltd., and a past president of the Society.

DR. W. J. KROLL of Corvallis, Oregon, has been appointed the sixth Castner Memorial lecturer and will deliver his lecture, entitled "The Fusion Electrolysis of Titanium", in Glasgow on October 7. Further information can be obtained from the Society of Chemical Industry, 14 Belgrave Square, London, S.W.1.

THE German Academies and the Austrian Academy of Science have announced that an edition of the letters of Alexander von Humboldt (1769-1859), the German naturalist and traveller, is in the course of preparation. Owners of any letters by Humboldt or addressed to him are invited to communicate direct with Prof. Dr. H. Ertel, chairman of the Alexander von Humboldt-Commission, Deutsche Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Berlin, Berlin 6, Germany.

THE fourth volume of the *Journal of Electronics and Control* contains interesting papers on plasma physics and on recent developments in the theory of transistors. A particularly interesting research note describes a switching diode, using gallium arsenide, in which hole storage effects have been so reduced that transition is less than two milli-micro-seconds.

A SYMPOSIUM on recent developments in the applications of nuclear science for peaceful purposes will be held in Hauradan, Iran, during July 6-19. Further information can be obtained from Dr. M. L. Smith, CENTO Institute of Nuclear Science, P.O. Box 1828, Tehran, Iran.

THE annual Electronics and Instruments Exhibition and Convention of the Institution of Electronics is to be held, at the Manchester College of Science and Technology, during July 7-13. Further information can be obtained from W. Birtwistle, general secretary of the Institution of Electronics, 78 Shaw Road, Rochdale, Lancs.

A JOINT meeting of the Challenger Society and representatives from the Marine Laboratories (Development Commissioners Scheme) will be held in the Department of Zoology, University of Cambridge, during June 23-24. Further information can be obtained from Dr. R. Bainbridge, Department of Zoology, Downing Street, Cambridge.

THE Nutrition Society is holding a symposium at Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, on "Food Losses in Field and Store", on July 2. Further information can be obtained from the honorary programmes secretary of the Nutrition Society, Miss D. F. Hollingsworth, at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Great Westminster House, Horseferry Road, London, S.W.1.

An international conference, the first of its kind, is to be held on "Congenital Malformations" by the International Medical Congress, Ltd., at Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, London, S.W.1, during July 18-22. Further information can be obtained from the Secretariat of the First International Conference on Congenital Malformations, 67 New Bond Street, London, W.1.

ERRATUM. In the note entitled *Instrument Abstracts in Nature* of April 30, p. 359, it is stated that the issue dated January 1960 is No. 1, Vol. 1; this is incorrect. It should read: No. 1, Vol. 15.