

Appointments

Mr M. E. Ringenbach has been appointed director of the Engineering Development Laboratory of the **US Coast and Geodetic Survey**.

Dr H. Orlin has been appointed special assistant to the director for earth science activities of the **US Coast and Geodetic Survey**.

Dr W. C. Sterrer, University of North Carolina, has been appointed director of **Bermuda Biological Station for Research**.

Announcements

The council of the Royal Society has awarded **Pickering Research Fellowships** to **Dr D. A. Johnson**, University of Cambridge, to enable him to work at the chemical standards division, National Physical Laboratory; to **Dr R. W. Jotham** to enable him to continue to work in the department of chemistry, University of Sheffield; and to **Dr A. J. Rest** to enable him to continue to work in the department of physical chemistry, University of Cambridge. The **Rosenheim Research Fellowship** has been awarded to **Dr A. R. Sheldrake** to enable him to work in the department of biochemistry, University of Cambridge. A **Bruno Mendel Travelling Fellowship** for 1969-70 has been awarded to **Dr J. Shani** (formerly Mishkinsky), the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, to enable him to work at the department of physiology, National Institute for Research in Dairying, Berkshire.

The **Paul Instrument Fund Committee**, composed of representatives of the Royal Society, the Institute of Physics and the Physical Society, and the Institution of Electrical Engineers, has made grants to **Professor P. S. Farago**, University of Edinburgh, to **Dr J. Meaburn**, University of Manchester, to **Dr M. J. Southon**, University of Cambridge, and to **Professor W. D. Wright**, Imperial College, University of London.

As part of a biological study on larger North Atlantic cetaceans conducted by the Fisheries Research Board of Canada, up to twenty **Humpback whales** will be killed for research on the Canadian Atlantic coast between August 10 and October 15, 1969. Investigators wishing to examine and sample the whales should contact **Dr E. Mitchell**, Arctic Biological Station, PO Box 400, Sainte Anne de Bellevue, Province of Quebec, Canada.

It is proposed to form an **Inorganic Reaction Mechanisms Group** of the **Chemical Society**. The object of the group would be to encourage the discussion of the mechanisms of reactions of inorganic compounds and complexes, both non-transition metal and transition metal, and the techniques which can be used to study such reactions. Fellows and others who wish to support this proposal are asked to notify **Dr A. G. Sykes**, Department of Inorganic and Structural Chemistry, The University of Leeds LS2 9JT.

The **Daniel and Florence Guggenheim International Astronautics Award** for 1969 is to be presented to **Dr C. A. Berry**, director of medical research and operations at the NASA Manned Spacecraft Center, Houston.

Dr J. A. F. Stevenson, University of Western Ontario, has been elected president of the **Biological Council of Canada**. **Dr E. J. Le Roux**, research branch of the Canada Department of Agriculture, has been elected vice-president, **Dr R. L. Taylor**, University of British Columbia, secretary-treasurer, and **Dr A. Frappier**, Université de Montréal, and **Dr G. H. Beaton**, University of Toronto, as executive members.

ERRATUM: In the article "Immunization against Rubella" by J. A. Dudgeon (*Nature*, 223, 674; 1969) the address of the author should be: Department of Microbiology, The Hospital for Sick Children, and not the Department of Neurobiology.

International Meetings

September 23-25, **Autumn Meeting of the Chemical Society**, Southampton (Dr J. F. Gibson, The Chemical Society, Burlington House, London W1V 0BN).

October 2-5, **Medical Oceanography**, Naples (Professor A. Paoletti, Direttore della Cattedra di Igiene, Facoltà di Scienze, Università di Napoli, Via Mezzocannone 16, 80134 Naples, Italy).

October 4-10, **International Food Exhibition**, Cologne (Secretariat Anuga, Köln—Dentz, POB 140, Germany).

October 5-12, **Agricultural Engineering**, Baden-Baden (Dr F. K. Otto, Organizing Committee, Zeil 65/69, 6 Frankfurt Am Main, Germany).

October 5-12, **International Astronautical Congress**, Argentina (H. J. Luz, International Aeronautical Federation, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Luft und Raumfahrt, Goethestrasse 10, 5 Köln-Marienburg, Germany).

October 6-10, **Autumn Metallurgical Meeting**, Paris (Société Française de Métallurgie, Secretariat, 47 rue Boissière, Paris XVIe, France).

October 20-22, **Electrical Insulation and Dielectric Phenomena**, Pennsylvania (National Academy of Engineering, 2101 Constitution Avenue, Washington DC 20418, USA).

October 21-23, **Solvent-based Processing of Textiles**, Manchester (Mr A. Langhorn, The Shirley Institute, Didsbury, Manchester M20 8RX, UK).

October 28-29, **Recent Advances in Boiler Instrumentation**, Leatherhead (Meetings Officer, The Institute of Physics and the Physical Society, 47 Belgrave Square, London SW1).

December 3-4, **Photography in Engineering**, London (The Institution of Mechanical Engineers, 1 Birdcage Walk, Westminster, London SW1).

December 17-19, **Infections and Immunosuppression in Sub-human Primates**, Rijswijk (Professor W. I. B. Beveridge, Veterinary Public Health Unit, World Health Organization, 1211 Geneva, Switzerland, or Dr H. Balner, Radiobiological Institute TNO, Lange Kleiweg 151, Rijswijk ZH, Netherlands).

Sabbatical Itinerants

In the hope of providing some practical assistance in the good cause of mobility between laboratories, *Nature* advertises the needs for housing of families about to take up periods of sabbatical leave. To begin with, no charge will be made for advertisements like this. It is hoped that a period of experiment will show what form these advertisements could most usefully take and whether they are effective.

Wanted: House in London area for family with 2 children for one year from October–November 1969, within commuting distance from Lincoln's Inn Fields. Please contact Joyce Taylor-Papadimitriou, Theagenion Cancer Institute, Serron 2, Thessaloniki, Greece.

Wanted: Furnished flat, 1 bedroom and living room, preferably with central heating, convenient for access to Shinfield, Reading, Berkshire, for one year from November 14, 1969, for Israeli visiting worker and wife. Please contact Dr J. Shani, School of Pharmacy, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, POB 517, Jerusalem, Israel, or in first instance Dr A. T. Cowie, NIRD, Shinfield, Reading, RG2 9AT.