

Dr J. L. Hamerton, Guy's Hospital Medical School, University of London, has been appointed director of the Genetics Laboratory, the **Children's Hospital of Winnipeg**, and associate professor, department of paediatrics, **University of Manitoba**.

Appointments

Professor E. F. Scowen, St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, has been appointed chairman of the **Committee on Safety of Drugs**, in succession to Sir Derrick Dunlop. Dr A. C. Frazer had accepted an invitation to succeed him, but died unexpectedly before the committee met in June.

Dr A. Kelly has been appointed a deputy director at the Ministry of Technology's **National Physical Laboratory**, and will have executive responsibility for the Materials Group. Since October 1967 Dr Kelly has been superintendent of the Division of Inorganic and Metallic Structure.

Dr J. M. Lock, Royal Radar Establishment, has been appointed director of the **United Kingdom Scientific Mission** in Washington, DC, and Counsellor (Scientific) at the British Embassy there. He replaces Mr R. G. Voysey who has returned to the UK.

Professor A. H. Chilver, University College, London, has been appointed principal of **Cranfield College of Aeronautics**, in succession to Professor A. J. Murphy, who retires at the end of this year.

Mr J. G. N. Brown (Oxford University Press), **Dr J. Howlett** (Atlas Computer Laboratory of the Science Research Council) and **Professor G. D. Sims** (University of Southampton) have been appointed to the **Advisory Committee for Scientific and Technical Information** as from October 1, 1969.

Mr J. M. Ferguson (GEC Power Engineering, Ltd), **Mr D. H. Lewis** (Manchester and Salford Equitable Society, Ltd) and **Mr D. H. Darbishire** (a farmer of Leamington Spa) have been appointed to be members of the **Metrication Board**.

Dr H. A. Gebbie has been appointed a National Bureau of Standards Senior Research Fellow.

Announcements

The Trustees of the **British Museum (Natural History)** have elected **Dr J. E. Smith**, Marine Biological Association Laboratory, Plymouth, as their chairman from October 1, 1969, in succession to Sir Landsborough Thomson.

Professor M. Eigen, Max-Planck-Institute for Physical Chemistry, has been made an Honorary Fellow of the **Weizmann Institute of Science**.

The **Medical Research Council** has awarded a grant of £10,000 for capital equipment and £3,600 per annum for scientific and technical assistance and running expenses (for three years) to Professor S. Rose, professor of biology in **The Open University**. This grant is in support of research on environmental factors in regulation of amino acid and protein synthesis in the brain.

The 1969 **Arches of Science Award** of the **Pacific Science Center** in Seattle, Washington, will be presented to **Gerard Piel** of New York, publisher of *Scientific American*, in recognition of his contributions to the public understanding of the meaning of science to contemporary man.

The **Royal Society Mullard Award** for 1969 has been awarded to **Mr R. M. Clarkson**, until recently director of research, Hawker Siddeley Aviation, Hatfield, for the advances in aircraft project conception which he has made, and, in particular, the initiation of the HS 125 aircraft.

The 1969 **A. A. Benedetti-Pichler Award**, sponsored by the American Microchemical Society, has been granted to **Professor B. B. Cunningham**, University of Califor-

nia (Berkeley), in recognition of his contributions to the development and use of microtechniques, especially for the study of transuranium elements.

ERRATUM.—In the article “Bremsstrahlung Radiation in Intense Magnetic Fields” by Simon and Strange (*Nature*, **224**, 49; 1969), equation (2) should read:

$$\alpha_{\omega} = \frac{8\pi^3 c}{\omega^2} \frac{\cos \theta n(\theta)}{n_r^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} Q_{\omega} \frac{df}{dp_z} dp_z$$

and five lines below read “Assuming that $Q_{\omega}(p_z = \pm \infty) f(\pm \infty) = 0$ ”.

ERRATUM. In the article “Mascons, Marid and Sinuous Rilles—A Postulated Igneous Origin” by Kane, Carucci, Turner and McEntee (*Nature*, **224**, 164; 1969), the second word of the title should be “Maria”; the last word on line 27, “craterlets”; the last word on line 37, “or”; and the first word on line 41, “streams”.

CORRIGENDUM. In the article “Petrological, Magnetic and Chemical Properties of Basalt dredged from an Abyssal Hill in the North-east Pacific” by B. P. Luyendyk and C. G. Engel (*Nature*, **223**, 1049; 1969), several lines were omitted from the text. The first few sentences of the second paragraph on page 1050 should read: “The magnetic properties of the basalts were measured on the Scripps Institution's astatic magnetometer and low-field susceptibility bridge. Replicate measurements were done on three 2.5 by 2.5 cm cores. They were not demagnetized for the measurements. The mean NRM of the samples is $(2.69 \pm 0.28) \times 10^{-3}$ EMU cm⁻³ and the mean susceptibility is $(2.39 \pm 0.003) \times 10^{-4}$ EMU oersted⁻¹ cm⁻³, giving a Koningsberger ratio, Q, of approximately 20 at 0.5 oersted field strength”.

ERRATUM. In the article “Identification in Cleaving Embryos of Three RNA Species serving as Templates for the Synthesis of Nuclear Proteins” by L. H. Keddes and P. R. Gross (*Nature*, **223**, 1335; 1969), the second sentence on page 1338 should read “The embryos go through ten division cycles (making about a thousand cells) in the first 6–8 h after fertilization”. On page 1339, the first line should be “Spirin¹⁹”, this does not happen with 9S RNA . . .”.

International Meetings

November 12–14, **Petrology of Igneous and Metamorphic Rocks from the Ocean Floor**, London (Executive Secretary, The Royal Society, 6 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1).

November 13–14, **Meeting of the Biochemical Society**, Coventry (Executive Secretary, 7 Warwick Court, Holborn, London WC1).

November 17–20, **British Insecticide and Fungicide Conference**, Brighton (Mr P. A. Gooch, Room 303, Alembic House, 93 Albert Embankment, London SE1).

November 21–23, **Chemical and Biological Warfare**, London (International CBW Conference, Organizing Committee, c/o WILPF, 29 Great James Street, London WC1).

January 8–13, **Taxonomy and Biology of Blue-Green Algae**, Madras (Professor T. V. Desikachary, University Botany Laboratory, Madras-5, India).

January 9–10, **Blood Constituents and Arterial Disease**, Cambridge (Secretary, Cambridge University Medical School, Hills Road, Cambridge, UK).

January 19–23, **Gordon Research Conference—Electrochemistry**, Santa Barbara (Office of the Director, Gordon Research Conferences, Pastore Chemical Laboratory, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island 02881, USA).