

The six winners of the newly established **US Environmental Science Services Administration Awards** each receive a plaque and \$1,000. **Dr Oscar Tenenbaum** and **John J. Smiles** each receive the Award for Public Service: Dr Tenenbaum, meteorologist in charge of the Boston Weather Bureau Forecast Office, has developed an outstanding weather forecast service for the New England area and Mr Smiles is cited for his leadership of the ESSA Visual Services Branch. **Dr Joseph Smagorinsky**, head of ESSA's Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory, has received the Award for Scientific Research Achievement in recognition of his work on the dynamics of the oceans and atmosphere. For the design and development of a reliable automated data acquisition system, **Edward E. Jones** of the Coast and Geodetic Survey's Pacific Marine Center has won the Award for Engineering and Applications Development. The Award for Program Administration and Management has been presented to **William H. Haggard** for his direction of the National Climatic Center and also to **Dr Gordon C. Little** for his leadership of the newly established Wave Propagation Laboratory.

ERRATUM. The paper referred to as by E. P. Geiduschek *et al.* in the report of the RNA transcription symposium at Cold Spring Harbor (*Nature*, **226**, 1094; 1970) should be attributed to A. Cascino, S. Riva and E. P. Geiduschek.

ERRATUM. In the article "4,500 Year Old Seeds suggest that True Cotton is Indigenous to Nubia" by K. A. Chowdhury and G. M. Buth (*Nature*, **227**, 85; 1970), the word "grain" in lines 4 and 7 of the first paragraph should read "gram".

International Meetings

July 31, **British Standards Institution Technical Committee USM/1 Meeting**, London (T. J. Legg, British Standards Institution, British Standards House, 2 Park Street, London W1).

September 6-12, **World Congress of Cardiology**, London (VI World Congress of Cardiology, Conference Services Limited, The Conference Centre, 43 Charles Street, Mayfair, London W1).

September 9-11, **Particle Size Analysis**, Bradford (Society for Analytical Chemistry, 9-10 Savile Row, London W1X 1AF).

September 14-17, **Aerodynamic Noise**, Loughborough (Dr Martin Lowson, Loughborough University of Technology, Loughborough, Leicestershire).

September 19, **Science Education in a Social Context**, London (Dave Wiold, Imperial College Union, Prince Consort Road, London SW7).

September 23-25, **Stress Analysis Today**, Guildford (Dr I. M. Allison, Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Surrey, Guildford, Surrey).

September 30-October 2, **Society for Water Treatment and Examination Autumn Conference**, Poole, Dorset (Mr E. S. Hall, 69 Disraeli Crescent, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire).

October 14-16, **Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting of the American Geophysical Union**, Tacoma, Washington (American Geophysical Union, 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington DC 20037, USA).

November 10, **Colloquy '70—a Meeting of the Council on Education in the Geological Sciences**, Milwaukee (M. Felsher, CEGS, American Geological Institute, 2201 M Street NW, Washington DC 20037, USA).

November 13, **Safety in X-ray Laboratories**, London (Meetings Officer, The Institute of Physics and the Physical Society, 47 Belgrave Square, London SW1).

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.

Vacant: Furnished, 3 bedroom Wates town house, full central heating, garden, garage, to let for 3 years from early September. Crystal Palace area, Victoria and London Bridge stations 20 minutes, good schools nearby. £17 per week. Please contact Mrs D. Long, 16 Shelford Rise, Upper Norwood, London SE19 (telephone 01-653 2929).

Vacant: From September 15, 1970, for 1 year (possibly renewable). New 3 bedroomed fully centrally heated house, well furnished, on outskirts of Cambridge, south side, half mile from MRC. Please contact A. D. Murray, 8 Beverley Way, Cambridge, England.

Vacant: Furnished 4 bedroom house with lounge, large dining and family room, two toilets and substantial garden in Adelaide, South Australia, for one year from November 24, 1970. Walking distance from Waite Agricultural Research Institute and easy access to University of Adelaide, schools and public transport. Please contact Dr A. M. Snoswell, Waite Agricultural Research Institute, University of Adelaide, Glen Osmond, South Australia 5064.

Vacant (or Exchange): Furnished 4 bedroom maisonette, in Hampstead (also possibly with 2 room flat beneath), available September 1970, for minimum of one year. Ideally exchange for 3 bedroom house with large reception area in Georgetown, Washington. Please contact Benedict Meynell, 27 Quadrant Grove, London NW5.

Wanted: Furnished 2 or 1 bedroomed house/flat near University of Manchester, for 1 year from October 1, 1970. Would **exchange** for a furnished 2 bedroomed house in North Tel-Aviv. Please contact Mr E. Yanir, Inorganic Chemistry Department, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel.

Wanted: Furnished, centrally heated, 2 bedroom house or flat for American physician, wife and 2 girls (aged 3 and 6) from mid-September 1970 to mid-June 1971. Within easy access of St Mary's Hospital, St John's Wood, Chelsea or Kensington preferred. Rent approximately £80 per month. Please contact Dr F. T. Bryan, 6478 Sunset Drive, S Miami, Florida 33143, USA.

Wanted: Furnished 2 or 3 bedroom house or apartment in Edinburgh, Scotland, for visiting professor from the United States (Scottish born), for 7 months from February 1, 1971. Please contact Dr A. C. Brownie, 9240 Valley Stream, Clarence, NY 14031, USA.

Wanted: Furnished house with 3 or 4 bedrooms and with convenient access to the University of Bristol for approximately 10 months from January 1971. Please contact Dr A. M. Snoswell, Waite Agricultural Research Institute, University of Adelaide, Glen Osmond, South Australia 5064.

Wanted: Furnished 2 or 3 bedroomed house in Manchester or surrounding area with easy access to University of Manchester, for visiting professor, wife and family of two, from mid-September for 3 months. Please contact Mrs W. S. Bonteel, 40 Edgcroft Road, Kensington, California 94707, USA.