



Mark Zemansky, 1956 Oersted Medalist of the American Association of Physics Teachers, addresses APS-AAPT Joint Ceremonial Session, held in Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Statler on January 31st during the Annual Meetings of the two Societies in New York City.

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Society Activities

The Oersted Medal of the American Association of Physics Teachers was presented to Mark W. Zemansky, chairman of the Department of Physics at the College of the City of New York, during the Joint Ceremonial Session of the APS and the AAPT on January 31. The Medal is awarded annually for "notable contributions to the teaching of physics". A former president of the AAPT (1951), Prof. Zemansky has served as treasurer of the American Institute of Physics since the retirement of George B. Pegram from that post in the spring of 1956. In his presentation of Prof. Zemansky as the Oersted Medalist for 1956, R. Ronald Palmer, chairman of the AAPT Awards Committee, paid tribute to Zemansky's "three-fold contributions" to the teaching of physics during the thirty-six years since he joined the Physics Department at City College: "first, through his publications; secondly, through the many students he has reached; and finally, through his activities for physics at large".

New officers of the American Physical Society were installed at the Society's annual meeting in New York City last month. Henry D. Smyth, Chairman of the Board of Science and Engineering Research of Princeton University, is the Society's president for 1957. He succeeds Eugene P. Wigner, professor of physics at Princeton. The new vice president is Jesse W. Beams, professor of physics at the University of Virginia. Shirley L. Quimby, professor of physics at Columbia University, has been elected to succeed George B. Pegram as treasurer. Dean Pegram, who has retired after having served for thirty-eight years as treasurer of the Physical Society, is emeritus vice president and special advisor to the president of Columbia University. K. K. Darrow, whose expression of the Society's indebtedness to Dean Pegram can be found on page 35 of this magazine, was re-elected secretary. Walker Bleakney of Princeton and Wolfgang K. H. Panofsky of Stanford University were elected to the APS council.

At the annual winter meeting of the American Association of Physics Teachers, which was held in New York in conjunction with the Physical Society meeting, the Association installed Vernet E. Eaton, professor of physics at Wesleyan University, as president for 1957. He succeeds Walter C. Michels, professor of physics at Bryn Mawr College. Clarence J.

Overbeck, professor of physics at Northwestern University, was named president-elect. The Association re-elected Prof. Frank Verbrugge (University of Minnesota) as secretary, Prof. Francis W. Sears (Dartmouth College) as treasurer, and Prof. Thomas H. Osgood (Michigan State University) as editor. Prof. H. Victor Neher (California Institute of Technology) succeeds Prof. Vernon L. Bollman (Occidental College) as a member of the executive committee.

The Division of High-Polymer Physics of the American Physical Society has elected the following officers for 1957: Arthur M. Bueche (chairman), Robert Simha (vice chairman), and W. J. Lyons (secretary-treasurer, re-elected). Bruno H. Zimm was elected and Dr. Lyons re-elected to three-year terms on the Executive Committee of the Division.

Summer Programs

Teacher-training programs sponsored by the National Science Foundation at summer institutes in 95 colleges and universities throughout the United States and its Territories will benefit some 4500 high school and 250 college teachers of science and mathematics during the summer of 1957. Eighty-six of the institutes will be open only to high school teachers; four will be open both to high school and college teachers, and five to college teachers only. Six institutes offering a course in radiation biology only for high school teachers are being jointly sponsored by the Foundation and the Atomic Energy Commission.

Congress earmarked \$9.5 million of its 1957 fiscal year appropriation to the Foundation for the supplementary training of high school science and mathematics teachers. This year's summer institutes program, supported by NSF grants totaling \$4.8 million, is in addition to grants amounting to more than \$4 million to support academic-year institutes for some 750 high school science and mathematics teachers at sixteen educational institutions.

NSF grants to each summer institute will cover costs of tuition and other fees for a specified number of teachers—from 10 to 200, the average size to be approximately 50. Most institutes will pay stipends directly to participating teachers at the rate of \$75 per week. Additional allowances for dependents to a maximum of four and for travel are provided.

Applications to participate in the summer institute program must be submitted by April 1, 1957, to directors of the individual institutes. The following institutes are offering programs for high school physics teachers. Unless otherwise indicated, the director (listed in parentheses) is located at the host institution.

Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa., July 1–August 23, (R. E. Bugbee, Dept. of Biology)

American University, Washington, D. C., June 24–August 16, (Leo Schubert, Dept. of Chemistry)

Arizona State College, Flagstaff, Ariz., June 17–August 9, (Junia E. McAlister, Dept. of Chemistry)

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