

Miscellany

Publications

A new quarterly journal, intended to serve as the official organ of the International Council of Scientific Unions, appeared in January and is now available in the United States through D. Van Nostrand Company, Inc. (120 Alexander Street, Princeton, N. J.). The *ICSU Review* is under the general editorship of Sir Harold Spencer Jones (London), and has an editorial advisory committee made up of W. W. Atwood (Washington, D. C.), M. Florkin (Liège), and P. Huber (Basel). In addition, there is a 24-member editorial advisory board with international representation, including two Soviet scientists. The new journal will contain information about the activities of the ICSU and of its participating scientific unions, reports of various symposia organized by the individual unions, reviews of union publications, special articles on various aspects of international cooperation in science, and information on forthcoming meetings and other activities of the ICSU and its member groups. Manuscripts should be submitted (in duplicate) to Sir Harold Spencer Jones, ICSU Publication Office, c/o The Royal Institution, 21 Albemarle Street, London, W. 1, England. Subscriptions to the *ICSU Review* are available from Van Nostrand at a rate of \$4.50 per volume (4 issues, about 200 pages); single issues may be obtained for \$1.20.

In keeping with the main objective of the International Atomic Energy Agency, which is "to accelerate and enlarge the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health and prosperity throughout the world", the first publication of the IAEA Safety Series, entitled *Safe Handling of Radioisotopes*, has been made available. This work, one of a projected set of manuals and codes to be issued by the Agency, is intended to be of particular use to small-scale users of radioisotopes who may not have direct access to other sources of information. It was published as a provisional document which will be subject to revision from time to time. The Agency also intends to issue in due course technical and medical addenda to give more complete advice to users of radioisotopes in specialized situations. The booklet was prepared by an international panel consisting of 16 members and observers under the chairmanship of G. Randers of the Norwegian Institutt for Atomenergi. English, French, Russian, or Spanish editions may be obtained at a cost of \$1 each from the International Atomic Energy Agency, Kärntner Ring 11, Vienna 1, Austria.

The 1959 edition of the *Engineering Societies Directory*, which includes a national and international listing of engineering and scientific societies, their functional staff personnel and publications, as well as state registration boards for professional licensing, is currently available and may be obtained from the Engineers Joint Council, 29 West 39th Street, New York 18, N. Y., at \$3.50 per copy.

The eighth edition of *Who's Who in Engineering*, in addition to biographical material on approximately 18 000 engineers in the United States, also includes a directory of engineering and engineering-connected groups. Priced at \$22.50, it is published by the Lewis Historical Publishing Company, Inc., 265 West 14th Street, New York 11, N. Y.

Publication of the monthly *IGY Bulletin* has been extended for one year, from July 1959 through June 1960. The *Bulletin*, an official publication of the US National Committee for the International Geophysical Year, made its appearance for the first time in July 1957 when the IGY officially began. Subscriptions may be obtained for the added year (\$2), or for the entire set of 36 issues (\$6). Special individual and group rates are available for science teachers and students. Inquiries or subscription applications should be sent to the Printing and Publishing Office, National Academy of Sciences, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N. W., Washington 25, D. C.

A headquarters office for the National Federation of Science Abstracting and Indexing Services was opened in Washington, D. C., on May 1. The Federation was organized over a year ago for the purpose of "improving the documentation (abstracting, indexing, and analyzing) of the scientific and technological literature of the world in such a manner as to make it readily available to all scientists and technologists". Two projects already underway are the preparation of a Union List of Periodicals covered by major abstracting and indexing services since January 1, 1957, and the preparation of a subject, language, and country analysis of scientific periodicals and monograph series produced throughout the world by various scientific institutions. The Washington office will be managed by Raymond A. Jensen, who was formerly associated with the Office of Technical Services and the Library of Congress.

Laboratories and Facilities

The National Science Foundation has announced a new program under which support will be provided for the renovation or construction of doctoral-level research laboratories at educational institutions. Grants made under this program will require matching by the institution, from nonfederal sources, to the extent of at least 50 percent of the direct costs to be incurred. Since funds to initiate the program are limited it is expected that it will be possible to meet only the most urgent needs. All proposals pertaining to laboratories for research use in the sciences will be considered. The