

the future of APS in view of the changing demands on the scientific community. But, as yet, no chairman has been picked nor precise guidelines established. The science-support committee, headed by Jerrold R. Zacharias of MIT, was organized to formulate recommendations for the council on research and education in physics. The committee is also intended to determine better methods of informing the public about the essential research and educational activities of the scientific community. —MW

Strassenburg to become AAPT Executive Officer

Arnold Strassenburg will become the Executive Officer of the American Association of Physics Teachers, replacing Wilbur Johnson, who resigned.

When Strassenburg assumes this new position in September, the AAPT executive office will move from Washington, DC to new quarters on or near the State University of New York campus at Stony Brook, where he teaches physics and heads the AIP division of education. He will continue to teach part time, but will leave the AIP post.

Strassenburg received a PhD from the California Institute of Technology and taught for nine years at the University of Kansas. He has directed the AIP education division (until recently manpower and education) for six years and was on the Commission on College Physics for two. In addition, he has been active in advancing a wide variety of educational programs in physics.

John Muster, who has been staff physicist at AAPT, will be Acting Executive Officer of AAPT until 1 September, when Strassenburg takes office. He came from Otterbein College in Ohio and has taught at elementary and secondary-school levels.



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Science-writing award goes to Jerry Bishop

The 1972 American Institute of Physics-US Steel Foundation Science Writing Award in Physics and Astronomy to a journalist has been awarded to Jerry E. Bishop. Bishop, a staff reporter for *The Wall Street Journal*, won the prize for his article "Celestial Clue," which appeared in the 26 January 1971 issue of that paper. The award consists of \$1500, a Moebius strip, a certificate to Bishop and a certificate to *The Wall Street Journal*.

Bishop began work with the newspaper as a copy reader, and began writing science in 1957 when he wrote an article on the cure for the common cold. He is coauthor of the book *New Horizons in Medicine*.

Help for US physicists looking for work abroad

The Committee on International Education in Physics (CIEP) has two new programs, an Opportunities Registry for American physicists who want to work abroad, and a program to catalyze the establishment of bilateral relationships between physics departments in the US and in developing countries.

The Opportunities Registry was started by Arnold Strassenburg of AIP's Education Division and then transferred to CIEP. It serves as a two-way information bank about openings for US physicists in other parts of the world, and about interested personnel for foreign institutions. A circular letter was sent to individuals and institutions around the world inquiring about requests for American physicists on a long-term basis (about one year or longer). Another circular was distributed within the American physics community soliciting registrations of those physicists who have an interest in assignments or positions abroad. The Registry is just beginning to operate and hence its effectiveness cannot be gauged yet. For information on this program, write to Professor Lewis S. Salter, Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois 61401.

The CIEP program to establish bilateral relations between US and foreign physics departments has been handled in much the same way as the opportunities registry. The committee contacted a number of physics departments and other physics institutions in the US and abroad asking if there was any interest in setting up relations. CIEP noted that "The great advantage of such relationships is that they can be maintained at a very broad range of levels, in terms of time commitment as well as in terms of financial obligations."

The foreign institutions respond very favorably, but domestic response so far was somewhat sporadic. So far three cooperative arrangements are being explored as a result of the program. CIEP points out that many activities (such as collaboration of research, supply of small parts, student education, the channeling of information, etc.) can be carried out without substantial new funds being available, and other might be able to attract financial support from external organizations specializing in international scientific assistance. Information on this program can be obtained from Professor Gordon Shaw, Department of Physics, University of California, Irvine, California 92664.

Electron-microscopy society elects officers

The newly elected 1972 officers of the Electron Microscopy Society of America are Benjamin M. Siegel of Cornell University as president-elect, Jane A. Westfall of Kansas State University as membership secretary, Kenneth R. Lawless of the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, as treasurer and John M. Cowley of Arizona State University and Donald F. Parsons of the State University of New York at Buffalo as directors. Daniel C. Pease, from the University of California Medical College, is currently serving as the president for 1972, and Victor A. Phillips, of the General Electric Research and Development Center, is the 1972 council secretary.

Bendix awards go to twelve SPS chapters

A \$3000 grant from the Bendix Corp will be divided among twelve Society of Physics Students chapters for research proposals made by physics students who wish to develop and execute their own scientific programs in physics and astronomy. The 1972 Bendix Awards will go to the following institutions: The Cooper Union (New York), DePaul University (Chicago), Kansas Wesleyan University (Salina, Kansas), University of Kentucky (Lexington, Ky.), Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge, La.), Manhattan College (Bronx, N. Y.), Northern Arizona University (Flagstaff, Ariz.), Providence College (Providence, Rhode Island), Southern University and A & M College (Baton Rouge, La.), Stanford University (Stanford, Calif.), Thomas More College (Covington, Ky.) and Western Kentucky University (Bowling Green, Ky.) Honorable mention was received by SPS chapters at the University of Missouri (Rolla, Mo.) and Southwestern State College (Weatherford, Oklahoma). □