

the physics community

AAPM installs officers, announces new journal

The American Association of Physicists in Medicine recently installed three new officers and established a new journal, *Medical Physics*, soon to begin publication.

The new officers are president Raymond L. Tanner, head of the physics section, radiology department at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine; president-elect Jack S. Krohmer, of Radiology Associates,



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Erie, Pennsylvania, and treasurer Ann E. Wright, assistant professor of radiological physics at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. Kenneth E. Williams of the radiology department, Washington Hospital Center, Washington, D.C., continues as secretary of the Association.

Upon completion of his doctorate at the University of California, Los Angeles (1967), Tanner joined the University of Tennessee College of Medicine; he was named head of the physics section in 1968. Before going to UCLA he worked as an instructor and assistant professor of physics at Memphis State University (1955-62).

Krohmer was the radiological physicist and associate in radiology for the Geisinger Medical Center of Danville, Pa. prior to his move to Erie. He received his doctorate in biophysics

from the University of Texas in 1961.

Bimonthly publication of AAPM's new journal, *Medical Physics*, will begin in 1974. The journal, which will replace the present AAPM *Quarterly Bulletin*, will broadly cover—through original research articles, reviews and short notes of a technical nature—the application of physics to problems relating to the practice of medicine. It will also contain programs and abstracts of meetings, teaching notes, committee reports, letters, editorials, local and national AAPM news, advertising and new product releases.

Medical Physics will be published for the Association by the American Institute of Physics. Articles should be submitted to the editor, G. D. Adams, PO Box 391, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73101. The journal, for which there will be no page charges, will be sent to all AAPM members. Subscription rates for others are as follows: \$25.00 to individuals in AIP member societies, affiliated societies and Corporate Associates, as well as to members of the Hospital Physicists' Association, the medical and biological physics division of the Canadian Association of Physicists and the International Organization of Medical Physicists; \$45.00 to nonmembers.

AIP to cease marketing INSPEC products in 1974

Marketing in the Americas of *Physics Abstracts*, *Current Papers in Physics* and the INSPEC Tapes, published by The Institution of Electrical Engineers (London), will be discontinued by the American Institute of Physics, beginning in 1974. The continuation of marketing of these products by AIP was part of a broader agreement on computer-tape exchanges and information services that has not materialized. Inquiries regarding PA, CPP and INSPEC Tape subscriptions are to be directed to the marketing agents for 1974: The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc., 345 E. 47th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

The secondary services developed by the American Institute of Physics, namely *Current Physics Titles*, *Current Physics Advance Abstracts*, *Current Physics Microform* and the SPIN computer tapes, will continue to be produced, improved and marketed by AIP in 1974, according to H. William Koch, director of the Institute. Inquiries regarding these AIP services and their subscriptions are to be directed to Marketing Services, AIP, 335 E. 45th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

Banesh Hoffmann wins science-writing award

The winner of the 1973 American Institute of Physics-United States Steel Science Writing Award in Physics and Astronomy, for a scientist, is Banesh Hoffmann, a professor of mathematics at Queens College, City University of New York. Hoffmann won the award for his book, *Albert Einstein: Creator and Rebel* (see *PHYSICS TODAY*, April, page 63), published by The Viking Press, Inc. Helen Dukas, Einstein's secretary, collaborated with Hoffmann on the book, supplying him with much of the necessary biographical material.

The award was presented to Hoffmann at the annual AIP Corporate Associates meeting in October. He received \$1500, a Moebius-strip trophy and a citation. Viking also was given a citation.

A native of England, Hoffmann received his PhD from Oxford University



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in 1932. In 1935 he joined the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, N.J., a move that gave him the opportunity to work with Einstein and Leopold Infeld. Their research there eventually proved that gravitational field equations automatically determine the motion of bodies. He became a charter member of the Queens College faculty in 1937. Hoffmann has also written a number of other books, including *The Strange Story of the Quantum* (Harper, 1947) and *The Tyranny of Testing* (Crowell-Collier, 1962).