

IBM will sponsor prize for work on new materials

A new award, the American Physical Society International Prize for New Materials, will be offered beginning in 1975. The International Business Machines Corp will sponsor the award for ten consecutive years as an acknowledgement of its dependence on the international scientific community for its scientific support.

The purpose of the prize is: to recognize and encourage outstanding achievement in the science and application of new materials, including theoretical and experimental work contributing significantly to the understanding of such materials.

The winner of the prize will receive \$5000 and a certificate with a citation. The prize may be awarded to more than one person on a shared basis, although preferably to not more than three people.

Nominations are open to scientists of all nationalities regardless of where their work was carried out; they should be sent, along with supporting information, to Frederick Seitz, President, Rockefeller University, New York, N.Y. 10021, before 1 September 1974.

Russian physics seminar to receive APS journals

The Moscow Seminar on Macroscopic Physics will receive complimentary copies of three APS publications—*Physical Review*, *Physical Review Letters* and *Physical Review Abstracts*—during 1974. This action follows a unanimous vote by the Council at its February meeting.

The Moscow Seminar is a weekly gathering of several Russian physicists in the home of Alexander Voronel. Some of the physicists, including Voronel, were dismissed from their work after expressing a desire to emigrate from the Soviet Union. As they no longer have access to former institutional libraries, copies of the APS publications will help them keep abreast of current developments in physics.

At the Council meeting Joseph Mayer, immediate past-president of the Society, read a letter that he had sent to Academician M. V. Keldysh, president of the USSR Academy of Sciences, in which he spoke about re-

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The Chicago meeting, the Philadelphia meeting and the Washington meeting are past. In retrospect, all that the office staff at the APS headquarters can say is HELP!

Your deathless prose is going to be the death of those of the staff who, among their other duties, try to cope with the abstracts for the meetings and conferences of the Society (almost 7000 last year). Please read the instructions for the submission of abstracts, which are found in every issue of the *Bulletin*. Please send the original abstract and two duplicates (that's three copies in all), typed neatly in a space of the proper size (you can even get a preprinted form for the asking), to the address given in the announcement for the meeting.

Please include in the same envelope all the papers you want published consecutively. If you can't do that, give the staff a sporting chance and write the titles and authors of the other papers on the bottom of the abstract. Please note any other instructions on the bottom of the abstract.

Please mail your material so that it will reach its destination by the deadline.

Please let those of the APS staff who deal with your abstracts think of you with a warm glow and not a red haze.

The APS staff

ports of the plight of some Russian physicists. "May I beg of you on behalf of the American Physical Society," the letter concluded, "to use your influence to avoid actions in the USSR which cannot help but increase the disinclination of individual Americans to cooperate fully and wholeheartedly in exchanges between our two countries."

APS committee undertakes study of women in physics

In an effort to collect information about women physicists in specific areas of employment the Committee on the Status of Women in Physics will undertake a number of projects this year.

The committee would like to obtain the names of all women graduate students in physics and senior women un-

dergraduate physics majors. Letters have been sent to department chairmen, asking them to distribute reply cards to their women students.

Other projects include a survey of women associated with junior colleges and technical institutes, now being conducted by Mildred Widgoff (Brown University), and a similar survey of women teaching physics in secondary schools, which Margaret Law (Harvard University) has recently undertaken. Women affiliated with such institutions, who have not received survey materials, may contact either Widgoff or Law. Another group, women teaching in community colleges, is to be studied in a survey conducted by Margaret Alston-Garnjost (University of California, Berkeley).

Members of the committee for this year are chairman Widgoff, Alston-Garnjost, Law, Betty Pollak (University of Oklahoma) and Mary Shoaf, APS deputy executive secretary. □