

the physics community

AIP announces changes in placement service

The American Institute of Physics Placement Service has expanded its quarterly "Summary of Academic Openings" into an all-inclusive bi-monthly "Summary of Open Positions," and will combine the Doctoral Employment Information Service with the Employment Referral Service in the Fall. Each service will continue its present activities until the new plans become operative. Creation of a single, economically run system of broader scope is the goal of the consolidation.

The "Summary of Open Positions," with its debut in April, includes physics employment opportunities of all types in both academic and non-academic institutions. The Summary is distributed free of charge to all academic departments offering degrees in physics, astronomy and related sciences, to all registrants in the AIP Employment Referral Service and to others requesting copies.

In the Fall the Placement Service will begin issuing quarterly rosters of persons who hold doctorates, master's or bachelor's degrees in physics and who are seeking new employment opportunities. The rosters replace current DEIS materials. Registrants will be grouped into three categories—teaching and research, strictly teaching and industrial work—with university, year of degree and teaching and research experience listed for each registrant. The quarterly rosters, expected to contain information on over 1000 physicists and related scientists, will go to universities, research institutions and industrial employers.

AIP's Placement Service has acted as liaison between physicists and prospective employers since its inception in 1946. Its Employment Referral Service maintains on file the qualifications of participating physicists and related scientists and supplies this information to employers who request help in filling positions. The Placement Service also schedules job interviews and lists open positions at meetings of AIP member societies. The services of a placement consultant are available by appointment at AIP headquarters in New York City.

DEIS, founded in 1973 to replace the Physics Post-Doctoral Information Pool, has compiled volumes of resumes and supporting data classified on the basis of PhD holders' research fields or interest in teaching or industrial positions. The books were distributed to academic employers and industrial, governmental and independent labora-

tories during the academic years 1973-74 and 1974-75. DEIS will continue to distribute supplemental resumes as necessary for its 1974-75 edition until the new Placement Service roster becomes available.

Arab Physical Society holds first meeting

The Arab Physical Society (ARPS), founded in July 1974, has scheduled its first meeting for 22-26 June at the University of Damascus in Damascus, Syria. Chemical physics is to be the topic of the meeting.

The society describes its objectives as "the advancement and progress of science, especially physics, in the Arab world." Antoine Zahlan, professor of physics at the American University of Beirut, is president of ARPS. Members number approximately 170, with about one third of these in the US and Canada. Individuals and institutions are now being considered for eligibility in one of the four categories of ARPS membership. For further information contact the executive secretary, Hafez Kobeissi, ARPS, PO Box 7142, Beirut, Lebanon, or George Assousa, Carnegie Institution of Washington, Dept of Terrestrial Magnetism, 5241 Broad Branch Road, NW, Washington, D.C. 20015.

Stevens and Flanagan elected to ASA posts

Kenneth N. Stevens and James L. Flanagan are the new president-elect and vice-president-elect, respectively, of the Acoustical Society of America. Robert

S. Gales of the Naval Undersea Center at San Diego, California, elected last year, now succeeds to the society's presidency; William S. Cramer of the Naval Ship Research and Development Center at Bethesda, Maryland becomes vice-president.

Stevens is with MIT's Research Laboratory of Electronics and has been a consultant to Bolt, Beranek and Newman Inc since 1952. His research has been in speech communication and psychoacoustics.

Flanagan joined Bell Laboratories in 1957, headed its speech and auditory research department during 1961-67 and is now with the acoustic research department. A distinguished authority in his field, he was a member of the panel of acoustics experts convened during the Watergate proceedings to evaluate the 18½ minute gap in the 20 June 1972 White House tape.

First Acoustical Society standards are available

The Acoustical Society of America will now publish standards in acoustics, noise control, and shock and vibration. They are to be prepared by three ASA-sponsored committees of the American National Standards Institute: those on physical acoustics, mechanical shock and vibration (cosponsored by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers) and bioacoustics. It is anticipated that most of these standards will bear the approval of ANSI.

The Society will also publish pertinent American National Standards based on those of the International Organization of Standardization.

"Methods for Evaluation of Hearing Protectors" is the first publication produced by ASA under this new program. More information may be obtained from the Standards Office of ASA, 335 East 45th St, New York, N.Y. 10017.

in brief

Soviet Physics-Uspekhi, AIP's translation of the Soviet physical-science journal, will increase its frequency from six to twelve issues per year starting in July. The yearly number of pages will remain constant, but the frequency of the translated edition will now match that of the Russian original. The new subscription price will be \$110 for 1975-76.

Bell Laboratories, the research and development unit of the Bell System, marks its 50th anniversary this year.



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