

Search panel for Treasurer and Deputy Executive Secretary

Neal Lane has assumed the chairmanship of the Search Committee for an APS Treasurer and for a new Deputy Executive Secretary. The members of the Search Committee in addition to Lane are Elizabeth Baranger (University of Pittsburgh), Lewis Branscomb (IBM), Morrel Cohen (Exxon), H. Douglas Keith (AT&T Bell Labs), and David Lazarus (University of Illinois, Urbana). W. W. Havens Jr, APS Executive Secretary, and J. A. Burton, APS Treasurer, are *ex officio* members of the Committee. For the position of APS Treasurer, the Search Committee is looking for an active, practicing physicist, with previous managerial experience, who would serve as Treas-

urer on a part-time basis.

The task of finding a Deputy Executive Secretary was added to the charge of the Search Committee to enable the APS office to satisfy more adequately the staff requirements of the many functions and committees of the Society. The Search Committee is asked to find a part time or full time physicist who would have the title Deputy Executive Secretary, reporting to Havens.

The expanding activities of the Society have placed added demands on the New York office, and the APS Council approved a modest increase in the New York staff. This staff expansion should enable the New York of-

fice to perform the many necessary tasks that are now required. The Deputy Executive Secretary would have the responsibility for the staff work for some of the Committees now handled by Burton, and also other specific assignments as circumstances require. The Deputy Executive Secretary would be expected to take an active part in planning for the future of the APS in molding the administrative structure of the Society to meet the new challenges. Suggestions for candidates for these positions should be sent by 15 February 1985 to Dr. Neal Lane, American Physical Society, 335 East 45th Street, New York, NY 10017.

Ramavataram Fund Committee invites suggestions for future

The Kilambi Ramavataram Fund Committee, appointed last summer by APS President Mildred Dresselhaus to establish policies and oversee the Fund, held its first meeting in New York on 12 October. The Ramavataram Fund was established by the APS Council last year with donations provided by Ramavataram's widow, Dr. Sathya-vathi Ramavataram, and it is to be used for grants to enable Indian physicists to visit universities in North America (see *PHYSICS TODAY*, June 1984, page 81).

Ramavataram, a dedicated researcher and teacher of molecular and nuclear physics, was born and educated in India and held research and teaching positions in India, the United States and Great Britain before becoming professor of physics at Laval University, Quebec, in 1968, a position he held until his death in 1977. Because of his special concern about science teaching in India, the Committee decided that the primary objective of the Fund should be to provide opportunities for college and university teachers of physics in India to visit institutions in the United States or Canada for periods of about a semester, to observe and study teaching methods here.

The Committee members are: P. K. Kabir (University of Virginia), Chairman; M. T. Hecht (University of Michi-

gan); A. Rahman (Argonne National Laboratory); and S. Ramavataram (Brookhaven National Laboratory). V. Narayanamurti (AT&T Bell Labs) will serve as the liaison with the POPA Subcommittee on International Scientific Affairs, and J. A. Burton (APS Treasurer) as the liaison with the APS Council.

An open meeting of the Committee will be held during the Baltimore APS meeting at 4:00 pm on Monday, 25 March 1985. All physicists are invited to attend for discussion and suggestions about the future plans for this new program. The Committee invites comments and suggestions, as well as additional tax-deductible contributions to this fund. These may be sent to the following address: Kilambi Ramavataram Fund, American Physical Society, c/o J. A. Burton, 335 East 45th Street, New York, NY 10017; telephone (212) 682-7341.

APS seeking more hosts for Chinese physics scholars

The APS Cooperative Research Program with China is proceeding well (see *PHYSICS TODAY*, July 1983, page 82; October 1983, page 107, and January 1984, page 99). Fourteen senior Chinese physics scholars are now working with host professors at nine universities in the United States. The

APS American Coordinating Committee, chaired by Joseph Birman (City College, CUNY) is encouraging other universities to apply to serve as host for one or more scholars in the fields of condensed-matter physics and electron and atomic physics, especially quantum optics and laser physics, beginning in September 1985.

Senior scholars are carefully selected by experienced Chinese scientists in the expectation that, upon their return to China, they will play leadership roles in developing their fields of physics in Chinese institutions. The APS Coordinating Committee is responsible for matching the Chinese scholars with university openings and host professors who have suitable research interests.

The Committee now is accepting applications from institutions to act as hosts to Chinese scholars. Professors and institutions wishing to host new Chinese scholars are requested to communicate as soon as possible with Dr. Joseph Birman, Chairman of the APS American Coordinating Committee, Department of Physics, City College, 138th Street and Convent Avenue, New York, NY 10031; telephone (212) 690-6871.

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