

Editor sought for American Journal of Physics

in brief

A new editor is sought for the *American Journal of Physics*, which is published by the American Association of Physics Teachers. If possible the new editor should be ready to start work in the first half of 1988.

The editor normally is a working physics educator and is responsible for the overall operations and editorial content of *AJP*, subject to general supervision from the AAPT publications committee. The job involves a wide range of tasks and usually takes up one-third to one-half of the editor's work time. Arrangements concerning financial remuneration of the editor, staff support, office space and equipment are to be negotiated by the editor, AAPT and the editor's home institution. In past years,

host institutions sometimes have provided release time for the editor and assistants, free office space, or payroll and accounting services.

The search committee for the new editor consists of Roderick M. Grant of Denison University (chairman), Judy R. Franz of Indiana University (currently at West Virginia University), Eugen Merzbacher of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and Howard G. Voss of Arizona State University. John Rigden of AIP and Jack Wilson, executive officer of AAPT, serve on the committee *ex officio*. Further information about the job and selection criteria can be obtained from R. M. Grant, *AJP* Editor Search Committee, Denison University, Granville OH 43023.

from Eastern Nazarene College in 1956 and a PhD in physical chemistry from John Hopkins University in 1960. He was a research fellow in chemical physics at Harvard in 1960-61 and taught physics at Eastern Nazarene College from 1961 to 1967, serving as department head from 1964 to 1967. He was an associate professor at Middlebury College in 1967-68 and an associate professor at the University of Missouri from 1968 to 1974, when he became full professor. He served as chairman of the Missouri physics department from 1975 to 1978.

Rigden is the author of two books, *Physics and the Sound of Music* (Wiley, 1977) and *Rabi: Scientist and Citizen* (Basic, 1987).

Since 1978, Rigden has been editor of the *American Journal of Physics*. Rigden starts work at AIP toward the end of the summer, but he will stay on as editor of *AJP* until a replacement is

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found. As director of AIP's physics programs, he will be responsible for overseeing the activities of the Education and Employment Statistics Division, the Physics History Division, the Public Information Division, the Education Division, the Career Placement Division and *PHYSICS TODAY* magazine.

"There are many talented people in the ten member societies of AIP," Rigden says. "I look forward to working with them. More particularly, I look forward to finding ways to build bridges between the associations so that both the discipline of physics and the larger society benefit."

Wolfe is managing editor at Computers in Physics

Alexander Wolfe has joined the AIP staff as the first managing editor of *Computers in Physics*, a new magazine-journal that is to start appearing at the beginning of next year (see *PHYSICS TODAY*, April, page 71). Wolfe will manage the magazine's New York staff, working with Robert R. Borchers of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, the editor of *Computers in Physics*, in designing, developing, editing and producing the new publication.

Wolfe received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Cooper Union in 1979. He worked as a software engineer at General Instrument in Hicksville, New York, from 1979 to 1983, and at Signatron Inc in Lexington, Massachusetts, in 1983-84. In 1984 he joined the staff of McGraw-Hill's *Electronics* magazine, where he worked for two and a half years as software and microsystems editor. He is a coauthor of the second edition of *From Chips to Systems: An Introduction to Microprocessors* (Sybex, Alameda, Calif., 1987).

The International Council of Scientific Unions has made its annual yearbook available to the general public for the first time. The yearbook contains about 1600 names, addresses, and telephone and telex numbers of individuals associated with ICSU's 70 member national academies and research councils, its 20 discipline-based scientific unions, its 10 scientific committees and its 21 scientific associates. The 1986 ICSU yearbook can be ordered for \$25 from ICSU Press, PO Box 016129, Miami FL 33101.

The Health Physics Society, which represents professionals in occupational radiation protection, and the National Bureau of Standards have launched a new national program to accredit laboratories that calibrate instruments used to measure ionizing radiation. The Health Physics Society plans to accredit about 12 secondary labs, using procedures and technical criteria developed in cooperation with the NBS Office of Radiation Measurements, and the secondary labs will in turn accredit about 40 tertiary labs.

The Rochester Institute of Technology plans to break ground this fall for a new \$8.5 million building for its Center for Imaging Science, which was established in 1985 and currently is housed in RIT's College of Graphic Arts and Photography. Members of the center conduct research and provide both graduate and undergraduate programs involving some 150 students. Rodney Shaw, a former member of the senior research staff at Eastman Kodak Company, has been director of the center since July 1986.

Los Alamos National Laboratory has opened a new, \$1.7 million Ion Beam Materials Laboratory, equipped with two specialized particle accelerators—a 200-kV ion implanter and a 3-MV tandem accelerator—for developing and analyzing exotic new metals, ceramics, crystals and plastics. Joe Tesmer of the physics division coordinated the assembly of the lab and will manage it.

A booklet about creationism and science has been prepared for teachers and scientists at the request of the National Science Teachers Association. Written by James W. Skehan, a geologist at Boston College who has an advanced degree in theology as well, *Modern Science and the Book of Genesis* is available for \$5 from NSTA, 1742 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington DC 20009. □