

Amersfoort, The Netherlands, where it also was decided to establish a task force on Eastern Europe (now called the East-West Coordination Committee and chaired by André Landesman of the French Physical Society's Editions de Physique, with E. W. A. Lingeman of NIKHEF as secretary). Following a second EPS meeting on Eastern European physics held at Dagstuhl, Germany, in August 1991, the idea was hatched of holding an EPS-APS meeting to discuss the possibility of cooperative and complementary approaches. At Budapest representatives of the two societies agreed on a joint philosophy comprising the following points:

▷ The general approach should be bottom-up, with the emphasis on support to individuals and teams rather than whole institutes or government organizations.

▷ But the two societies also would encourage strengthening of selected research institutions and establishment of some new ones.

▷ Access to modern communications should be universal and equal

▷ And all physics activities worthy of international support should meet international standards.

Pursuant to those general points, EPS and APS agreed to develop a catalog of communications problems faced by scientists in East Central Europe, draw up a list of qualified peer reviewers in Europe and the US, and seek resources for exchange of faculty and support of students, so as to encourage development of centers of excellence. The two societies also will share relevant data, devise programs to distribute needed equipment, and support creation of some summer schools and workshops.

Further information about the EPS-APS programs can be obtained from Lingeman at the National Institute for Nuclear and High Energy Physics in Amsterdam or from Irving Lerch, international affairs director for APS, in New York. Their electronic mail addresses are, respectively, ed@nikhef.knikhef.nl and lerchi@accluster.nyu.edu.

LYON IS PRESIDENT-ELECT OF ACOUSTICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Members of the Acoustical Society of America recently chose a new president-elect: Richard H. Lyon of MIT. Lyon, who took office on 15 May, succeeds Herman Medwin, who is now ASA president.

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Evansville College (now the University of Evansville) in 1952 and a PhD in physics from MIT in 1955. After a year on the MIT research staff, he was an assistant professor of electrical engineering at the University of Minnesota for three years. He then spent a year in England on a National Science Foundation fellowship, after which he joined Bolt Beranek and Newman, where he was a senior scientist and later corporate vice president. He moved to MIT in 1970 to become a professor of mechanical engineering. Since 1975 he has also been president of RH Lyon Corp, a product design and development firm.

Lyon's research has been concerned with the transmission of noise and vibration in complex systems, for such applications as quiet product design and diagnostics of machinery. He is an originator of statistical energy analysis, and he has more recently developed a theory of statistical phase analysis. Much of his current research deals with dereverberation of sound and vibrational signals in rooms and structures.

The new vice president-elect of ASA is Stanley L. Ehrlich, a consultant in acoustics. He succeeds Jiri Tichy of Pennsylvania State University. Ehrlich earned an MS in physics from Brown University in 1945. From 1948 to 1953 he was a physicist at the US Navy Underwater Sound Laboratory. He then joined Raytheon Company, where he worked in the submarine signal division for 38 years before retiring in 1991.

Elected to the executive council were Gilles A. Daigle of the National Research Council of Canada and William M. Hartmann of Michigan State University.

IN BRIEF

Jack Hehn has joined the American Association of Physics Teachers as associate executive officer. Hehn has taught physics and physical science at Tarrant County Junior College in Hurst, Texas, for the last four years, and before that he taught physics for 14 years at the University of North Texas in Denton.

The Optical Society of America has joined some 40 engineering societies in Engineers for Education, a coalition that hopes to recruit 100 000 engineers as volunteers to help improve K-12 math and science education.

Chapman & Hall has started a new journal, *Processing of Advanced Materials*, which appears quarterly. The editor in chief is J. A. McGeough of the department of mechanical engineering at the University of Edinburgh, and the North American editor is M. Datta of the IBM T. J. Watson Research Center. The North American subscription rates are \$170 for institutions and \$70 for individuals.

Britain's Institute of Physics has launched a new journal, *Modelling and Simulation in Materials Science*. The editor of *Modelling and Simulation* is Michael I. Baskes of Sandia National Labs. The first issue will appear in September, and the North American subscription prices are \$320 (institutions) and \$120 (individual).

David Kagan, a professor of physics at California State University, Chico, has been named the Society of Physics Students Outstanding Chapter Adviser for 1991. Kagan has been the Chico chapter adviser since 1985, and under his supervision the chapter has thrice been named an SPS Outstanding Chapter. The award consists of a citation and \$500 for Kagan's school to host a speaker.

The International Association of Physics Students has selected the Society of Physics Students to be its United States representative. IAPS is a student-run organization that promotes interaction among physics students from different countries. SPS will sponsor two US students to attend the 1992 International Conference of Physics Students, which is held in conjunction with the general meeting of IAPS.

Joseph B. Natowitz, a chemist who has been a member of the Texas A&M faculty since 1967, has been named director of the Texas A&M Cyclotron Institute. ■