The new head of the Gordon Research Conferences will be **Carl Storm** of Los Alamos National Laboratory, who currently serves as chief scientist in the lab's explosives technology and application division office and program manager for technology development. Storm will retire from Los Alamos and assume his new post around the first of December.

The New York Academy of Sciences presented its 1993 Presidential Award to **Walter H. Munk,** emeritus professor of geophysics at the Scripps Institute of Oceanography of the University of California, San Diego.

Jun Zang of the City College of the City University of New York received the Minoru and Ethel Tsutsui Distinguished Graduate Research Award for "the exceptional originality of research in several frontier topics of condensed matter theory."

Abdumannob Pulatov, chair of the Human Rights Society of Uzbekistan and formerly of Tashkent University, was given the Heinz R. Pagels Human Rights of Scientists Award for his "personal heroism in confronting a brutal dictatorship."

The physics, astronomy and mathematics division of the Special Libraries Association awarded **Henry H. Barschall,** emeritus professor of physics at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, its 1993 P–A–M Award. The award was given for his "contribution to the physics literature via a groundbreaking journal cost study, and in appreciation of his defense of the right to publish and exchange such information."

Barschall also was honored by the Association of Research Libraries in 1990 for "his contributions to research libraries and the scholarly academic community, specifically for his work in analyzing the cost-effectiveness of scientific journals."

Arthur C. Upton received the Lovelace Medical Foundation's 1993 Award for Excellence in Environmental Health Research. The award to Upton, who is a clinical professor of pathology at the University of New Mexico Medical School, recognized his contributions to "understanding the relationship between the environment and human health."

OBITUARIES

Moti Lal Rustgi

Moti Rustgi, a professor of physics at the University at Buffalo, State University of New York, died of a heart attack on 16 November 1992. He was 63 years old.

Rustgi was born in Delhi, India. He received his BSc and MSc degrees from Delhi University in 1949 and 1951, respectively. He obtained his PhD in physics at Louisiana State University in 1957, after which he went on to postdoctoral positions at Yale University; the National Research Council in Ottawa, Canada; and Harvard University. He returned to India as a reader in physics at Banaras Hindu University from 1961 until 1963; he was an assistant professor of physics at the University of Southern California for a year before moving once more to Yale. He joined the University at Buffalo as an associate professor in 1966 and was promoted to full professor in 1968.

The bulk of Rustgi's work was in atomic and nuclear physics. He worked on electromagnetic interactions with nuclei, the nucleon–nucleon interaction, parity violation in nuclei and the structure of nuclei, as well as the scattering of high-energy particles from nuclei. His favorite topic was undoubtedly the photodisintegration of the deuteron. In atomic physics he worked on relativistic radiative transitions, atomic form factors, atomic ionization and the stopping power of matter at high energies.

In the last decade Rustgi's interests broadened into other areas: the absorption of rf and microwave radiation in biological systems; Monte Carlo calculations for the electron spectrum produced by photons in materials of interest to health physicists; and studies of quantum well structures in semiconductors.

Rustgi was an outstanding citizen of the University at Buffalo. He was highly regarded as a teacher and gave freely of his time in service to the university. Most recently he had served as director of graduate studies for the physics department. He was well liked by the students and in turn was extremely devoted to them.

Beyond all of this, Moti Rustgi was an extremely good-natured and kind person, always concerned with the welfare of others. He leaves behind a great many friends and admirers.

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Mark Rasolt

Mark Rasolt died suddenly on 24 November 1992 as he was returning from a conference in Australia. He was 49 years old.

Mark was raised in New Jersey. He graduated with honors in electrical engineering from Stevens Institute and took his PhD in physics under Neal Ashcroft at Cornell in 1971. He subsequently worked at the National Research Council of Canada, at the University of Toronto, at Battelle Institute at Columbus and finally, from 1978 on, in the solid-state division at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Mark spent his early professional years working on the theory of many-body effects in electronic systems. He soon broadened his interests and made important theoretical contributions in a number of areas. These included surface physics, critical phenomena, electron density functional theory in magnetic fields, the quantum Hall effect, the dilute Bose gas, high-T_c superconductivity, and superconductivity and other phenomena in very high magnetic fields.

Mark was a very exacting man. He invoked symmetry, simplicity and beauty to understand nature and honesty to deal with people. Wherever he went, Mark saw the sights, drank wine in the bars and cafés, and went to the symphony or the opera if there was a performance. His approach to new problems in physics was as creative and unrelenting as