

found permanent work, the majority went into industry, where the median annual starting salary was \$54 000, compared to \$50 000 in 1994. Postdocs going into government laboratories and universities earned \$36 000 and \$31 000, respectively.

The 1995 survey of bachelor's degree recipients reported a total of 4268 physics bachelor's degrees awarded in 1995, 15% fewer than in 1989. This decline is expected to continue, states the survey report. "Physics bachelor's degree production will remain at levels not seen since the mid-1950s."

About a third of those responding to the bachelor's survey said they would continue on to physics or astronomy graduate study, and another 22% planned to pursue graduate study in some other field. The remainder said they would look for jobs, although about one-fourth of that group expected to enter graduate school after one year. Of those entering the labor force, 19% had not received an offer by the end of the 1994-95 academic year, compared to 24% in 1994. Among those who did find full-time work, the median annual salary was \$29 800, up from \$27 000 the previous year.

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Rothenberg Is AAPM President-Elect for 1997

Members of the American Association of Physicists in Medicine recently elected Lawrence N. Rothenberg to be the AAPM president-elect for 1997. He will succeed Stephen R. Thomas, who will assume the presidency of the organization.

Rothenberg has been affiliated with Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center throughout his career, starting as a postdoctoral fellow in 1970. He is currently associate attending physician in the department of medical physics there, as well as associate professor of physics in radiology at Cornell University Medical College in New York City. Rothenberg received his BA in physics from the University of Pennsylvania, and his MS in physics and PhD in nuclear physics from the University of Wisconsin—Madison. In addition to research in image evaluation, image management and dosimetry in

general diagnostic imaging, mammography, interventional radiology and computed tomography, Rothenberg has been involved in the education and training of residents and medical physics postdoctoral fellows.

In other results of the AAPM election, James M. Galvin (New York University Medical Center) was chosen secretary, and the following board members were chosen: Priscilla F. Butler (George Washington University Medical Center), Paul M. DeLuca Jr (University of Wisconsin—Madison), David S. Gooden (Saint Francis Hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma) and Marilyn Wexler (Santa Monica Cancer Treatment Center in California).

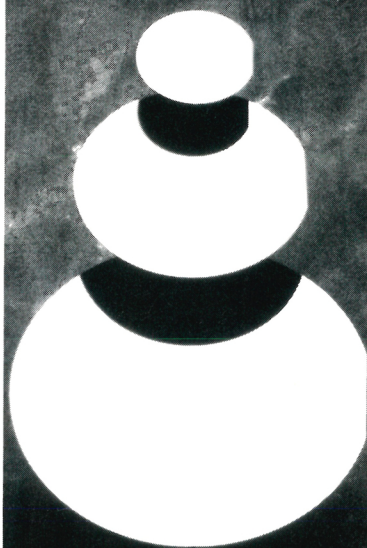
IN BRIEF

The American Vacuum Society has established two new awards. The John Vossen Memorial Award, named for a former president of AVS, will "recognize and encourage the development of high school science demonstration experiments of interest to the American Vacuum Society." High school and middle school science teachers in North America are eligible for the annual award. The George P. Hanyo Award will recognize contributions made by a technical support person working in an area of interest to AVS. The award was established by the Kurt J. Lesker Co in memory of Hanyo, a longtime employee.

On 11 November, Thomas J. McIlrath will become treasurer of the American Physical Society. McIlrath, who holds a PhD in physics from Princeton University, is a professor in the Institute for Physical Science and Technology at the University of Maryland at College Park and associate dean for research and graduate studies there. A laser and atomic physics experimenter, he is also a staff member at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg, Maryland. McIlrath succeeds Harry Lustig, who has been APS treasurer since 1985. During Lustig's tenure, the operating budget of APS tripled, and the society remained on a sound financial footing. Lustig and his wife, Rosalind, will retire in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

On 1 January, Samuel Colbeck of the US Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory in Hanover, New Hampshire, will succeed George Hornberger of the University of Virginia as editor of *Water Resources Research*, a monthly journal of the American Geophysical Union. ■

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