

tific communities of research and technologies that may soon be lost because of the terrible state of funding for science in Russia." Viewers may call or fax questions for on-air discussion. For more information, including how to get access to the series, visit the university's Web page at <http://www.missouri.edu/~ceewww/rsss> or call 1-800-882-7075.

David Lee is the European Physical Society's new secretary-general. He succeeds Gero Thomas, who held the post for 23 years. A lawyer and California native, Lee joined EPS last fall as administrative director at the society's offices in Mulhouse, France. He became secretary-general at the end of last month.

Last December's Kyoto talks have inspired a coalition of scientists and concerned citizens to launch People Against Carbon Dioxide (PAC), a grass-

roots campaign aimed at getting Americans to find new ways of curbing carbon dioxide emissions. "Our PAC is pushing the every-little-bit-helps approach to combating global warming," says coalition spokeswoman Lirpa Loof. Major television and VCR manufacturers have already agreed to a US government request to lower the standby power requirements of their products by 50-75% and thereby reduce the release of CO₂ into the atmosphere, Loof notes. "We want to see similar regulations for phone and fax machines, coffee makers, microwave ovens, hot-air balloons and particle accelerators." Long-range plans, she adds, call for "replacing the CO₂ in soft drinks, mandating green plants in every building and motor vehicle, getting kids to play with windup toys instead of electric ones and bioengineering gas-free farm animals." ■

Web Watch

► <http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/>

The National Nuclear Data Center provides information in the fields of low- and medium-energy nuclear physics. In particular, it includes information on neutron, charged-particle and photonuclear reactions, nuclear structure and decay data. In addition to files of data, the site offers analysis and utility software, and programs for producing tables and drawings of nuclear structure and decay data on a variety of computer platforms. The NNDC, based at Brookhaven National Laboratory and funded by the Department of Energy, is intended primarily for use by researchers in the US and Canada.

A related site is the NEA Data Bank (<http://www.nea.fr/html/databank/>) of the OECD Nuclear Energy Agency near Paris. It is intended for use by scientists in the data bank member countries (numerous European countries and also Japan, South Korea and Mexico). The International Atomic Energy Agency's nuclear data section in Vienna (<http://www.nds.iaea.or.at/>) caters to scientists in IAEA member countries, especially developing countries. See also the Table of Isotopes home page mentioned in the November 1997 Web Watch.

► <http://ae-www.usc.edu/astromike/>

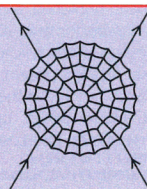
Astronautics and spacecraft design are the central topics of this Web site, created by Mike Gruntman of the University of Southern California's aerospace engineering department. It provides a huge array of links to sites relating to individual spacecraft, spacecraft propulsion and communications, ground and launch systems and the history of space exploration, as well as general space-related sites. The site also has a large bibliography of related textbooks.

► <http://www.aip.org/avsguide/>

The American Vacuum Society's Buyers Guide is available on-line. Over 250 company listings can be browsed alphabetically or searched by category. Company names, locations and descriptions are searchable by keyword. The reference guide provides basic information on topics of general use, such as units of measurement and conversion factors, and also information geared toward the vacuum physicist, such as working pressure ranges of various types of vacuum pumps and gauges. AVS's *Journal of Vacuum Science and Technology* is also on-line, and nonmembers and nonsubscribers can browse the tables of contents of 1995-97.

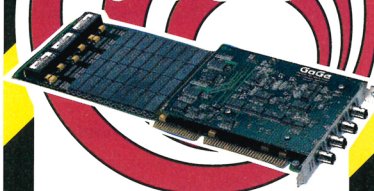
► All links mentioned in Web Watch are included on PHYSICS TODAY's home page, <http://www.aip.org/pt/>. If you have suggestions for other topics or sites to be covered in Web Watch, please e-mail them to ptwww@aip.acp.org.

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