

New Society Directory Being Compiled by Academy

The National Academy of Sciences—National Research Council has announced that the seventh edition of *Scientific and Technical Societies of the United States and Canada* is now being compiled. The sixth edition was published in 1955.

Questionnaires have been mailed to approximately 2000 societies, and publication of the directory is scheduled for late 1960 or early 1961. This, like earlier editions, will represent a joint effort of the United States' National Academy of Sciences—National Research Council and the National Research Council of Canada.

Coverage in the directory will be limited to national and local professional membership organizations. Trade associations and institutions composed principally of paid staffs will not be included.

United States societies wishing to be included in the directory are asked to notify the Librarian of the National Academy of Sciences—National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington 25, D.C. Canadian societies should contact Mr. Robert A. Lay, Public Relations Office, National Research Council, Ottawa 2, Ontario. The final acceptance date for information about a society is 15 July.

Foundation Surveys American Scientists

Last month about 250,000 scientists began reporting professional and economic data about themselves for the National Science Foundation's 1960 National Register of Scientific and Technical Personnel. Simultaneously, the foundation released data compiled from registration figures for 1956–58.

The median annual salary of U.S. scientists in 1956–58 was \$7900. The 1958 National Register survey shows that scientists in chemical engineering and the medical sciences had the highest median salary (over \$10,000), while those in the agricultural and biological sciences had the lowest, with median salaries below \$7000.

About 137,000 full-time employed scientists reported in 1956–58. Almost half were in private industry or were self-employed, 28 percent were employed by educational institutions, and 14 percent were civilian employees of the federal government.

The median age of scientists reporting in 1958 was 38 years. About half were engaged in research and development activities and 16 percent in teaching.

Those in management or administration had the highest median salary (\$11,000), those in teaching the lowest (\$6500).

Eight national scientific societies are cooperating with the National Science Foundation in the registration of scientists—the American Chemical Society, American Geological Institute, American Institute of Biological Sciences, American Institute of Physics, American Mathematical Society, American Meteorological Society, American Psychological Association, and Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology. It is hoped that scientists who do not receive questionnaires will contact the scientific society most appropriate to their specialties, so that they may be included in the National Register.

News Briefs

AMSOC Albatross Award. The third Albatross Award of the American Miscellaneous Society will be made in Helsinki, Finland, while the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics is in session, 26 July to 6 August. The award consists of a stuffed, mature Laysan albatross (*Diomedea immutabilis*) with the names of the winners inscribed on the mounting base. It is given for the most unusual contribution to oceanography. The second Albatross Award was presented to Walter Munk at the International Oceanographic Congress held in New York in August 1959. The winner may keep the Albatross only until the next recipient is chosen. Announcement of the third award will be made in Helsinki.

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Religion and science. The Institute on Religion in An Age of Science will hold its 7th annual conference at Star Island, N.H., 30 July–6 August. The theme of this year's conference is "Toward An Integration of Religion and Psychological Concepts on Man." Invited addresses will be given by David Bakan, Ralph Burhoe, L. K. Frank, O. H. Mowrer, Gene Nameche, Ira Progoff, and Joseph R. Royce. In addition, institute members A. G. Huntsman, Harlow Shapley, Huston Smith and others will participate as seminar

and discussion leaders. Burhoe and Royce are serving as co-chairmen of this year's conference, with assistance from W. H. Clark. For information write to Ralph Burhoe, Executive Officer, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 280 Newton St., Brookline 46, Mass.

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Biophysics training. A recent survey of biophysics training programs in the United States and Canada showed that at least 51 institutions have such a program and that five others expect to initiate programs in the near future. Thirty-two of the institutions reporting offer advanced degrees in biophysics, 28 at the doctoral level. Thirteen medical schools now offer some instruction in biophysics to medical students. The survey was conducted by Norman A. Coulter, Jr., of Ohio State University.

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Engineering at Purdue. Purdue University has announced the merger of the Division of Engineering Sciences and the School of Aeronautical Engineering to form a new school to be known as the School of Aeronautical and Engineering Sciences, effective 1 July. An Aero-Space Sciences Laboratory has been established for graduate research. Harold M. DeGroff will be head of the new school and director of the laboratory. E. A. Trabant, head of the Division of Engineering Sciences, had previously resigned to become dean of engineering at the University of Buffalo.

Scientists in the News

W. O. Reinhardt, professor of anatomy and head of the department at the University of California School of Medicine in San Francisco, is the first recipient of the Alan Gregg travel fellowship in medical education of the China Medical Board of New York, Inc. Reinhardt plans to spend 9 months in the Far East, accompanied by his family, beginning early next year. Most of his study will be conducted in the department of anatomy at Kyoto University Medical School in Japan. The Gregg fellowship was established last fall to honor the memory of Alan Gregg, a world-famous leader in medical education until his death in 1957.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has presented Distinguished Service Awards to seven employees for outstanding achievements in research and