

the life sciences is *15 January 1961*. Proposals received prior to that date will be reviewed at the spring meeting of the foundation's advisory panels, and disposition will be made approximately 4 months after the closing date. Proposals received after the January closing date will be reviewed after the summer closing date of *15 May*.

The next closing date for submission of proposals for specialized biological facilities is *1 March 1961*. The NSF has two programs for support of facilities, one for general graduate-level university laboratories and the other for specialized biological facilities. The latter are defined as discrete research installations which are unique, one-of-a-kind, or at least out of the ordinary in that they are not a usual part of a university department. Inquiries should be addressed to the National Science Foundation, Washington 25, D.C.

### Scientists in the News

**Harry Polachek**, technical director of the Applied Mathematics Laboratory at the U.S. Navy's David Taylor Model Basin in Washington, has received the Distinguished Civilian Service Award, the highest award that the Secretary of the Navy may confer on a civilian employee. Polachek was honored for his achievements in organizing and directing the Applied Mathematics Laboratory, particularly for demonstrating the potential of high-speed computers and for his contributions to scientific, technical, and management fields, such as nuclear reactor design, advanced programming systems, and analysis of acoustic signals.



Harry Polachek

The Mellon Institute has announced that its 1960-61 Duncan Memorial Lecture will be delivered on 15 December by **Detlev W. Bronk**, president of the Rockefeller Institute and president of the National Academy of Sciences.

The Albany Medical College of Union University has presented its fourth annual Honorary Lectureship Award to **Maurice B. Visscher**, professor and chairman of the department of physiology at the University of Minnesota Medical School. The award was presented at the college on 17 November. Preceding the award ceremony, Visscher lectured on "Education Today for Medicine Tomorrow."

**Konrad Krauskopf**, associate dean of Stanford University's School of Mineral Sciences and a member of the editorial board of *Science*, has received the Arthur L. Day gold medal of the Geological Society of America, one of the most important honors in its field. Krauskopf, professor of geochemistry, was cited for his brilliant research into the characteristics of ore-bearing fluids. The award was presented *in absentia* at a Denver meeting of the Society, as Krauskopf is on sabbatical leave in Göttingen, Germany, where he is studying thermodynamics. He will teach at Massachusetts Institute of Technology before returning to Stanford in the fall of 1961.

An Australian scientist, **J. L. Pawsey**, has won the Hughes Medal, awarded annually by the Royal Society of London for original discovery in the physical sciences. Pawsey, who is assistant chief of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization's Division of Radiophysics, was honored for his distinguished contributions to radio astronomy.

**Ralph P. Ruth**, former project physicist for the Bendix Corporation in Detroit, has been appointed a senior scientist at the Hoffman Science Center, Santa Barbara, Calif., where his research will be primarily in the field of thin films for solar cell applications.

**Veikko Severi Rossi**, chief of the aerological section of the Finnish Meteorological Bureau, is at present on a 70-day tour of the United States to visit meteorological facilities of the U.S. Weather Bureau and the Air Weather Service.

**Michael Heidelberger**, emeritus professor of immunochemistry at Columbia University and visiting professor of immunochemistry at the Institute of Microbiology at Rutgers University, recently received the Louis Pasteur gold medal of the Swedish Medical Society. The medal was originally presented to Pasteur himself on his 70th birthday, and subsequently, since 1900, it has been awarded at 10-year intervals to other distinguished biochemists.

### Recent Deaths

**George Ferguson, Jr.**, Charlottesville, Va.; 75; emeritus professor of psychology at the University of Virginia and former dean of its College of Arts and Sciences; during 37 years at Virginia, also served as dean of admissions and registrar; 21 Nov.

**Robert A. Lambert**, Fairhope, Ala.; 76; research pathologist and a former member of the Rockefeller Foundation; retired from the foundation in 1948 after having served in France, the Near East, and South America; was a director and later a consultant with the World Health Organization; 20 Nov.

**Oliver J. Weinkauff**, St. Louis, Mo.; 56; organic chemist for the Monsanto Chemical Company; served there for 29 years—as a research chemist (1931), as assistant director of research (1943), as associate director of research (1947), as director of technology (1956), and as research associate (1960); 12 Nov.

**Robert N. Wilson**, Durham, N.C.; 85; emeritus professor of chemistry at Duke University; 19 Nov.

**Hidehiko Yamabe**, Evanston, Ill.; 37; professor of mathematics at Northwestern University; formerly taught at the University of Minnesota; in 1953, his "Hilbert's Fifth Problem" was cited as the first complete solution of this problem of topology and was termed the best mathematical solution of the year; 20 Nov.

*Erratum:* The citation of original description used in the report "Venation polymorphism and genetic variability in *Drosophila melanogaster* Loew" by J. Bennett, R. L. Capek, T. R. Kallstedt, and R. E. Moisan [*Science* 132, 1399 (11 Nov. 1960)], should have read "*D. melanogaster* Meigen," not "Loew," as it appeared in the published report.

*Erratum:* The program of the symposium "The Impact of Space Research on the Sciences" of the American Geophysical Union [*Science* 132, 1562 (25 Nov. 1960)] contains incorrect listings for the planning committee, presiding officer, and date. Robert Jastrow, listed as presiding officer, is secretary of the planning committee; E. M. Purcell, of Harvard University, on loan to Brookhaven National Laboratory, is presiding officer; the symposium will be held 28 Dec.