

European Molecular Biology Laboratory

On 10 May 1973 at CERN, Geneva, an Agreement to create the European Molecular Biology Laboratory at Heidelberg was signed. The Laboratory is a special project of the intergovernmental organization, the European Molecular Biology Conference.

The Agreement is modelled on the CERN Convention. The Director-General designate is J. C. Kendrew, who received the Nobel Prize in 1962 for his work on the structure of proteins.

Member States have committed themselves for seven years when the non-recurrent expenditure is estimated as 11 million accounting units (A. U.)

at 1972 prices (1 A. U. equals roughly \$1), including that on out-stations at DESY in Hamburg and the Laue-Langevin Laboratory in Grenoble. Operating costs will rise to 4.2 million A. U. per year.

In addition to providing the site, the Federal Republic of Germany is making a gift of DM 12 million which reduces the contributions to non-recurrent expenditure over the first seven years to 7.7 million A. U. Moreover, Heidelberg has offered significant help, particularly with temporary accommodation, to facilitate the rapid start of the project.

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Society News

Associate Members

The following organizations have decided to join EPS as Associate Members:

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Stuttgart, Fed. Rep. of Germany;

Siemens Aktiengesellschaft, Berlin

and Munich, Fed. Rep. of Germany;

Swiss Institute for Nuclear Research (SIN), Villigen, Switzerland

Atomic Spectroscopy

At the Fifth Annual Conference on Atomic Spectroscopy in Lund from 10-13 July 1973, there will be an assembly of members of the Atomic Spectroscopy Section (EGAS) of the Atomic Physics Division at which three new board members will be elected.

Europhysics Journals

The Institute of Physics intends to publish 18 issues of *Journal of*

Physics A: Mathematical, Nuclear and General in 1974, of which approximately half will be devoted to nuclear physics. Every effort will be made to publish Letters as rapidly as possible in special sections near the front of the journal. W.D. Hamilton of the University of Sussex has been invited to join the Editorial Board as a Deputy Editor to oversee the nuclear physics issues, and it is proposed to appoint further nuclear physicists in Britain and on the continent of Europe to the Editorial Board.

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