

## New Temperature Scale

The Consultative Committee for Thermometry of the International Committee of Weights and Measures has approved at its May 1978 meeting a new temperature scale, the EPT-76, which covers the temperature range from 0.5 K to 30 K. EPT-76 is an abbreviation of the French title « Echelle Provisoire de Température de 1976 entre 0,5 K et 30 K ». Temperatures on this scale are denoted  $T_{76}$ .

The text of the scale is to be published by the BIPM (Pavillon de Breteuil, F-92310 SÈVRES) in French and English; copies became available at the XVth International Conference on Low Temperature Physics which was held at Grenoble, 23-29 August. The scale along with its background and derivation is to be published in *Metrologia* early in 1979.

The scale is designed to resolve inconsistencies between the liquid helium vapour pressure scales, the IPTS-

68 and thermodynamic temperature in this range. The scale is also designed to be thermodynamically smooth and to join with the IPTS-68 at 27.1 K. This scale is based on temperatures which have been assigned to eleven reference points, namely the four lower fixed points of the IPTS-68, the triple point of neon, the boiling point of helium and the superconducting transition points of cadmium, zinc, aluminium, indium and lead. The scale can be realised by interpolation between the fixed points by using the differences which are given between  $T_{76}$  and the 1958  $^4\text{He}$  and 1962  $^3\text{He}$  vapour pressure scales, the IPTS-68 platinum thermometer scale and various low temperature laboratory scales. The assigned temperatures of the reference points and differences from the established scales are intended to be consistent with both paramagnetic salt susceptibility and gas thermometry.

## Who's Who in Quantum Electronics

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## Grants to Young Physicists

About 50 physicists will attend the York Conference as a result of the grants made by EPS. In addition, there will be a further number of participants who have received help from their national societies and, in the U.K., from the Royal Society. Some 20 000 Fr were earmarked by EPS for this purpose. Then in response to the applications received, following the announcements published first in *EN* June, 1977 and then again in September and November (including the Conference Bulletin No. 1) the distribution of grants set out below was made.

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