

voice to the many organizations calling for immediate steps to rescue "the precious part of world science and culture" found in eastern and central Europe (E&CE). It was also decided to better coordinate efforts by holding an annual meeting of Academy representatives, and by opening a small information centre at The Royal Society of London pending proposals for a permanent scheme to share information on initiatives such as those by the French Academy of Sciences.

J. Friedel writes to say that the French Academy, in advising the French Government on various aspects of east-west exchanges, has encouraged the development of a uniform policy for science based on help to develop centres of excellence via

short-term projects and exchanges. This is in line with the policies of the academies of science in the republics making up the former Soviet Union (FSU). A Royal Society evaluation completed last December concluded that the republics will be unable to maintain science at the "broad scale inherited from the Soviet era". They will instead aim at **selectivity** (high quality, interdisciplinary teams, close links with higher education, and funding based on peer-reviewed grants).

France provided nearly 200 grants in 1991 for young scientists, mostly from the E&CE and not the FSU, for studies leading to the first step of the usual 3-year Ph.D. 1992 will see an increased number of grants for Ph.D.'s, involving both 50% and 100%

of the spent time in France. More places at summer schools will be made available for Ph.D. students from the FSU and E&CE. French scientists made some 600 visits of 6-12 months in 1991, nearly one-half to Russia and the Ukraine. Government organizations are urged to assist individuals to establish the **personal contacts** that have so far produced most of the results.

The French Academy supports the continuation of grants for Ph.D.'s and visits, but considers longer visits or repeated shorter ones as being optimal. Also **recommended** are: literature sent directly to specific laboratories; a small stream of top-class permanent recruitments; and support to help Russian and Ukrainian scientists at home provided it is selective, judged by peer review and independent of bilateral contracts.

PROFESSORSHIP IN EXPERIMENTAL PARTICLE PHYSICS

The University of Bergen, Norway, invites applications for a vacant professorship in experimental particle physics at the Department of Physics.

The professorship is in experimental high-energy particle physics, with the main aim of strengthening Bergen's participation in the research on electron-positron collisions at LEP/DELPHI at CERN.

A detailed description of the subject area and responsibilities involved, special duties and other conditions which will be of importance in making the appointment, are to be found in a separate specification which may be obtained on request from the Secretariat, Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, N-5020 Bergen, Norway.

Salary will be as defined by l.tr. 26 of the civil service scale, currently 293757 NOK per annum gross. An obligatory contribution to the pension fund, currently 5746 NOK per annum, will be deducted from this salary at source.

The professor will be required to take part in teaching and examination duties as laid down in the applicable regulations, and must accept without compensation, changes in subject area, pension arrangements and retirement age as decided by law or by the King in Council.

Women are particularly encouraged to apply. If the appointment committee finds several candidates to be approximately equally qualified, the rules contained in the Equal Opportunities Protocol for the University of Bergen, will be applied.

Applicants should submit 5 copies of all scientific articles, published or unpublished, which they wish to be taken into consideration. In addition, candidates must provide 6 copies of a list giving publication details of the work submitted, together with 5 copies of their application and enclosures.

The scientific articles should be numbered and sorted into 5 sets, and sent to the Secretariat of the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, University of Bergen, within one month of the final date for application. Scientific articles in preparation on the application date, may be submitted within three months of the final date for application, provided that notice of this is given when the main body of the scientific production is submitted.

The Procedural Rules for the Appointment of Professors at the University of Bergen will be applied.

The application, which must contain complete information of education, previous appointments and other activities, should be addressed to "Det akademiske kollegium", and should be sent together with authenticated copies of relevant documents and a copy of the list of scientific articles to the Secretariat, Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, University of Bergen, N-5020 Bergen, Norway, by **August 15, 1992**.

● Superconducting Super Collider Vote

The US House of Representatives passed an amendment on 17 June to the fiscal '93 Water and Energy Appropriations Bill to cut further Department of Energy funding to construct the $8.2 \cdot 10^9$ \$US Superconducting Super Collider in Ellis County, Texas. Possibilities now include: the Senate restores funds, the President vetoes the Bill, or a "continuing resolution" allows funding at the '92 level.

● Human Capital and Mobility

The 1992-4 Human Capital and Mobility programme was **launched** last month. The first selection round covers a 109 MECU allocation for activities starting in 1993. Applications for another round covering part of the balance of 379 MECU are due in November. Up to maybe one-third of the exact sciences allocation of 45% could go to physics, to be split between fellowships (45%), networks (41%), large-scale facilities (11%), and euroconferences (3%).

An information package, including application forms, is available from: DG-XII-H-1, Rue Montoyer 75, B-1040 Brussels (tel./fax: +32-2-236 02 54 / 236 33 07).

Conference Support

The Commission of the European Community's Directorate for Science and Technology (DG- XII) pointed out to Maurice Jacob, the EPS President, during a visit to Brussels that the 487 MECU EC Human Capital and Mobility Programme for 1992-4 has assigned European conferences 3% of the first budget allocation designated for the exact and natural sciences (49.1 MECU). While there are no quotas, physics could expect to receive one-third of the 3% (equivalent to ≈ 5.0 MECU) for events starting after 1 November 1992. Further allocations will follow. The EPS/ESF-organized series of European Research Conferences in Physics represents only a small fraction of the sum available so organizers are urged to apply separately in the case of other events. It would help if these organizers kept the EPS Secretariat informed.

DG-XII also indicated that it would possibly welcome proposals from EPS for a limited number (maybe only one in the first