Jürg Schacher, an experimental high-energy physicist, has been a Titular-Professor in the Institut für Physik, Bern University, since 1991. He studied in Basel and has worked at PSI and at CERN where he specialized in Drell-Yan physics. Sergio Ciliberto, a solid-state physicist, has been a Director of Research in conjunction with ARBEITSKREIS FESTKÖRPERPHYSIK DEUTSCHE PHYSikalISCHE GESELLSCHAFT Regensburg, Germany, 29 March - 2 April 1993 Editors: H. Hoffmann, R. Klein, M. Schwoerer With 3777 participants, the conference represented the largest meeting of physicists held in Germany. There were 8 plenary talks, 171 invited talks, 1480 contributed talks, 1441 poster presentations, and 33 exhibits reports. The Proceedings comprise 6 plenary talks and 122 invited contributions given in Sections as follows: Plenary talks: Liquids; Low temperature physics; Macromolecular physics; Magnetism; Metals; Semiconductors and insulators; Surface, interfaces and thin films; Dynamics, statistical physics and neutron scattering; Chemical physics; Vacuum science. 752 pages in 2 volumes spanning the enormous scientific activity in Europe in the field of condensed matter physics.

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Council Delegates

J.T. Devreese from Antwerp University has been elected as a delegate of the Individual Ordinary Members to Council to replace Ph. Choquard whose term of office expired on 31 March 1993. The election was by postal ballot that repeated an earlier unsuccessful ballot based on completing a form published in Europhysics News.

Nominations for two delegates of the Associate Members are presently being sought to replace P. Thomas and L.F. Feiner who stood down earlier this year.

Divisions and Groups

Martin Huber, the Treasurer of the European Astronomical Society (EAS) and formerly the Chairman of the Astrophysics Division of EPS, outlined the steps being taken to set up a Joint Astrophysics Division (JAD) with the EAS. In line with the agreement signed by the Presidents of EPS and EAS last year, a Board will be nominated whose task it is to propose Sections, election procedures, and fees structure, recognizing that members of national physical societies will be invited to become members of EPS Divisions if the proposed changes to the EPS Constitution and By-laws (see p. 230) are accepted by Council.

Elections to the Board of the Interdivisional Group for Experimental Physics Control Systems were held during the Group's biennial General Assembly at the ICALPECS conference in Berlin on 19 October. The Board now comprises: A. Danesi (CERN; Chair), W. Busse (HMI; Vice-Chair), T. Bullmer (PSI; Treasurer), M. Clausen (DESY), P. Clout (Vista, Los Alamos), T. Katoh (KEK, Tokyo), J. Lister (CRNP, Lausanne; co-opted), L. Trasatti (INFN Frascati).

Action Committees

- Tomas Zamocki from the Institute of Physical Metallurgy, Brno, who was the Secretary of the Action Committee for Applied Physics and Physics in Industry died in September after a long illness.
- Robert Pick, Université P. et M. Curie, Paris, who was awarded his doctorate in 1957 and became a project leader and subsequently Assistant Director in the Physics Laboratory. He joined the University of Paris in 1961 as a Maître des Conférences, becoming a professor before moving to the IIL in 1972. Professor Nozières is a member of the French Academy of Sciences and Professor of Theoretical Physics in the Collège de France and belongs to academies in Hungary and the USA. He was awarded the French Physical Society's Prix Langevin and its 1974 Prix Holweck (jointly with the IOP), the 1985 Wolf Prize, and the 1988 Médaille d'Or of the Centre National de Recherche Scientifique (CNRS). He was the President of EPS's Solid-State Physics Commission, President of the French Physical Society, and a member of Scientific Committee of the International Centre for Science in Technology, Moscow, and of the NATO Science Committee. Born in Trapani in 1929, Professor Zichichi worked at the University of Bologna where he became Professor of Advanced Physics, Director of the Graduate School, and Director of the INFN's Bologna Section before being appointed the INFN's Director in 1977. An experimental high-energy physicist with over 300 research publications, he was President of EPS from 1979-80, was awarded Germany's Order of Merit in 1993 and UNESCO's 1986 Prize for Peace and International Understanding, and has been accorded some 68 Italian honours and prizes including the President of Italy's 1981 Gold Medal for Science and Culture. He has edited Subnuclear Physics, Nuclear Strategy and Peace Technology for Planetary Emergencies, and Progress in Scientific Culture, and was Vice-Director of the Cimento.

Honorary Members Elected

In recognition of outstanding contributions to physics in Europe, the European Physical Society announced the election of four new Honorary Members at the General Meeting in Florence on 14 September 1993. They are: W. Buckel, Ph. Nozières, Sir Rudolf Peierls, and A. Zichichi.

Werner Buckel was born in Nördlingen and studied in Munich, Erlangen and Göttingen, receiving his Habilitation in 1954 from the University of Göttingen. After a year on the staff at TH Aachen, he became an Ordinarius for Physik at the University of Karlsruhe in 1960 and Director of the university's Physikalisches Institut in 1969, a position he occupied until 1985. He was Dean of the Physics faculty in 1974-8 and Director of the Institute for Superconductivity at Kernforschungsanlage Jülich in 1970-73. President of the German Physical Society in 1971-73 and of EPS in 1986-88, Professor Buckel was awarded the IUPAP's 1984 Fritz London Memorial Award and Germany's Verdienstkreuz (1979) in recognition of his contributions to modern physics.

Philippe Nozières has been responsible for theoretical activities at the Institut Laue-Langevin, Grenoble, since 1976 when he was appointed Professor of Statistical Physics at Grenoble University. Born in Paris, he studied at the Ecole Normale Supérieure, Ulm, receiving his Aggregation in 1955. He then spent two years at Princeton before returning to the ENS, Paris, where he was awarded his doctorate in 1957 and became a project leader and subsequently Assistant Director in the Physics Laboratory. He joined the University of Paris in 1961 as a Maître des Conférences, becoming a professor before moving to the IIL in 1972. Professor Nozières is a member of the French Academy of Sciences and Professor of Theoretical Physics in the Collège de France and belongs to academies in Hungary and the USA. He was awarded the French Physical Society's 1960 Prix Langevin and its 1974 Prix Holweck (jointly with the IOP), the 1985 Wolf Prize, and the 1988 Médaille d'Or of the Centre National de Recherche Scientifique (CNRS). He was the President of EPS's Solid-State Physics Commission, President of the French Physical Society, and a member of Scientific Committee of the International Centre for Science in Technology, Moscow, and of the NATO Science Committee. Born in Trapani in 1929, Professor Zichichi worked at the University of Bologna where he became Professor of Advanced Physics, Director of the Graduate School, and Director of the INFN's Bologna Section before being appointed the INFN's Director in 1977. An experimental high-energy physicist with over 300 research publications, he was President of EPS from 1979-80, was awarded Germany's Order of Merit in 1993 and UNESCO's 1986 Prize for Peace and International Understanding, and has been accorded some 68 Italian honours and prizes including the President of Italy's 1981 Gold Medal for Science and Culture. He has edited Subnuclear Physics, Nuclear Strategy and Peace Technology for Planetary Emergencies, and Progress in Scientific Culture, and was Vice-Director of the Cimento.

Roger Ballan, the Editor-in-Chief of Europhysics Letters, reported that the flow of manuscripts to the journal is 6.5% higher than last year (when 771 MSS were received) and that the rejection rate has increased slightly from 40.0%. Efforts are being made to reduce the delay to publication which is under pressure from Co-editors seeking more revisions and referee reports taking longer. It has been agreed with the editors of some EPS recognized journals that authors will have a period of one year to submit their manuscripts for publication in Europhysics Letters. New criteria are being considered to submit their texts to a recognized journal, perhaps in an expanded form.

1996 General Conference

The Executive Committee has accepted a proposal by the Portuguese Physical Society and the Spanish Royal Physical Society to hold the 10th EPS General Conference in Seville in September 1996. Professor H. Wernli from the MPI for Quantumoptik, Garching, has agreed to chair the General Programme Committee.

1995 High Energy Conference

The 1995 Europhysics International High Energy Conference will be held in Brussels on 27 July - 2 August and not on 31 July to 6 September as announced in last month's meetings listing.