

of Science Department. He became Professor of History of Science in 1977 and has since served several terms as chairman of the department.

Author of numerous articles and reviews, Dr. Hannaway is perhaps best known for his 1975 monograph, *The Chemists and the Word: The Didactic Origins of Chemistry*, which contrasts the 16th century texts of Oswald Croll and Andreas Libavius and their importance in the rise of modern chemical education.

The Division would at this time also like to solicit nominations for the 1992 Dexter award. Nominations should include a complete vita for the nominee, consisting of biographical data, educational background, awards and honors, publications, presentations and other services to the profession; a nominating letter summarizing the nominee's achievements in the field of the history of chemistry and citing unique contributions which merit a major award; and at least two seconding letters. Copies of no more than three publications may also be included, if available. All nominations should be sent in triplicate to Dr. James Traynham, Chairman of the Dexter Award Committee, Department of Chemistry, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803 by 1 January 1992. It should be emphasized that the award is international in scope and that nominations are welcomed from all quarters. Previous winners have included historians and chemists from Germany, France, Holland, Hungary, and Great Britain.

#### The Outstanding Paper Award

The 1990 Outstanding Paper Award has been given to Dr. Reynold E. Holmen of White Bear Lake, Minnesota for his paper, "Kasimir Fajans (1887-1975): The Man and his Work", which appeared in two parts in the Fall 1989 (No. 4, pp. 15-23) and Spring 1990 (No. 6, pp. 7-15) issues of the *Bulletin*, and the 1991 Outstanding Paper Award has been given to the late Denis Quane of East Texas University for his paper, "The Reception of Hydrogen Bonding by the Chemical Community: 1920-1937", which appeared in the Fall 1990 issue (No. 7, pp. 3-13).

The award, which consists of \$100, a plaque, and \$150 worth of books from Kluwer Academic Publishers, was presented to Dr. Holmen at the Fall National ACS Meeting in New York City. Dr. Quane's award was accepted on his behalf by his sister, Anna Desharnais. All papers published in the *Bulletin* are automatically considered for the award for up to three years after the date of their publication.

#### The Edelstein Fellowship

The 1991-1992 Edelstein Fellowship in the History of Chemical Sciences and Technology has been awarded to Dr. Peter J. T. Morris of Britain's Open University. Dr. Morris will divide his fellowship year between the Beckman Center for the

History of Chemistry in Philadelphia and the Edelstein Center for History and Philosophy of Science, Technology and Medicine in Jerusalem.

#### The Partington Prize

The 1990 Partington Prize has been awarded to Marco Beretta of Uppsala University for his essay "The History of Chemistry in the Eighteenth Century". The prize of £100 is awarded every three years by The Society for the History of Alchemy and Chemistry for the best original unpublished essay on history of chemistry by a scholar under the age of 30.

#### EVENTS OF INTEREST

\* The Oesper Museum of Chemical Apparatus has received donations of several artifacts related to recent articles in the *Bulletin*. William D. Williams of Harding University has sent in a sodium basket similar to the one discussed in the article "Reinventing the Hofmann Sodium Spoon", which appeared in the Fall 1990 issue (pp. 38-39). The Chemistry Department of the College of Saint Thomas in Saint Paul, Minnesota, has donated an example of one of the first Becker chainomatic balances as discussed by John Stock in the Winter 1990 issue (pp. 12-15). The balance carries an acquisition date of 1920 and the original 1916 patent number. Alex and Hortense Berman of Cincinnati have donated an original lithograph of the Honoré Daumier caricature of the French chemist, Jean-Baptiste Dumas, which was used on the cover of the same issue. The caricature originally appeared in the 4 March 1850 issue of the journal *Le Charivari* and was intended to satirize Dumas' performance as Minister of Agriculture. Dr. Berman has also provided a translation of the original caption:

New prodigy of chemistry: Dumas has managed to produce a ministerial portfolio from his retort. Since coming to the ministry, the chemist Dumas has always been careful to avoid the podium, on the pretext that he is always occupied in analyzing the speeches of other orators.

\* Several activities of the Division have received publicity in recent issues of *Chemical & Engineering News*. The paper, "A Reevaluation of Dalton's Data on Combining Proportions: Were his Results Fraudulent?", given by Melvyn C. Usselman and K. D. Watson of the University of Western Ontario at the Spring 1991 National ACS Meeting in Atlanta, was highlighted in the 6 May issue (pp. 43-44), and the Faraday Symposium held at the same meeting, and organized by Derek Davenport of Purdue University, was the cover article for the 23 September issue. The papers given at this symposium will appear as a special Winter issue of the *Bulletin* which will be published in early March.

\* The International Academic Conference on Chinese Scientific and Technical History will be held in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province of the People's Republic of China on 25-30 August 1992. For further information contact the Secretariat of the International Academic Conference on Chinese Scientific and Technical History, 211 Yan'an Road, 310006 Hangzhou, People's Republic of China or contact Shi Nam, Yao YaQin, Tel. 556105, 555006, Telex. Hangzhou 0571-551101.

\* An international symposium in celebration of the centenary of the death of August Wilhelm Hofmann, organized by the Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker, The Royal Society of Chemistry, and Humboldt Universität, will be held in Berlin on 5-6 May 1992. Speakers will include W. H. Brock, L. Burchardt, W. Hornix, J. A. Johnson, O. P. Krätz, M. Rasch, C. A. Russell, and H. W. Schütt. For further details contact Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker, Abt. Tagungen, Postfach 900440, D-6000 Frankfurt am Main, Germany, Phone: (+69) 7919-360, Fax: (+69) 7917-475.

\* The 19th International Congress of History of Science will take place in Zaragoza on 22-29 August 1993. For details contact Professor Mariano Hormigón, Facultad de Ciencias, Ciudad Universitaria, E-50009, Zaragoza, Spain.

\* A European colloquium to commemorate the bicentenary of Lavoisier's death, organized by the Académie des Sciences, will be held in Paris on 3-6 May 1994. For further details contact Madame Michèle Goupil, Secrétaire du Comité Bicentenaire Lavoisier, Académie des Sciences, 23 Quai Conti, 75006 Paris, France.

\* Travel grants are available from the Beckman Center for the History of Chemistry to enable interested individuals to visit Philadelphia to make use of the Othmer Library, the Edgar Fahs Smith Collection, and other associated facilities. The grants, which may be used for travel, subsistence, and copying costs, will not normally exceed \$500. Applications should include a vita, a one-paragraph statement on the research proposed, a budget, and the addresses and telephone numbers of two references. Deadlines are 1 February for grants covering the period April-June, 1 May for July-September, 1 August for the period October-December, and 1 November for the period January-March. Send applications to Lisa Kazanjian, Beckman Center for the History of Chemistry, 3401 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6228, (215) 898-4896.

\* The Oesper Collection in the History of Chemistry of the University of Cincinnati is looking for donations of old chemistry texts, photographs, prints, molecular models, and chemical apparatus to add to its collections. Interested parties should contact Dr. William B. Jensen, Department of Chemistry, ML 172, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH 45221.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

**San Francisco .... 5-10 April 1992**

Five copies of 150-word abstract (original on ACS Abstract Form) by 1 December 1991. Title of paper by 1 November 1991.

\* *General Papers*. Contact J. L. Sturchio, Corporate Archives, Merck & Co., Inc., P.O. Box 2000, Rahway, NJ 07065-0900, (908) 594-3981, FAX (908) 594-3977 or M. D. Saltzman, Department of Chemistry, Providence College, Providence, RI 02918, (401) 865-2298.

\* *Bay Area Biotechnology: History As It Happens*. Contact H. Lowood, History of Science & Technologies Collections, Stanford University Libraries, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94066, (415) 723-4602 or J. L. Sturchio, Corporate Archives, Merck & Co., Inc., P.O. Box 2000, Rahway, NJ 07065-0900, (908) 594-3981, FAX (908) 594-3977.

\* *The Role of Chemistry and Materials in the Rise of Silicon Valley*. Contact H. Lowood, History of Science & Technologies Collections, Stanford University Libraries, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94066, (415) 723-4602 or J. L. Sturchio, Corporate Archives, Merck & Co., Inc., P.O. Box 2000, Rahway, NJ 07065-0900, (908) 594-3981, FAX (908) 594-3977.

\* *Chemical Genealogy*. Contact P. R. Jones, Department of Chemistry, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH 03824, (603) 862-1550.

\* *The Role of Chemistry in Science Fiction*. Contact J. H. Stocker, Department of Chemistry, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA 70148, (504) 286-6852.

**Geneva .... 22-24 April 1992**

\* *100th Anniversary of the Geneva Conference*. Organized by J. G. Traynham, Department of Chemistry, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803, (504) 388-3459.

**Washington DC .... 23-28 August 1992**

Five copies of 150-word abstract (original on ACS Abstract Form) by 15 April 1992. Title of paper by 1 April 1992.

\* *General Papers*. Contact M. D. Saltzman (see address above).

**Denver .... 28 March - 2 April 1993**

Five copies of 150-word abstract (original on ACS Abstract Form) by 1 December 1992. Title of paper by 1 November 1992.

\* *General Papers*. Contact M. D. Saltzman (see address above).

**Chicago .... 22-27 August 1993**