

NOTICES

GEOSCIENCE INFORMATION SOCIETY

The formation of a new organization, the *Geoscience Information Society*, was announced November 5, 1965, at Kansas City, Missouri. A group of librarians, geologists, editors, documentalists, and information specialists met during the annual meetings of the Geological Society of America to form an organization which might help its members to cope with the ever-increasing flood of scientific literature, shortages of personnel and funds, and many other information problems faced by earth scientists today.

Officers elected were Mark W. Pangborn, Jr., U. S. Geological Survey Library, Washington, D. C., President; Mrs. Harriet W. Smith, Geology Library, University of Illinois Urbana, Ill., Secretary; and Mrs. Harriet K. Long, Earth Sciences Library, Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., Treasurer. Mrs. Ruth A. Bristol, consulting librarian, Charlottesville, Va. who played a major part in the formation of the Society, was elected to the Executive Committee.

A Subject Headings Committee, headed by Robert McAfee, Jr., Science Information Exchange, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C., has been set up to advise on the establishment of new subject headings to be used in library card catalogs, with particular reference to such rapidly developing fields as lunar geology and nuclear geology. Revision of older headings is also contemplated. Among other groups being formed is a Thesis Bibliography Committee, chaired by Dederick C. Ward, Earth Science Library, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo., and a San Francisco Program Committee, which will handle arrangements for the 1966 meeting.

Scheduled for early publication by the Society is a directory of members and other persons working with the earth science literature. A more complete directory, to include information on geology libraries, documentation services, and other sources, will be issued later. In order to build up the roster from which the directory will be compiled, the Society hopes that interested persons will send in their names, and also the names of other potential members.

Application forms for membership may be obtained from Mrs. Harriet W. Smith, Secretary, Geology Library, 223 Natural History Building, University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill. 61803.

1966 ANNUAL NATIONAL MEETING, AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

Special Theme: "Conservation—How man has changed his planet."

Dates: 26–31 December 1966.

Location: Washington, D. C.; Sheraton-Park Hotel will be headquarters for AAAS as a whole, but many AAAS sections and other societies meeting with AAAS will be headquartered at the Shoreham and Washington Hilton Hotels.

For More Information: Contact R. L. Taylor, Associate Administrative Secretary, AAAS.

ERRATA

The data for barringtonite, *Mineral. Mag.* **34**, 370–372 (1965) includes a minor error. The author advises that the gamma angle, given as 108°72', should read 108°42'. This error has been copied in *The American Mineralogist* **50**, 2103 (1965).

The optic axial angle, $2V_z$, of getchellite (Getchellite, AsSbS_3 , a new mineral from Humboldt County, Nevada, Weissberg, 1965, *Am. Mineral.* **50**, 1817–1826) cited on pages 1817 and 1819 as $<46^\circ$ is incorrect and should read $2V_z = 80^\circ \pm 3^\circ$, and the references to $2H_z$, the optic axial angle in oil, on page 1819 should be deleted. The author is grateful to Professor H. Winchell for calling attention to the error.

Dr. E. G. Zies has called attention to the following printer's error in his paper entitled "A new analysis of cossyrite from the Island of Pantelleria," which appeared in *Am. Mineral.* **51**, 1966, p. 204: In Table 1, under the column headed "Dittrich" the value for SiO_2 should read *40.83* not *4.83*.

James Dabney Burfoot, Professor Emeritus of Geology at Cornell University and a Life Fellow of the Mineralogical Society of America, died on February 27th, 1966, at the age of 69.