

## NOTICES

## MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA—NOMINATIONS

Fellows and members of the Society are invited to take a more active part in its activities, by making suggestions to the various nominating committees which will be active during 1968.

"The *Roebling Medal* is the highest award of the Mineralogical Society of America for scientific eminence as represented primarily by scientific publication of outstanding original research in mineralogy. The science of mineralogy is defined broadly for purposes of the Roebling Award, and a candidate need not qualify as a mineralogist, rather his published research should be related to the mineralogical sciences and should make some outstanding contribution to them. Service to mineralogy, teaching and administrative accomplishment are not to be considered as a primary merit for the award. The award is not restricted to Americans. Nationality, personality, age of the candidate, or place of employment shall not be considered."<sup>1</sup>

"The *Mineralogical Society of America Award* is given in recognition of an outstanding contribution within the fields of interest of the Society. The work for which the award is given must be published in a single paper or series of papers prior to the month in which the candidate's 35th birthday falls. Candidates are limited to persons who shall not have reached the age of 37 before January 1 of the year in which the award is decided upon [1968]. The Award shall be made without regard to nationality, personality, or place of employment. Membership in the Mineralogical Society of America or publication in *The American Mineralogist* is not prerequisite."<sup>1</sup> Committees have been appointed to consider nominations for the two awards that will be given in November, 1969.

"Members and Fellows are invited to make documented nominations for the Roebling Medal and the MSA Award, which should be sent to the Secretary of the Society by April 1, 1968. The Secretary will determine whether the nominator is in good standing (dues paid, etc.) and will send the nominations received to the Chairman of the appropriate committee, but will withhold the name of the nominator."<sup>1</sup>

Suggestions for nominations for officers of the society, as well as committee appointments, will be handled by the Secretary in the same manner as nominations for awards.

Nominations of members for fellowship in the Society are invited; they should be made by three fellows on the regular forms, either to the Chairman of the Committee on Nomination of Fellows, or to the Secretary of the Society. Applications for new memberships should be forwarded directly to the Treasurer.

Ralph S. Holmes, Secretary

<sup>1</sup> *Report of the Committee on the Study of the Procedures of the Awards Committees of the Mineralogical Society of America*, S. S. Goldich, Chairman, accepted by the Council November, 1958.

## X-RAY SPECTROSCOPY

A modern X-ray Spectroscopy Clinic will be offered at the State University of New York at Albany during early June, 1968. The one-week Clinic will be instructional and will develop the basic theory and techniques starting from elementary principles. The Clinic will consist of morning lectures in theory and applications of X-ray spectroscopy. Afternoons will be devoted to working in the laboratory on experiments illustrating the lectures. Further information can be obtained from Professor Henry Chessin, State University of New York at Albany (SUNYA), Department of Physics, 1223 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203.

CONFERENCE ON STRUCTURE ANALYSIS: THERMAL VIBRATIONS,  
DISORDER AND PHASE TRANSITIONS

The X-ray Analysis Group of the Institute of Physics and The Physical Society announces it is arranging a conference on "Structure analysis: Thermal vibrations, disorder and phase transitions" to be held at the University of York, England from *17-19 April, 1968*. The program will consist of sessions on: (1) Methods of solving crystal structures (2) The results of structure analysis and (3) Thermal vibrations, disorder and phase transitions; and the following speakers have agreed to give invited talks:—Professor I. Lindqvist, Dr. G. S. Pawley, Professor D. Rogers.

Advance registration will be necessary and further details and application forms will be available in January/February, 1968 from the Meetings Officer, The Institute of Physics and The Physical Society, 47, Belgrave Square, London, S.W.1.

The chair in mineralogy at the Mineralogisches Institut, Universität Wien, filled so ably for over forty years by Felix K. L. Machatschki, has now been awarded to Josef Zemann, formerly director of the Mineralogisches-Kristallographisches Institut, Universität Göttingen.

Professor Charles F. Davidson of the Department of Geology, The University, St. Andrews, Scotland, and a Fellow of the Mineralogical Society of America, died of a heart attack on November 1, 1967.

Professor Reynolds M. Denning of the Department of Geology and Mineralogy, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and a Fellow of the Mineralogical Society of America, died in Ann Arbor on November 1, 1967.