

People and things

On people

On 23 November, Carlo Rubbia was awarded the degree of *Dot-tore Honoris Causa* by the University of Udine, Italy.

Michel Davier has been appointed Director of the *Laboratoire de l'Accélérateur Linéaire* at Orsay, France, succeeding Jean Perez-y-Jorba. The new director is also no stranger to CERN, where he is a collaborator in the ALEPH experiment being built for the new LEP electron-positron collider.

Louis Rosen, who has directed the Los Alamos Meson Physics Facility, LAMPF, for twenty years, has been awarded the highest honour of the Los Alamos National Laboratory — the position of Senior Fellow — as he hands over leader-

ship of LAMPF to Gerald Garvey. He set the style of LAMPF from its inception and has had great influence on the evolution of the broad programme of research in both pure and applied science. Louis Rosen will remain leader of the Medium Energy Physics Division and will be senior scientific advisor to LAMPF.

Klaus Rith of the University of Freiburg, presently spokesman of the big new NA37 collaboration using CERN's high energy muon beams, has been awarded the Röntgen Prize of the University of Giessen for his contributions towards the discovery and further investigation of the 'EMC Effect' — the dependence of nucleon quark structure on the surrounding nuclear environment.

CERN elections and appointments

At the December meeting of CERN Council, Wolfgang Kummer (Austria) was reelected as Council President together with Vice Presidents Josef Rembser (West Germany) and Jan Kluyver (Netherlands). Jan Bezemer (Netherlands) becomes Chairman of the Finance Committee and Don Perkins (UK) was reelected as Chairman of the Scientific Policy Committee. Four new SPC members were elected: Marcel Banner (France), Peder Gregers Hansen (Denmark), Chris Llewellyn Smith (UK) and Italo Manelli (Italy). Marcello Gigliarelli Fiumi was elected as Chairman of the Consultative Committee on Employment Conditions (CCEC). At CERN, Fritz Ferger becomes Leader of the newly established Technical

Support Division, while Division Leader reappointments include Gunther Plass (LEP), Marcel Lazanski (Finance) and Charles Rufer (Personnel, until 30 April). Gunther Ullmann was reappointed Administrator of the Staff Insurance Scheme.

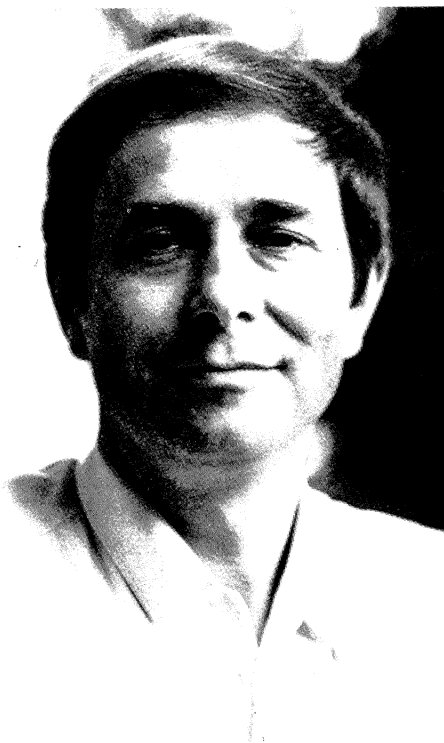
Meetings

The XXIII International Conference on High Energy Physics will be held in Berkeley, California, on 16-23 July. The meeting includes three days of parallel sessions (17-19) and three days of plenary sessions (21-23). The Conference is open but delegates must register in advance. For information or registration, please contact: Secretariat, MS 80D, International Conference on High Energy Physics, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720, USA.

The fifth in the topical series of 'Quark Matter' meetings is being sponsored by Berkeley's Nuclear Science Division and will be held from 13-17 April at the Asilomar Conference Center, Pacific Grove, California. Further information from M. Gyulassy or L. Schroeder (Bldg. 70A/3307), Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, Berkeley, California 94720, USA.

The 2nd Topical Seminar on Perspectives for Experimental Apparatus at Future High Energy Machines will be held at San Miniato, Tuscany, from 5-9 May. Those interested should contact the Seminar Secretary Dipartimento di Energetica, Università di Firenze Via S. Marta 3, I-50139, Florence, Italy, as soon as possible.

New Orsay Director Michel Davier



Twenty years at the helm

by Brian Southworth

Alert readers may have noticed a small change in the CERN COURIER masthead for this first issue of 1986 — in listing the Editors, the name of Gordon Fraser moves in front of the name of Brian Southworth implying that Gordon now takes responsibility as Senior Editor.

I will continue to write for CERN COURIER, alongside Gordon who has been doing the bulk of the work on the journal for several years, so the editorial strength will be little changed. It is, nevertheless, a significant moment to hand over a responsibility carried during precisely twenty years as Editor.

I first put pen to paper for the January issue of 1966 and there has hardly been a dull moment since. Particle physics has passed through an era of discovery beyond imagination. Accelerator physics has brought mastery of these most complex machines to near perfection. Accelerator and detector technology has found unpredictable applications in so many other fields. And so on... These developments had to be absorbed and understood, at least sufficiently to distil stories for our readers. Add the delight of using that very flexible instrument, the English language, and you have the ingredients for a lively and satisfying Editorship.

The high energy physics/high energy accelerator community is also a stimulating environment in which to work. On the one hand, this comes from the intellectual content. I often feel that the 'sciences' of our century are the 'arts' of centuries gone by — attracting the keenest brains, liberating the most imaginative flights of the human mind (and, incidentally, earning the benevolent sponsorship of today's masters of the

purser-strings, the national governments).

On the other hand, the stimulating environment comes from the international nature of the field. It still remains a source of wonder that nationalities are submerged by enthusiasm for our physics and that Laboratories, which can be in intense rivalry, co-operate to push the physics and the technology further for the good of the whole



Brian Southworth — hardly a dull moment in twenty years

field. I know of no other environment where this is true to anything like the same extent.

At a time when there are indications that particle physics is less in favour, it is worth asserting that whenever the great achievements of man are compiled, the unfolding of the nature of matter will surely be amongst them. It has been wonderful to help chronicle this adventure during the past twenty

years. I hand over the helm to Gordon Fraser in complete confidence that the reputation of CERN COURIER will continue to grow and that the remarkable support and friendship from which I have profited is extended to him also.

Denis de Rougemont 1906-1985

Denis de Rougemont, Swiss writer, tireless campaigner for Europe, founder of the European Cultural Centre in Geneva, and one of the major figures behind the move to establish CERN died on 6 December. His writing talents brought him many literary prizes, but his epic piece in the Gazette de Lausanne on 17 June 1940 after the fall of Paris will always be remembered as a fine expression of contemporary feeling.

After the War, he was one of the main organizers of the historic European Cultural Conference in Lausanne in December 1949, where the idea for a European scientific research centre was first aired. Progress was rapid over the next five years, and on 7 October 1954, as Secretary General of the European Cultural Movement, he attended the first meeting of CERN Council.

One of his last visits to CERN was in September 1984 for the Organization's 30th anniversary, where guest of honour King Juan Carlos of Spain concluded his address with a de Rougemont quotation: 'The only way to define Europe is to build it, not so much in time and space, but rather by continuing to refresh its own, universal, genius'.