

Biochemical Nomenclature Office Established

Purpose to Improve Communication

The National Academy of Sciences—National Research Council announces the establishment of an Office of Biochemical Nomenclature whose purpose will be to improve communication among the individuals and groups concerned with the problem of assigning names to the large and rapidly growing list of biochemical compounds. The Office will seek to coordinate information on activities of national and international organizations in biochemical nomenclature, to stimulate new activities as deemed desirable, and to encourage the dissemination of information to interested groups.

Dr. Cohn to Serve as Director

W. E. Cohn, a member of the staff of the Biology Division of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, will serve on a part-time basis as Director of the Office. Dr. Cohn, a biochemist with a long-standing interest in biochemical nomenclature, is currently Secretary of the Joint Commission on the Nomenclature of Biological Chemistry of the International Unions of Pure and Applied Chemistry and of Biochemistry. He thus will be able to provide direct liaison between the new Office and nomenclature authorities of the national scientific bodies represented in the two Unions.

Chairman of the Executive Committee for the new Office of Biochemical Nomenclature is Hans Hirschmann of the Department of Medicine, Western Reserve University, who is also Chairman of the Academy-Research Council's Subcommittee on Nomenclature of Biochemistry. Membership of the Executive Committee also includes representatives of leading journals of biochemistry as well as representatives of the Research Council Divisions of Biology and Agriculture, Chemistry and Chemical Technology, and Medical Sciences.

The Office will operate under a contract with the National Institute of General Medical Sciences of the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Cohn's address will be: NAS-NRC Office of Biochemical Nomenclature, % Division of Biology, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Eldon Rice Named Associate Editor

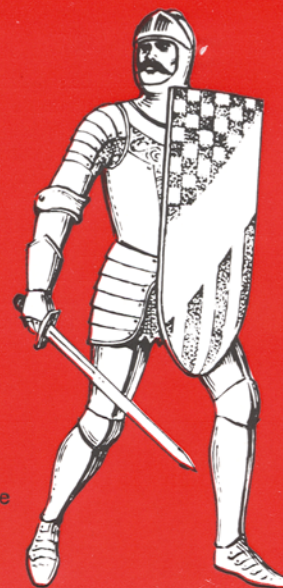
Eldon Rice, Senior Scientist, Research Laboratory, Swift and Company, has been named associate editor of the *Journal of the American Oil Chemists' Society*.

The announcement was made recently by A. R. Baldwin, Editor of the *Journal*.

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