
NEWS ITEMS

INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR GENETIC ENGINEERING AND BIOTECHNOLOGY

An International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology is being planned by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, whose address is P.O. Box 300, A-1400 Vienna, Austria. It is intended that the Centre will be a worldwide forum for scientists and technologists and provide training and research facilities for developing countries. The location of the Centre is expected by the end of 1982.

INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR CONSERVATION OF NATURE

The International Union for Conservation of Nature has set up a Genome Conservation Specialists Group as part of their Species Survival Commission. As a first task they are compiling a list of existing collections of frozen germ cells of endangered species and their close relatives. Items for inclusion in the list should indicate taxonomic name in Latin; type of fixation and storage; kind of cells; date, age and sex of donor; owner; person taking the samples; quantity and quality of samples; predicted period of storage; location and person or institution responsible. This information should be sent to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Group, who are Professor B.N. Veprintsev, Institute of Biological Physics, USSR Academy of Sciences, Pushchino, Moscow Region 142292, USSR, and Dr. C. Polge, Institute of Animal Physiology, Animal Research Station, 307 Huntingdon Road, Cambridge CB30JQ, England.