Research Worker

Dr. D. Maksimov, Institute of Mining Problems of the U.S.S.R., September 10 to December 10, 1960.

The National Research Council submitted its proposals for the academic year 1960-61 to the Academy early in June, and already one of the scientists proposed, Dr. James Foulks, Professor of Pharmacology at the University of British Columbia, has arrived in the U.S.S.R. with his family to spend nine months working at the Institute of Pharmacology and Chemotherapy in Moscow.

The operation of the exchange agreement has been entirely satisfactory to the National Research Council. All the Canadian scientists visiting the Soviet Union under the agreement have been well looked after, treated with the utmost hospitality and given every opportunity to visit laboratories and meet scientists that might normally be expected in arrangements of this kind. Canadian scientists, both those travelling as senior lecturers and those visiting as research workers, have been given a chance to travel extensively in the U.S.S.R. All of the Canadian visitors to the U.S.S.R. have returned to Canada feeling that their visit has been well worth while and that they have gained in their own fields a valuable knowledge of Soviet scientific developments.

On the other hand, the scientists sent by the Academy to Canada have been both competent and co-operative and their behaviour has differed little from that of other visiting scientists. The younger scientists, in the research worker category, have adjusted themselves well to work in Canadian institutions and have quickly become a part of the research teams in the laboratory. There can be no doubt that they have benefited from the opportunity to observe closely Canadian scientific practice or that Canadian scientists have likewise benefited from the opportunity of observing Soviet scientists in the laboratory and associating with them daily.

NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL CANADA

Moscow, October 28, 1959

Dear Academician Nesmeianov:

Further to our recent discussions, I have the honour to suggest that the following might constitute the basis of an exchange programme between the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R. and the National Research Council of Canada. I suggest that we commence the exchange with the 1960-61 academic year and that we agree to review the programme after two complete years of operation. During the 1959-60 academic years we will make every effort to effect at least a partial exchange programme.