

NATIONAL PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN BIOMETRICAL/POPULATION GENETICS

The Professor Sir Kenneth Mather Memorial Fund has been established to commemorate the life and work of Professor Sir Kenneth Mather CBE, FRC, who was an Honorary Member and a former President of the Society. It was his wish that the fund should be used to reward excellence and encourage research in pure and applied aspects of Biometrical and Population Genetics. Part of the fund is to be used to award an annual prize of £100 to a student - undergraduate or postgraduate - of any university or other national higher education establishment who is considered to be outstanding in the area of genetics specified above. Nominations for this prize should be sent, with full supporting evidence, to **Dr. M.J. Kearsley, School of Biological Sciences, The University of Birmingham, Birmingham B15 2TT** by November 1st. Awards will be announced by December 1st and will be published in this Newsletter.

from the archives

THE KENNETH MATHER BEQUEST

Dr. Robert Mather has generously donated many of his father's papers and working materials to the Genetical Society. Eventually these will join the Society's archives, which are housed in Norwich at the John Innes Institute.

Approximately one third of the Mather Bequest has now been catalogued and added to the archives of the Genetical Society. The collection at John Innes consists, at present, of 99 files of manuscript material, papers, correspondence and notes on **Drosophila**, **Nicotiana** and **Lolium**, 15 notebooks on medicinal plants and poultry, 3 boxes of slides and 26 books, mostly copies and translations of Sir Kenneth Mather's own works, including a translation into Japanese of the fourth edition of "Statistical Analysis in Biology".

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