

IBM physicist picked for Trieste centre

London. Praveen Chaudhari (below), a senior physicist at IBM's Thomas Watson Research Centre in Yorktown Heights, and a former head of the company's science programmes, has been chosen as the new director of the International Centre for Theoretical Physics in Trieste.

Chaudhari has been with IBM since 1966. He succeeds Abdus Salam, who has been director of the centre — aimed in particular at providing training courses for physicists from devel-



oping countries — since 1964, and retired at the beginning of this year.

Chaudhari is the author of more than 150 technical papers, and is widely known for his work on electronic materials. He has been a senior advisor to both the US and Indian governments, and was chosen from a list of about 20 candidates by the governing council of the ICTP at a meeting held last week at the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna. □