

Association Affairs

Scientific Exhibits

The Advisory Committee for the AAAS Chicago Meeting has announced the availability of space for scientific exhibits, together with application procedures. The scientific exhibits will be housed with the technical exhibits in the Stevens Hotel, which will also serve as the main registration center for the meetings.

The Advisory Committee recommends that there be a wide variety of selected exhibits which will (1) portray scientific advances in the various fields of science; (2) show new techniques and apparatus usable in the laboratory or in classroom teaching; (3) summarize research in a given field. The Committee feels that personal demonstration is the most important single factor for a successful scientific exhibit because of the mutual benefit which accrues to the visiting scientists and the demonstrators. Originality in planning the exhibit is encouraged. Charts, drawings, transparencies, specimens, and other materials can be shown in a variety of ways, using light and color judiciously. A large expenditure of money is not necessary.

In general, the space allocated for scientific exhibits will be 6 feet deep and 10 feet wide. The Committee may at its discretion allocate a greater width than 10 feet. The exhibitors pay the expenses of preparation, transportation, and installation of their exhibits. Special construction in the booth, extra tables, chairs, or other furniture can be obtained at regular rates from the decorating firm. Application forms for scientific exhibit space may be obtained from: Theo. J. Christensen, Director of the International Science Exhibition, AAAS, 1515 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington 5, D. C.

Members of the Advisory Committee for the exhibition are: Robert Coghill, Abbott Research Laboratories; Gustav Egloff, Universal Oil Products Company; Ovid Eschbach, Northwestern Technological Institute; Lyman W. Higgins, Gaertner Scientific Corporation; J. E. Hobson, Armour Research Foundation; Paul E. Klopsteg, Northwestern Technological Institute; Harvey B. Lemon, Mu-

seum of Science and Industry; and M. W. Welch, W. M. Welch Manufacturing Company.

AAAS-George Westinghouse Science Writing Awards

The Managing Committee of the AAAS-George Westinghouse Science Writing Awards has announced the names of the judges for the current year. The Judging Committee will select one newspaperman and one magazine writer to receive a \$1,000 prize each for superior science writing for the lay public during the period October 1, 1946-September 30, 1947. Members of the Committee are: Morris Meister, principal, Bronx High School of Science; H. L. Mencken, *Baltimore Sun* papers; Benjamin McKelway, editor, *Washington Star*; Rudolf Flesch, author and writer; Kenneth Olson, dean, Northwestern University School of Journalism; Detlev Bronk, chairman, National Research Council; Edward Weidlein, director, Mellon Institute, Pittsburgh; Edward Weeks, editor, *Atlantic Monthly*; and Clifton Fadiman, literary critic.

The prizes will be awarded at a dinner at the Stevens Hotel on December 27, during the 114th meeting of the Association.

Photography in Science Competition and Salon

Information and entry blanks for the Photography in Science Exhibition are now available for distribution to professional scientists who wish to participate. The exhibition, sponsored jointly by the Division of Graphic Arts of the Smithsonian Institution and the *Scientific Monthly*, is designed to bring together the various techniques of photography used by scientists in all fields of science, thereby extending its possibilities for development as a basic tool in research and teaching. Entries will be received in Washington from September 25 to October 15. Accepted entries will be hung in the Smithsonian Institution November

1-30 and will then be shipped to Chicago for display at the International Science Exhibition of the AAAS, December 26-31. The two divisions of the exhibition will be (1) black-and-white and (2) color. No entry fee is required, nor is membership in the AAAS a requisite. Members of the Judging Committee are: Lt. Alexander J. Wedderburn, associate curator, Division of Graphic Arts, Smithsonian Institution; Ralph D. Bennett, technical director of the Navy's new ordnance laboratory at White Oak, Maryland; K. M. Endicott, U. S. Public Health Service; Eleanor Parke Custis, internationally known photographer and salon exhibitor; and A. Aubrey Bodine, associate editor of *Camera* magazine.

After the exhibition closes at Chicago it will make a tour of museums throughout the country. Arrangements have been made to ship the exhibit to the Buell Planetarium in Pittsburgh immediately after the showing in Chicago. The next stop on the tour will be the Cranbrook Institute of Science, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Science Theater

Reviving a prewar custom, there will be in the general exhibition area at the Chicago Meeting a Science Theater with seating capacity for approximately 50-75 persons at a time. The Advisory Committee believes that many recent research projects have been recorded on films or slides. It is felt that visitors to the meetings and the exhibition will want to have an opportunity not only to see the specific research films but also to learn more about the techniques of this method of recording research.

Advance solicitation of films and slides indicates that enough material should be available to last during the entire period of the meetings. Scientists who have or know about films that could be used are asked to send the information to Theo. J. Christensen, AAAS, 1515 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington 5, D. C. A complete schedule of the films to be shown will be published in *Science* and the general program.