

Association Affairs

THE DECEMBER MEETING

All arrangements for the 116th Meeting of the AAAS, December 26-31, are proceeding on schedule despite indications that this will be the largest annual convention in the 101-year history of the AAAS. All but one of the Association's 17 sections and subsections and nearly 60 participating societies will have programs—most of them with multiple sessions. The five Penn Zone hotels and the Manhattan Center (with some sessions on the campus of Columbia University) make it possible to maintain the integrity of each society's sessions and yet retain the advantages of a large diversified meeting in one compact area within a radius of three city blocks.

Ten symposia sponsored by the Association are for the most part grouped on Thursday and Friday, December 29 and 30. A summary of all the programs and a description of the 70 exhibits that fill the 85 booths—all that could be made available this year—will appear in the preconvention issue of *Science*, December 9, 1949. Advance registrants will receive the general program, of over 300 pages, the first week in December.

It would be impossible to make arrangements for the large and complex meetings of the AAAS, to ensure their smooth operation, and to secure adequate publicity for the programs and special events without the cooperation of a great many individuals and the generous contribution of their time and effort. This year, the 70-odd section and society secretaries (with few exceptions) were prompt in sending in their copy, including more than 2,000 titles; the printer of the general program has maintained a tight schedule for galley and page proof, and the AAAS local committees already have begun their substantial duties. A complete list of these committees follows:

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Joseph W. Barker, president, Research Corporation.

Executive Committee

(Composed of the chairmen of the six local committees)

Joseph W. Barker, chairman; *George S. Avery, Jr.*; *Harold H. Clum*; *Stuart C. Dorman*; *Robert Harron*; *R. W. King*; *George B. Pegram*.

Advisory Committee

George B. Pegram, vice president, Columbia University, chairman; *Frank G. Boudreau*, executive director, Milbank Memorial Fund; *Donald E. Lancefield*, Queens College; *Albert E. Parr*, director, American Museum of Natural History; *William J. Robbins*, director, New York Botanical Garden; *Sam F. Trelease*, Columbia University.

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lege; *C. A. Berger*, S.J., Fordham University; *Richard B. Conklin*, Brooklyn College; *Gordon G. Darkenwald*, Hunter College; *J. A. Dawson*, The City College; *Ray F. Dawson*, Columbia University; *William T. Gormley*, Hunter College; *Louis Levine*, The City College; *Daniel Ludwig*, New York University; *Walter H. Mais*, Brooklyn College; *Edwin B. Matzke*, Columbia University; *Morris Meister*, principal, Bronx High School of Science; *Arthur W. Pollister*, Columbia University; *Don D. Ritchie*, Barnard College; *R. W. Root*, The City College; *Leonard P. Sayles*, The City College; *Simon Share*, Queens College; *Arthur Sweeney, Jr.*, Hunter College; *Edward M. Thorndike*, Queens College; *George S. Tulloch*, Brooklyn College; *Morris Winokur*, The City College; *Bertha Wittlinger*, Jamaica High School; *Wilson W. Woodcock*, Hunter College; *Donald D. Wright*, Brooklyn College; *Fred Zaher*, Brooklyn College.

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George S. Avery, Jr., director, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, chairman; *Ralph A. Beals*, director, The New York Public Library; *W. Tresper Clarke*, chief chemist, Rockwood and Company; *John G. Phillips*, president, International Business Machines Corporation; *George L. McNew*, director, Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research; *J. R. Poppele*, vice president and chief engineer, WOR; *Allen Porter*, secretary, Museum of Modern Art; *Leander Query*, public relations manager, New York Tele-

phone Company; *Floyd D. Rogers, Jr.*, manager, public relations, The Metropolitan Museum of Art; *Hardinge Scholle*, director, Museum of the City of New York; *John Tee-Van*, executive secretary, New York Zoological Society; *F. E. Vilas*, Consolidated Edison Company of New York.

Reference Committee

Stuart C. Dorman, manager, College Department, McGraw-Hill Book Company, chairman; *Mahlon Ashford*, New York Academy of Medicine; *Robert S. Mathews*, Bennett and Pleasant; *Ross F. Nigrelli*, New York Aquarium; *Elliott R. Weyer*, vice president, Pfizer Chemical Company.

The 116th Meeting of the AAAS, and the annual meeting for the year 1949, is also the sixth New York meeting. The previous occasions when the Association met in New York City were 1887, 1900, 1906, 1916 and 1928. It will be noted that an interval of 21 years has elapsed since the fifth New York meeting, when Henry Fairfield Osborn and Arthur A. Noyes were president and retiring president, respectively.

The organization of the meetings is much the same, a number of the exhibitors in the 1949 Annual Science Ex-

position were present in 1928, the roster of the participating societies retains many of the same names—and there will be a gratifying number at the sessions of 1949 that also were there 21 years ago. George E. Pegram, of Columbia, who was general chairman of local committees in 1928; Sam F. Trelease, who edited the program that year; and Donald E. Lancefield, then chairman of the special committee on local transportation, are all serving on the Local Advisory Committee this year. Edmund W. Sinnott, of the 1928 Local Committee on Exhibitions, is the 1949 retiring president of the Association, while Roger Adams, current president elect, was chairman of the AAAS Committee on Prize Awards at the fifth New York meeting. Once again, the Biologists' Smoker will be held at the American Museum of Natural History.

But there are differences. A whole generation of young scientists has reached maturity and increased the membership of the Association. This year's meeting is larger in participating organizations and includes new societies, the papers are more numerous, the attendance is greater, and there are more exhibitors. The greatest differences, however, are the advances that have been made in science itself, the technological innovations and their effects on man's thinking.

NEWS and Notes

George D. Stoddard, president of the University of Illinois, has been elected chairman of the U. S. National Commission for Unesco. Dr. Stoddard succeeds Milton S. Eisenhower, whose terms of office have reached the limit of three set by the bylaws.

Karl A. Folkers, director of organic and biochemical research for Merck and Company, Inc., will deliver the fifth annual Harrison Howe Lecture at a meeting of the Rochester Section of the American Chemical Society, November 7. Dr. Folkers will speak on "Research on Vitamin B₁₂."

Tze-Tuan Chen, formerly professor of zoology at the State Teachers College at Bemidji, Minnesota, has joined the Department of Zoology staff of the University of Southern California. Dr. Chen will continue

his work on protozoan cytogenetics, which has been supported by a Public Health Service grant.

Alma P. Beaver, associate professor of psychology at Santa Barbara College of the University of California, will conduct a survey of educational and clinical methods in the Scandinavian countries from January to June, 1950. Dr. Beaver is on sabbatical leave from the university, and is now making a study of psychological theories and methods of therapy at the Langley Porter Clinic, San Francisco.

Clarence F. Winchester, formerly associate professor of nutrition at the University of Florida, is now physiologist at the Animal Husbandry Division, U. S. Department of Agriculture Research Center, Beltsville, Maryland. Dr. Winchester is in charge of research projects relating endocrinology to problems of nutrition.

Elizabeth A. Lockwood has been appointed as field consultant in health education by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. She will advise professional groups and state representatives of the foun-

dation in the development of health education programs relating to poliomyelitis.

George Howard Parker, professor emeritus of zoology, Harvard University, has been made patron of the Bermuda Biological Station for Research by election of the station's board of trustees.

James F. Kerwin, research chemist, has been named assistant head of the Organic Chemistry Section of Smith, Kline and French Laboratories in Philadelphia.

Visitors to U. S.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Indian prime minister, and his sister, ambassador to the U. S., conferred in Boston last week with James B. Conant and Harlow Shapley, of Harvard University, about a new Schmidt-type telescope for the Allahabad University Observatory in north India, and a sun-observing coronagraph for Mt. Kodaikanal Solar Observatory in southern India. **A. C. Banerji**, of Allahabad, and **A. K. Das**, of Mt. Kodaikanal, will visit Harvard later to work out the details of the project.