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Office of International Science

A seminar on Women in Development will be held by the AAAS just prior to the United Nations conference for International Women's Year, which will take place in Mexico City on 19 June-2 July 1975. As an officially recognized parallel activity, the seminar will bring together scholars and practitioners of development to review the reasons for the often adverse impact of development on the economic roles of women. They will discuss project designs that might avoid negative impact and so integrate women into the economic activities of their countries.

A major problem has been that planners, whether Western in origin or in training, carry with them stereotypes of appropriate occupations, which causes them to overlook traditional roles women have played in agriculture, trade, and small industry. Instead of improving women's activities, developers often neglect or undercut them in their plans.

It is to make available the scholarly work being done in this area, and to test out conclusions against the experience of women and men actually involved in projects, that the seminar is being arranged. The AAAS undertook leadership in its capacity as a nongovernmental organization officially

News and Comment Staff of Science Wins Prize

The seven members of the News and Comment staff of *Science* have been awarded the 1975 Forum Award for Promoting Public Understanding of the Relation of Physics to Society. The award, given by the Forum on Physics and Society of the American Physical Society, will be presented during the annual meeting of the society at the Shoreham Americana in Washington, D.C. The presentation ceremony will take place during the evening of 29 April.

recognized by the United Nations. The seminar will be cosponsored by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). Local sponsors for the seminar will be the Mexican National Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT).

The seminar will consist of 60 participants, to be expanded to a maximum of 80 if funds are sufficient. Participants, both women and men, will come from 50 countries and will attend either as experts (academics who have studied development problems and are aware of their impact on women as well as men, or developers who have worked in the field) or as resource persons (practitioners to be selected on the basis of their involvement in projects or organizations concerned with enhancing women's roles). Both UNITAR and UNDP will send staff to the seminar.

The seminar will consist of six working groups, based on these topics:

- —food production and processing;
 —urban living, trading, and other employment;
 - -education and communication;
- —health, nutrition, and family planning;
- -cooperatives, credit; and
- —introduction and use of small technology.

Seminar participants will be available to brief official delegations as well as the media, and will give talks at the Tribune—an open meeting to be held simultaneously with the official conference. The background documents of the seminar will be available in three languages (French, Spanish, and English) for delegates at both meetings. An annotated bibliography is being prepared; relevant published or unpublished materials should be sent to the Office of International Science.

—Irene Tinker

Dr. Marcel Roche of Venezuela was invited to become editor of a new trilingual journal of science, technology, and development at a meeting of the

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Coordinating Committee of the Association for the Advancement of Science in the Americas, held in New York City 29–31 January 1975. This new international organization was formed in July 1974 in Recife, Brazil, by the Associations for the Advancement of Science of Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, the United States, and Venezuela and the National Council of Science and Technology of Mexico.

The Coordinating Committee is an outgrowth of the international meeting "Science and Man in the Americas," held in Mexico City in 1973 under the auspices of AAAS and CONACYT, and of subsequent meetings at Bogotá, San Francisco, Recife, and Caracas. Its purposes are "(i) to unite the scientific community of the Americas to serve the development of the nations and the well-being of their people; and (ii) to promote, in a cooperative manner, the use of science for the benefit of the peoples of the Western Hemisphere and elsewhere."

Newly elected officers of the committee are Dr. Oscar Sala of Brazil, president (professor of nuclear physics at the University of São Paulo and president of the Brazilian Society for the Progress of Science); Dr. Leonard M. Rieser of the United States, vice president (physicist and vice president of Dartmouth College and former president and chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Association for the Advancement of Science); Dr. Salvatore Pluchino of Venezuela. secretary-treasurer (professor of pharmacology at the Central University of Venezuela and head of the Venezuelan Association for the Advancement of

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Science). Dr. Rieser of the AAAS will serve as acting chairman until installation of officers in July 1975 at Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

AAAS Fellows

The Council Committee on Fellows is now soliciting nominations for AAAS Fellows for consideration at its fall 1975 meeting. A Fellow of the AAAS is defined as one "who has produced a body of work on behalf of the advancement of science that is scientifically distinguished or socially highly significant, or both." Nomination forms may be obtained from the Executive Office, AAAS, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

Forms completed by an individual member of the Association should be sent not later than 1 May to the secretary of the nominee's voting section for possible inclusion in the slate of nominees to be submitted by the section committee to the Council Committee on Fellows. Alternatively, nomination may be made by any three AAAS Fellows and the form sent directly to the Executive Officer for receipt not later than 15 October (see box on page 1122 of the 21 March issue).

Notes from Other Offices

Meetings: The theme of the 1976 Annual Meeting in Boston, 18–24 February, will be "Science and Our Expectations: The Bicentennial and Beyond." Symposia are being developed around interdisciplinary research and public interest policy questions in which science can make a contribution. Suitable events relating to the Bicentennial are also being planned. Members interested in arranging symposia are reminded that all ideas must be submitted to the Meetings Office no later than the end of April.

Opportunities in Science: Arrangers for Annual Meeting symposia are reminded that it is the policy of the AAAS to increase the participation of minorities and women in all Association activities, including the Annual Meeting. If arrangers need assistance in identifying women and minority scientists, they should contact the Office of Opportunities in Science.

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