

New Publication

Salaries of Scientists, Engineers and Technicians: A Summary of Salary Surveys is a comprehensive biennial report that presents information on starting and advanced salaries in industry, government, and educational institutions. The seventh edition (December 1975) has just been published by the Scientific Manpower Commission, a participating organization of the AAAS.

The 112-page report includes salaries for scientists, engineers, and technicians, classified by field, highest degree, sex, years since first degree, age group, category of employment, work activity, type of employer, geographic area, academic rank, Civil Service grade and grade distribution, and level of responsibility. Data were compiled from 44 sources, both published and unpublished, and cover the period 1972-75 with some trend data beginning as early as 1961. The report includes 128 tables and 11 charts.

The seventh edition of *Salaries of Scientists, Engineers and Technicians: A Summary of Salary Surveys* is available from the Scientific Manpower Commission,

1776 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, for \$15 prepaid. The sixth edition (August 1973) and the fifth edition (June 1971) are available at \$3 each or \$5 for both, if ordered with the new report.

Membership Meeting Held in Atlanta

A meeting of AAAS members in the Atlanta-Athens (Georgia) region was held at the Fernbank Science Center in Atlanta on 1 December 1975. Some 40 local AAAS members attended, along with representatives of the civic group Atlanta 2000 and the Fernbank Science Center.

The purposes of the meeting were to establish a basis for communication between the local scientific and technical communities and the concerned public through a link with civic groups such as Atlanta 2000 and to explore the feasibility of establishing a viable, nonofficial AAAS member group in the Atlanta area.

The evening meeting featured addresses by Philip H. Abelson, *Science* editor, and

John Milton, author of *The Careless Technology*, on the future role of science and technology in society.

Shortly after the meeting, an ad hoc committee of six local members was established. The AAAS Division of Public Sector Programs will assist the committee by providing information about the activities of various AAAS units, such as the Committees on Science and Public Policy and Public Understanding of Science.

Annual Meeting Notes

Minorities in Science: Some of the barriers to the full participation of minorities in science will be addressed during a major conference to be held as part of the AAAS Annual Meeting in Boston. Consisting of a series of seven half-day symposia on 19-21 February, the Conference on Minorities in the Sciences and Biomedical Professions is being coordinated through the AAAS Office of Opportunities in Science with funding from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences and National Cancer Institute.

The first symposium, "Minorities in Science," will focus on the current status of minorities in science, recruiting, training, barriers minorities face in entering science careers, and the impact of standardized tests on minority representation in graduate and professional schools.

"Problems of Minorities at Majority Institutions" will address academic, attitudinal, and institutional problems that have limited the entry of minority students into the sciences at these institutions and will propose some realistic solutions.

The policy of government, academia, industry, and funding agencies relative to the involvement of underrepresented minority groups in science and biomedicine will be discussed along with suggested policy directions in "Public Policy and Biomedical and Behavioral Training: Effective Development of Existing Potential."

Questions about the impact of funding efforts and the amount and sources of funding currently available and anticipated will be considered in "Financial Support for Minority Scientific Activity in Education and Research."

In "Affirmative Action: Myth or Reality?" representatives from Congress, academia, government, and private groups will examine the current controversy surrounding affirmative action in education and employment.

"Special Training Programs for Minorities in Science—College Level" and "Special Training Programs for Minorities in Science—Precollege Level" will examine

AAAS-ABA Group to Discuss Weather Modification

"Improving Communication Between Law and Science: The Case of Weather Modification" will be discussed by the AAAS-American Bar Association (ABA) National Conference on Science, Technology and the Law at Duke University, 12-14 March 1976. Some 60 nationally recognized experts in science, law, and related professional and public service areas are expected to attend.

The specific objective of the meeting is to increase the availability of scientifically valid and legally acceptable advice on weather modification for administrators, legislators, and judges in order to promote sound decision-making and to increase public confidence in how the legal system handles scientific and technological issues. It is expected that the conference also will expose frictions at the law-science interface, examine ways to improve transactions at that interface, and develop suggestions for better procedures to handle these transactions.

The results of the Duke conference will be disseminated by both the AAAS and the ABA. Funding for this meeting is being

provided by the AAAS, the ABA, and Duke University.

Since its inception in September 1974, the AAAS-ABA conference has held several full-committee meetings and working task-group sessions directed toward defining its first major project, the Duke meeting. Other similar events will be considered in the future.

The conference group consists of seven appointed AAAS representatives and two members of the Association's senior staff, and seven appointed ABA representatives, plus one staff member each from the ABA and the American Bar Foundation. Emilio Q. Daddario, AAAS president-elect, and W. Brown Morton, Jr., ABA, are conference cochairmen.

The immediate objectives of the group are to find additional ways that the two sponsoring organizations can assist society to cope more effectively with the problems and opportunities posed by science and technology and to develop a continuing working relationship between the AAAS and the ABA.

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