

the various projects being undertaken to increase minority participation in science and biomedicine.

This conference represents a major effort to assess the status of minorities in science, to examine strategies for effecting changes in this status, and to suggest programs and policy directions that will be demanded by such a commitment.

Such an assessment is being made at this time to move toward increased educational and employment opportunities in science and biomedicine for traditionally under-represented groups. This move toward the mainstream of science comes in part with a growing awareness of the increasing scientific, technological, and biomedical needs of the minority communities and a concern for the manpower required to fulfill these needs.

More than 50 scientists and educators, most of whom are minorities, will participate in the conference.

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**Reception for Women in Science:** The Women's Caucus of the AAAS and two AAAS affiliated organizations, the Association for Women in Science and Graduate Women in Science (Sigma Delta Epsilon), are sponsoring a reception honoring women in science at the AAAS Annual Meeting in Boston. It will take place Thursday, 19 February, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fairfax A Room at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel. All women attendees are especially welcome.

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**International Activities:** In preparation for its business meeting to be held at the Annual Meeting in Boston, the Office of International Science has collected information about the international activities of AAAS affiliates. Individual members with knowledge of and interest in international programs should plan to attend the 19 February session.

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**Public Sector Programs:** The Division of Public Sector Programs will sponsor the following events in Boston during the Annual Meeting:

A symposium on "Roles for Scientific Societies with Regard to Issues of Scientific Freedom and Responsibility" will be held on 20 February at 9:00 a.m. in Room 201 of the John B. Hynes Veterans Auditorium at the Prudential Center. The session is organized in accordance with a resolution of the AAAS Board of Directors to explore a feasible framework to make scientific freedom and responsibility a focus for the AAAS and its affiliated societies in the future. Persons attending the session will have the opportunity to comment on general issues relating to scientific freedom

## AAAS Board Statement on Photocopying

The AAAS Board of Directors recently adopted the following statement of policy regarding pending federal copyright legislation:

Recognizing the role of the American Association for the Advancement of Science as a publisher of a major scientific journal for which it claims copyright and as an organization of scientists committed to the advancement of science, the AAAS Board of Directors supports the widespread dissemination of scientific and technical information. However, the Board realizes that while the use of photocopying devices is important for scientists in conducting research, unlimited photocopying could seriously affect the viability of many scientific publishing operations. The Board believes that the interests of both publishers and libraries need to be balanced and that provisions in legislation to revise

the Copyright Act being considered by Congress are reasonable approaches toward that balance. Specifically, the Board:

(1) Endorses the concepts embodied in Sections 107 and 108(g) of S. 22 and H.R. 2223 to codify the judicial doctrines of fair use and to grant special rights to libraries but to prohibit systematic photocopying;

(2) Encourages inclusion in the legislation of language to better define systematic photocopying;

(3) Endorses and supports the development of mechanisms which would permit libraries and research organizations fair use of copyrighted works as well as to pay publishers for other uses in efficient and cost effective ways.

The AAAS statement has been sent to the House and Senate Committees considering copyright legislation.

and responsibility as well as on a set of recommendations that were formulated at a December 1975 workshop in Washington regarding the role of the AAAS.

Programs of the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) on science, technology, and values will be discussed 20 February at 6:30 p.m. in the Liberty E Room at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel.

The Committee on Science and Public Policy will hold a banquet on 20 February at 6:30 p.m. at the MIT Faculty Club, 50 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Interested members and their colleagues may attend. Reservation requests should be sent as soon as possible to William Blanpied, Division of Public Sector Programs, AAAS, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036. Please enclose a check for \$10 per person, payable to AAAS.

A workshop on the public understanding of science as it may be mediated by local libraries and local members of the AAAS will be held at the Boston Public Library on Saturday, 21 February, at 9:15 a.m.-12 noon and 2:00-3:00 p.m. The session, which is free and open to the public, will examine a model program which could combine the resources of the library system and the expertise of the Massachusetts members of the AAAS to facilitate citizen understanding of the scientific aspects of major technological developments. The specific topic of the model program is the onshore impact of offshore oil in the New England area. Speakers will include local scientists and industry and government representatives.

A meeting to discuss the AAAS Regional Seminar Program will be held 23 February at 8:30 p.m. in the Jefferson Room of the Sheraton-Boston Hotel. Members and others interested in co-organizing seminars in their localities are particularly welcome.

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**Correction:** The last two sentences of "Chicano and Native American Scientists Meet" (*Science*, 7 Nov. 1975, p. 546) should have read "Individual members, most of whom are Ph.D.'s in the natural sciences, are all committed . . . to improving the scientific training and counseling that is available to Chicano and Native American students. At the meeting . . . members . . . planned activities for the coming year that will increase the number of Chicanos and Native Americans entering science and the visibility of their accomplishments."

### Come to the AAAS Annual Meeting in Boston

The science spectacular for 1976. You can still register on site: the Sheraton-Boston Hotel and the adjoining Hynes Veterans Auditorium in the Prudential Center of downtown Boston. Hotel rooms are still available. For details of the Program see pages 59-73 of the 9 January issue of *Science*.

