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Congress. Many more members have requested science and engineering fellows than could be accommodated by the limited number of individuals available."

Additional statements introducing or supporting the resolution were submitted by Senators Bob Packwood (R-Ore.), John Glenn (D-Ohio), Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.), and John V. Tunney (D-Calif.). They all strongly encouraged the continuance and expansion of these "very valuable programs." As Magnuson attested, "The Congressional Science and Engineering Fellowship Program represents an important step in ensuring that the Congress has the technical expertise to help make science and technology more responsive to human needs."

In a letter to AAAS president William D. McElroy, Kennedy went on to say, "The Congress is increasingly involved in public policy issues of a scientific and technical nature, and recognizes the need to develop additional in-house expertise in the areas of science and engineering. In addition, it becomes increasingly more important that the scientific and engineering communities become aware of the workings of government in these areas, and that better liaison be developed in the public interest. The Congressional Science and Engineering Fellowship Programs are well designed to accomplish these purposes, to the mutual benefit of all concerned."

The resolution generally credits the fellows for facilitating more enlightened congressional decision-making on issues with scientific and technological components; maintaining a valuable liaison and exchange with the scientific and engineering communities; and providing a valuable pool of talent for permanent staff positions.

A similar concurrent resolution (594) has been introduced in the House by

Representative Melvin Price (D-Ill.), chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. It is cosponsored by a bipartisan group consisting of Representatives Olin E. Teague (D-Tex.), Mike McCormack (D-Wash.), Charles A. Mosher (R-Ohio), and George E. Brown, Jr. (D-Calif.). The House resolution is in committee and is expected to be reported out shortly.

Copies of the resolution and supporting statements are available upon request from the AAAS Office of Special Programs.

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AAAS-AAS Workshop at Annual Meeting

The AAAS Office of Science Education and the Association of Academies of Science (AAS) held an all-day workshop at the AAAS Annual Meeting in Boston on 23 February 1976. Half of the 46 academies affiliated with AAS were represented, plus one nonaffiliated academy of science. Also, several junior academy members participated. Discussions at the workshop were aimed at developing a 3-year plan of action for AAAS-AAS cooperation.

After reviewing the problems of the various academies of science and current AAAS programs, four working groups outlined some 50 recommendations. Few of them are entirely new. Some are intended for the immediate future; others are clearly long-range. Some appear low-cost; others will require more money and time for development. For many, the details must yet be worked out. The recommendations are directed not only to the AAAS, but also to the executive officers of the academies.

One basic recommendation was to continue existing cooperative activities—AAAS Council membership, AAAS research funds for students, annual meeting sessions and exhibits, mutual publicity, travel expense fund, and so forth—and to give them more publicity. Other recommendations included:

1. Academy Programs

- Develop a file of resource people (AAAS members) for the academies—speakers, guidance consultants, and research project consultants.
- AAAS sponsor symposia at the annual meetings of the state academies, perhaps "repeating" exceptional AAAS annual meeting symposia.
- AAAS and the academies cosponsor public lectures, workshops, mini-courses, and serial-type programs.
- Develop more programs via mass media.
- Conduct more interaction-type programs for junior academy members like the successful dialogues between high school students and Margaret Mead, Linus Pauling, and Carl Sagan at the Boston Annual Meeting.
- Provide leadership workshops on science career guidance for academy members interested in working with young people.
- Assist state academies in advising state governments and becoming more involved in public education.

2. Junior Academy Programs

- Publicize the availability of research funds for students.
- Involve junior academies of science that are not at present affiliated with the AAAS.
- Make the number of honorary AAAS subscriptions to *Science* for junior academy members proportional to the number of AAAS members in the senior academy.
- AAAS help academies develop workshops on possible methods of operation of junior academies—budgeting, publication, and others.
- AAAS help prepare a handbook of activities, ideas, and procedures for junior academies.
- Initiate regional meetings for junior academies.

3. Communications

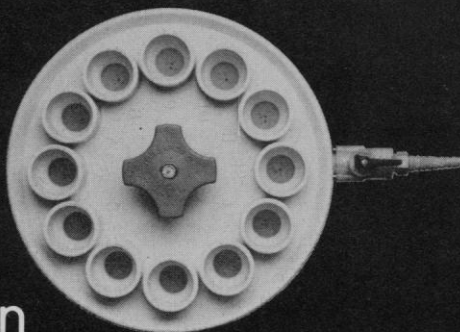
- Assist academies in disseminating information about academy activities as well as AAAS programs and services.
- AAAS survey the state academies for information about advising state governments, the needs of the academies, and the desirability of AAAS regionalization.
- For 1 year the AAAS should assign a staff member to visit the individual academies to inform them of AAAS programs and determine academies' needs.

4. Finances

- AAAS should assist the AAS and the Junior Academy of Sciences in applying for grants.
- A need for matching-fund programs continues, such as the discontinued visiting scientists program, AAAS lecture programs, and others.

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The workshop identified two possible mechanisms for achieving some of these recommendations. The first was to allow the present relationship between AAAS and AAS to evolve in light of the above recommendations. The second was to restructure the relationship of the AAAS and its affiliated academies in accordance with regional AAAS-AAS divisions and regional programming. Two structures were suggested: (i) formal AAAS divisions to which the state academies would relate directly or (ii) regional academy centers with AAAS input and assistance.

In May the executive committee of the AAS will meet with AAAS staff in Washington to sift these ideas and draft a 3-year plan of AAAS-AAS cooperation. Academy members will be called upon to help implement some of these recommendations. Additional ideas, comments, and suggestions are welcome.

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Notes from the Office of International Science

A Consortium of Affiliates for International Programs has been formed by the AAAS Office of International Science to provide a focal point for the exchange of information on international programs of professional societies and academies of science. Information gathered from all interested affiliates will be periodically distributed to them through a newsletter. In addition to this information exchange function, OIS will sponsor working groups of affiliates ranging from panels at the annual meetings to special conferences or cooperative research requiring outside funding. As a result of several meetings with affiliates with particularly strong international interests, the following working groups will initially be set up: Technology Appropriate to Development, Continuing Professional Education, and Desertification. Membership in the consortium is open to any affiliate who wants to take an active part in this program. Members interested in participating should write directly to Irene Tinker, head, Office of International Science.

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The AAAS Committee on Arid Lands is currently compiling a Directory of Arid Lands Scientists in Canada, the United States, and Mexico. Scientists will be grouped by discipline. Everyone

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