

Do You Need Information on Salaries for Scientists, Engineers, and Technicians?

One of the best sources is *Salaries of Scientists, Engineers and Technicians—A Summary of Salary Surveys*, a comprehensive biennial report presenting information on starting and advanced salaries in industry, government, and educational institutions. The seventh edition has been published by the Scientific Manpower Commission.

The 112-page report includes salaries for scientists, engineers, and technicians broken out 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 Data were compiled from 44 sources, both published and unpublished, and cover the period 1972–1975 with some trend data beginning as early as 1961.

The seventh edition of *Salaries of Scientists, Engineers and Technicians—A Summary of Salary Surveys* (December 1975, vi + 106 pages) includes 128 tables and 11 charts. Copies may be ordered for \$15 each from the Scientific Manpower Commission, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036. Copies of the sixth and fifth editions are also still available at \$3 each or \$5 for both.

cating technical information. It is anticipated also that the addition of a scientific viewpoint will enhance the media's coverage and help them create greater public interest in and understanding of science.

Following a 1-day orientation session at AAAS last month, the interns began their 10-week assignments. They are Ju-

dith Babbitts, department of women's history, Sarah Lawrence College (WNEW-TV, New York City); Robert H. Cornett, astronomy program, University of Maryland (Richmond *Times Dispatch* and *News Leader*); Bonnie Dunbar, department of zoology, University of Tennessee (WFAA-TV, Dallas); T.

Paul Espinosa, department of anthropology, Stanford University (KPBS-TV, San Diego); Paul R. Hagner, department of political science, Indiana University (Knight-Ridder Newspapers, Washington, D.C.); William P. Hanratty, department of life science, University of Pittsburgh (Warner Cable T.V. of Reston, Va.); Ming Ivory, Institute for Scientific Information, Philadelphia (WUHY-FM, Philadelphia); Lawrence A. Kutner, department of clinical psychology, University of Minnesota (WCCO-TV, Minneapolis); Armand Lione, department of pharmacology and toxicology, the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry (St. Paul *Dispatch* and *Pioneer Press*); Roberta J. Navickis, department of animal science, University of Illinois (San Francisco *Chronicle*); Andrew Pollack, department of civil engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (San Diego *Union*); Joel J. Reich, school of medicine, SUNY at Buffalo (KUSC Radio, Los Angeles); Andrea Sodano, department of psychology, University of Massachusetts (WGBH-FM, Boston); and Steven Telleen, department of environmental, population, and organismic biology, University of Colorado (WKAR Radio, East Lansing, Mich.).

West African Science Association Conference

The following account is taken from a report written by Lester G. Paldy of the State University of New York at Stony Brook, who represented AAAS at the recent West African Science Association meeting. This is the second report we have presented in this space by persons who have represented the Association at scientific meetings in other countries (see Science, 2 April 1976, page 45). We plan to continue to share such reports with our members periodically.

Approximately 200 delegates participated in the tenth biennial conference of the West African Science Association (WASA), held in Freetown, Sierra Leone, from 29 March through 2 April. Various West African nations were represented, with the largest delegation—some 55 persons in all—coming from Ghana. A special highlight of the conference opening was the presence of the Prime Minister of Sierra Leone and other visiting dignitaries.

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Reminder

The AAAS Committee on Arid Lands is preparing a directory of North American scientists who are active in research in some aspect of arid lands. The directory will include persons from geology and geography, biological sciences, anthropology, social and economic sciences, engineering, medical sciences, agriculture, atmospheric and hydrospheric sciences, and other related sciences.

The directory will be on computer tape at the University of Arizona Office of Arid Land Studies and will be updated continually. Persons wishing to utilize the directory may obtain all or a portion of it at cost upon request.

In order to simplify handling the anticipated large number of names, the committee asks that persons wishing their names to appear in the directory submit the following information in the order indicated:

- Name:
- Title:
- Professional address (including zip code):
- Specific interests as related to arid lands research:
- Arid regions studied:

This information should be sent to Gordon L. Bender, Department of Zoology, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona 85281.

The committee will appreciate individuals calling this announcement to the attention of friends, colleagues, or organizations who are not members of the AAAS and who otherwise might not see it. It is anticipated that the directory will be substantially completed by August 1977 in time for the International Conference on Desertification.