

AAAS Sections, Affiliates, Committees

Plan Annual Meeting Events

Special activities are being planned by AAAS offices, sections, affiliates, and committees in conjunction with the Annual Meeting, 12-17 February, in Washington, D.C. A few highlights are described below; more announcements will be made in the 3 February edition of "AAAS News." Check the pre-meeting program in this issue for time and place of specific symposia, and the final program (to be mailed to pre-registrants in mid-January) for AAAS section business meeting information.

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"The Philosophy of Funding in Basic Science" will be the theme of a special conference of affiliates of AAAS Section G (Biological Sciences), to be held Thursday, 16 February, at 7:00 p.m., in the Franklin Room of the Sheraton-Park Hotel. The special affiliates' conference is scheduled in addition to the regular Section G business meeting. Speakers on the conference panel will be Donald J. LeRoy, former grants director and currently principal research officer of the National Research Council of Canada, who will speak on his institution's approach to funding individuals rather than detailed proposals; Charles A. Mosher, executive director of the House Committee on Science and Technology and member of the AAAS Committee on Scientific Freedom and Responsibility, who will discuss funding procedures from a congressional viewpoint; Anna J. Harrison, president-elect of the American Chemical Society and member of the National Science Board, who will consider the current interpretation and implementation of congressional policies at the National Science Foundation; and Charles W. McCutchen, research physicist at the National Institutes of Health, who will contrast some personal suggestions for funding with current practices. There will be opportunity for open discussion after each panelist's statement. In addition to the panel presentation and discussion, the first half-hour of the program will be devoted to a discussion of the relationship between AAAS and its

affiliates. A representative of the AAAS Executive Office will be present.

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To better inform its affiliated societies of relevant symposia during the AAAS Annual Meeting, Section H (Anthropology) has arranged for publication of details on these sessions in the January issue of the *Newsletter of the American Anthropological Association*. A portion of the AAAS Annual Meeting again will be devoted to anthropology and will include symposia on the viability of the village in contemporary society; fertility decline in the less-developed countries; discovery of culturally specific behavior patterns through research film analysis; the emergence of language; an account of the auditory mode; public anthropology; and Indians of the eastern United States. A 2-day symposium entitled "Sociobiology: Beyond Nature-Nurture" (14-15 February) will be sponsored by Sections G, H, J, K, L, Q, and X. AAAS staff liaison Priscilla Reining reports that Section H is initiating an effort to exchange information on activities in the anthropological field through the newsletters of the various organizations. In addition to strengthening the channels of communication among anthropology-related groups, Section H is

concerned with educating younger anthropologists and students about the needs for interdisciplinary work and the various professional activities that provide opportunities for such work. Members of Section H affiliates are encouraged to attend the above-mentioned symposia and the regular Section H business meeting to discuss ways in which communication among the societies can be strengthened.

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The AAAS Office of Opportunities in Science is planning a gathering of minority women natural and social scientists, engineers, and health professionals on Sunday, 12 February, from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., in the Richmond Room of the Sheraton-Park Hotel. The session will include a report of the progress on recommendations developed during a 1975 AAAS-sponsored Conference of Minority Women Scientists. The recommendations were published in *The Double Bind: The Price of Being a Minority Woman in Science* (1976). Representatives of minority science and other professional women's associations will report on work by their organizations. Participants in the 12 February session also will identify timely problems, strategies, and priorities for minority women scientists and will plan follow-up activities for AAAS, employers of scientists, educational institutions, and scientific or informal networks. Asian, Black, Native American, and Hispanic women scientists who are interested in the session may request further information from the

AAAS Socio-Psychological Prize

Submission of entries for the 1978 competition for the AAAS Socio-Psychological Prize of \$1000 is invited. Established in 1952 with funds donated by Arthur F. Bentley, the prize is awarded for a meritorious paper that furthers understanding of human psychological-social-cultural behavior. It is intended to encourage in social inquiry the development and application of the kind of dependable methodology that has proved so fruitful in the natural sciences.

Entries should present a completed analysis of a problem, the relevant data, and interpretation of the data in terms of the postulates with which the study began. Purely empirical studies, no matter how important, and purely theoretical formulations, no matter how thoughtful, are not eligible.

Unpublished manuscripts and manuscripts published after 1 January 1977 are eligible. The deadline for receipt of entries is 1 July 1978. The prize will be presented at the 1979 AAAS Annual Meeting in Chicago. For entry blank and instructions, write to the AAAS Executive Office at the AAAS address.

SB&F Needs Reviewers

Science Books & Films needs new reviewers for elementary school through college level books, especially in archaeology, anthropology, architecture, earth sciences (geology, meteorology), genetics (DNA, etc.), thanatology, sociology (urban issues, family, race, women), science policy/ethics, psychology (child, sex, para-), medicine (ob/gyn, pediatrics, geriatrics), dentistry, career guidance, sociobiology, linguistics, cosmology, astrology, paleontology, land ecology, agriculture, and learning disabilities. Interested scientists should respond to the Editor, *Science Books & Films*, at the AAAS address.

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The AAAS Committee on Scientific Freedom and Responsibility will hold a full committee meeting on Wednesday, 15 February, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., in the Caucus Room of the Shoreham Americana Hotel. The committee also is sponsoring three symposia as part of the Annual Meeting program. "Whistle-Blowing and Scientific Responsibility: The Management of Technical Dissent" is a full-day symposium beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 15 February; "Regulation of Scientific Inquiry: Societal Concerns with Research" is a full-day symposium beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, 16 Febru-

ary; a half-day symposium titled "Human Rights and Scientific Freedom: Are Scientists Special?" will be held from 9:00 a.m. until noon on Friday, 17 February. All three symposia will be held in the Palladian Room of the Shoreham Americana Hotel. Annual Meeting registrants and interested observers are invited to attend the symposia and committee meeting. Persons interested in obtaining more information about the AAAS Committee on Scientific Freedom and Responsibility should contact Rosemary A. Chalk at the AAAS address.

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A meeting of the Clearinghouse on Persecuted Foreign Scientists is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Thursday, 16 February, in the Council Room of the Shoreham Americana Hotel. Members of the clearinghouse and interested observers are invited to attend. Persons interested in obtaining more information on the clearinghouse should contact Thomas Johnston at the AAAS address.

Amendment to AAAS Constitution

In an effort to improve liaison between the AAAS Council and the Association's 21 Section Committees, the Committee on Council Affairs proposes amending Constitution Article VII, Section 2, on Council membership by adding the material in *italics* and deleting the material in *brackets*:

The Council shall consist of (a) the members of the Board of Directors, (b)

the retiring Section Chairmen, (c) delegates from each Electorate, elected from among and by the members of the Electorate, [(c) one delegate from each Section Committee, elected by the Section Committee from among those of its members who are representatives of affiliated organizations,] (d) at least two delegates from the Association of Academies of Science, and (e) one delegate from each Regional Division. . . .

The use of the term "the retiring Section Chairmen" above is subject to the Council's approval of a proposed amendment to the bylaws, changing the term of the Section Chairmen from 2 to 3 years (the first year as Chairman-Elect, the second as Chairman, and the third as retiring Chairman). If the proposed bylaw amendment is not approved, the Committee on Council Affairs will withdraw the word *retiring* from the proposed constitutional amendment in presenting it to Council.

This notice is published in accordance with Constitution Article IX, which calls for publication of proposed amendments at least 30 days in advance of the Council meeting at which they are to be presented. If a majority of Council members so votes at the meeting on 16 February, the above amendment, with or without the word *retiring* before *Section Chairmen*, will be submitted to the AAAS membership for ratification by mail at the time of the 1978 election. A favorable vote by two-thirds of the members who return ballots is required for adoption.

Deans Review Short Courses

Ninety-four academic deans and faculty of small colleges, universities, and 2-year colleges reviewed the NSF Chautauqua-Type Short Courses for College Teachers program at four regional "drive-in" meetings during September and October of 1977.

The meetings, hosted by the University of Mississippi, North Dakota State University, the University of West Virginia, and Santa Ana College (California), addressed two topics: (i) the Chautauqua-type short courses as a resource for faculty development in science and (ii) ways in which the program might better serve the needs of small colleges and their science faculties.

Participants offered a number of suggestions for improving both the content and operation of the program, but in gen-

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I See What You're Saying . . .

The AAAS Office of Opportunities in Science is pleased to announce the acquisition by the office of a TTY. For those who have never heard of it, a TTY is a teletypewriter, virtually identical to those used in newsrooms, which can be coupled to a telephone. In this way, it enables deaf individuals to transmit and receive information visually. The office model is not a conventional TTY, but a compact electronic instrument produced by Micon, Inc., which offers a visual display readout, rather than print. Individuals who wish to communicate with the Office of Opportunities in

Science by TTY are invited to do so. The telephone number for TTY is 202/467-4497.

