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Office of Opportunities in Science 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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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.

