

ing groups, and seminars or faculty exchanges to facilitate the application of disciplinary expertise to problems of science policy. Also rated highly were an annual survey of how the academic science policy field might better relate to national and regional needs, a monograph series, and a newsletter. A report of the survey results will be available at the open meeting of the working group on 14 February or may be ordered from Don I. Phillips, Office of Public Sector Programs, at the AAAS address.

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A science and public policy banquet will be sponsored by the AAAS Committee on Science and Public Policy and the Congressional Science and Engineering Fellow Program for the third consecutive year. The banquet and cash bar mixer will be held on Thursday, 16 February, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at The Brookings Institution. Russell W. Peterson, new director of the congressional Office of Technology Assessment, will be the keynote speaker. Banquet tickets are \$10.50 per person. For advance ticket sale and/or further information, contact Patricia S. Curlin, Office of Public Sector Programs, at the AAAS address. Ticket confirmation will not be possible after 6 February. Tickets also will be on sale on a first-come, first-served basis in the AAAS registration area of the Sheraton-Park Hotel through 2:00 p.m., 16 February.

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Members of **Section Q (Education)** are invited to attend the section business meeting at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, 15 February, in the Madison Room of the Sheraton-Park Hotel. Issues and concerns raised during a meeting of Section Q officers and AAAS Office of Science Education staff on 9 and 10 December will be discussed during the business meeting. Two major themes that arose during the December meeting were (i) the importance of science education for all educated citizens and (ii) the problem of lack of interest among scientists—and not just science educators—in high quality science education, not only at the university level but in pre-college years as well. Also explored was the lack of consensus among scientists and science educators about the aims of science education. The group agreed that science curricula should address the limitations of science, misuse of science, pseudoscience, and the relationships of science and technology, as well as customary science topics. Participants discussed such questions as how to stimulate scientists and science educators to take an ac-

AAAS Report and Colloquium on R & D

The third annual AAAS report and colloquium on research and development will address R & D in industry and its impact on the economy as well as the funding and issues of R & D in the federal budget for FY 1979. The report will be published in early June 1978. The colloquium will be held on 20–21 June 1978, at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. Those persons interested in receiving program and registration materials for the colloquium should send their names and addresses to 1978 R & D Colloquium, Office of Public Sector Programs, at the AAAS address. The materials will be sent in the spring.

tive part in political discussions affecting science education; how to overcome resistance of some citizen groups to include in pre-college curricula controversial but scientifically important topics such as evolution and human reproduction; how to measure the effectiveness of science education in ways that do not discriminate against ethnic minorities; how to improve the quality of pre- and in-service science teacher education; how to keep science curricula up-to-date in the face of explosive growth in scientific knowledge; and how to improve the quality of research in science education.

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AAAS Section H (Anthropology), the AAAS Office of International Science (OIS), and the Anthropological Society of Washington invite Annual Meeting attendees to their jointly sponsored symposium on "The Viability of the Village in Contemporary Society," to be held Monday, 13 February, at 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., in the Empire Room of the Shoreham Americana Hotel. More than half of the world's people live in villages and face problems such as land tenure, cash cropping, education policy, social services, women's roles in development, socialism, renewable energy sources, mechanization, and food storage. Given these obstacles, can villages adapt to the 21st century? Should they? The questions are of international importance considering the efforts of the U.S. government and the World Bank and other world organizations to reach the rural poor through development programs.

Panelists who will address the status of villages during the Annual Meeting symposium will include Charlotte V. Wiser (author of *Behind Mud Walls*), who observed life in the same Indian village for over 50 years; author Michael Maccoby (*The Gamesman*), who developed his research methods with Erich Fromm in a Mexican village which was undergoing industrialization; David Shear, director of the Sahel Program of AID, who will discuss how this long-range program is developing ways to work with village-level social structures; and anthropologist Margaret Mead, who began studying villages in the 1920's.

Other OIS-sponsored Annual Meeting events: A symposium on "**Desertification: Issues in Measuring and Monitoring the Process with Indicators**" (Wednesday, 15 February, 3:00 p.m., Club A Room, Shoreham Americana Hotel); an informal evening program for up to 15 foreign graduate students attending the Annual Meeting under AAAS sponsorship (Monday, 13 February, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) for the purpose of discussing with representatives of organizations and other individuals issues related to U.S. graduate education for foreign students; a meeting on Tuesday, 14 February, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in the Adams Room of the Sheraton-Park, of the **Consortium of Affiliates for International Programs** (comprised of 79 of AAAS' affiliated scientific and engineering societies interested and involved in international programs). More information on any of these OIS activities can be obtained by writing to the Office of International Science at the AAAS address.

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The AAAS **Office of Opportunities in Science** reminds Annual Meeting attendees of the Conference of Minority Women Scientists (12 February, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Richmond Room, Sheraton-Park) and the meeting of the AAAS Women's Caucus (12 February, 7:00 p.m., South Assembly Room, Sheraton-Park). There will be a meeting for handicapped scientists sponsored by the Foundation for Science and the Handicapped at 7:00 p.m., 16 February, in the Arlington-Alexandria Room of the Sheraton-Park Hotel. To facilitate participation by the handicapped in the entire Annual Meeting, the following services will be offered: assistance as needed in movement within and between meeting hotels; transportation service to and from airports and train and bus stations; interpreters (oral and manual) at the meeting's ten public lectures and at all other sessions on request; audiotaped

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