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Board Adopts Annual Meeting Conduct Statement

At its 14-15 April 1978 meeting in Washington, the Board of Directors adopted the following statement regarding standards of conduct at AAAS meetings:

The Board takes it for granted that all who attend the Annual Meetings of the Association will conduct themselves with consideration for others and with particular consideration for those who generously give their time and thought to the sessions. Differing opinions will continue to be heard and respected.

We recognize that there are areas of science that are both controversial and troubling. The Annual Meeting can serve as an effective forum to consider such issues, so long

as procedures of orderly debate and fairness are followed. But discourtesy and abusive behavior have no place in the Annual Meeting. When excesses occur they do great injury both to the Association and to the process of discussion. They cannot be condoned.

Seventh Interciencia Symposium to Focus on Arid Lands

"Arid Lands and Desertification in the Americas" will be the theme of the seventh Interciencia symposium, to be held in Mexico during the week of 5 November 1978 in conjunction with the fourth annual meeting of the Interciencia Association (IA). The conference, which is being cosponsored and hosted by the Mexican National Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT), also is

supported by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada and is viewed as a regional follow-up to the 1977 United Nations Conference on Desertification. For more information about the Interciencia symposium, watch "AAAS News" or write the Office of International Science at the AAAS address.

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And speaking of arid lands. . . The work begun at the Science Associations' Nairobi Seminar on Desertification, sponsored by AAAS and science groups of five other countries preceding the UN conference, is being carried out in India. Reports from the International Symposium on Arid Zone Research and Development, held earlier this year at Jodhpur, on the edge of the Rajasthan Desert, indicate that the Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI) there will work at refining and monitoring the desertification indicators developed in Nairobi. Scientists at CAZRI will be testing social indicators, including type and intensity of

land use, settlement patterns, human demography, and nutrition and health, in addition to physical and biological indicators. National and international efforts based in CAZRI will be coordinated by Dr. H. S. Mann, Director, Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur 342 003, Rajasthan, India.

Call for Minority Women Scientists

A communication network for minority women scientists is being organized as an outgrowth of a special conference held during the 1978 AAAS Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. The 77 participants in that conference met to review progress on recommendations made during a similar 1975 meeting and to identify problems and solutions in science professions and science education for minority women. The Washington conferees invite Native American, Asian American, Black, Chicana, and Puerto Rican women professionals trained in natural or social sciences, mathematics, or engineering to become part of the communication network by identifying themselves to Yolanda George, P.O. Box 5507, L-452, Livermore, California 94550, or to Paula Quick Hall, Office of Opportunities in Science, at the AAAS address.

For the Library

1977 Annual Report, AAAS Committee on Scientific Freedom and Responsibility—Contains a summary of the work of the Committee as a whole and of its subcommittees during 1977. Four papers on scientific freedom and responsibility presented during the 1977 Annual Meeting, list of documents produced by the Committee, and CSFR bibliography are included. Copies of the 58-page report are available for \$2 from AAAS, Department SFR-7, 1515 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20005. Orders for fewer than three copies must be prepaid. Please make check or money order payable to AAAS.

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Women in Scientific Research—Summary of a AAAS report on the participation of women in scientific research submitted to the National Science Foundation (see "AAAS News," *Science*, 2 December 1977, page 917). The study sample consisted of 60 women and 60

R & D Colloquium

The third annual AAAS Colloquium on R & D, scheduled for 20–21 June at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, will address research and development in industry and the impact of R & D on the economy in addition to federal R & D budgets and policies. A special session of the colloquium will be devoted to examining the effect of R & D on the competitive position of U.S. industry in international trade.

Among the colloquium speakers will be presidential science adviser Frank Press; W. Bowman Cutter, executive associate director for budget of the Office of Management and Budget; Edward E. David, Jr., president of EXXON Research and Engineering Co. and of AAAS; Jordan Baruch, assistant secretary of commerce for science and technology; Wesley A. Kurt, vice president of United Technologies Corporation; and Thomas A. Bartlett, president of the Association of American Universities.

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men who had received doctoral degrees in the physical, biological, and social sciences since June 1971, with occasional insights from other scientists just starting their careers. The summary covers childhood and high school experiences relating to the decision to pursue a career in science; college and graduate training in science; career experiences in universities and colleges, government and national laboratories, and the private sector; and special aspects of professional life in science such as postdoctoral awards and publishing. To request a copy of the summary report, write to the Office of Opportunities in Science at the AAAS address. The report will be available some time this month.

Women's Education Survey Announced

The AAAS Office of Opportunities in Science has announced that it will compile an inventory of efforts made in the United States between 1966 and mid-1978 to improve the natural science and mathematics education of girls and women and to increase their participation in careers in these areas.

The inventory, supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation, will survey programs at all levels of education and will cover such areas as provision of career information; improvement of mathematics and science counseling; development of new and innovative curriculum approaches; recruitment of women into science education programs; and assistance to women with science degrees who wish to reenter the work force. Research studies related to the participation of women in science also will be included in the inventory.

The staff of the Office of Opportunities in Science expect to complete the inventory project by late spring of 1979. Suggestions of programs that might be included are welcome. Please forward names and addresses of institutions and contact persons to Michele L. Aldrich, Office of Opportunities in Science, at the AAAS address (telephone 202/467-5431 or TTY 202/467-4497).

For more information about the activities and publications described here, write to the appropriate office, AAAS, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, unless otherwise indicated.

AAAS Travelers . . .

AAAS has been asked to send representatives to two upcoming foreign association meetings: the 34th annual session of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science, to be held in Colombo, 4–9 December 1978, and the fourth annual meeting of the Bangladesh Association for the Advancement of Science, to be held in Rajshahi, 4–8 February 1979. AAAS members who plan to be traveling in the area at that time and/or who know of colleagues on sabbatical in the region who might be able to attend should contact the Office of International Science at the AAAS address.