

Leo Schubert, 1916–1978

Leo Schubert, former secretary of Section C–Chemistry and a member of the AAAS Committee on Council Affairs, died 21 June following a heart attack.

Dr. Schubert was professor and chairman of the Department of Chemistry at the American University in Washington, D.C., at the time of his death.

At its meeting on 23 June, the AAAS Board of Directors approved the following statement in tribute to Dr. Schubert:

The Board of Directors learned with profound regret of the untimely death of Dr. Leo Schubert, one of the Association's most valued officers. A brilliant and greatly loved teacher of science, distinguished professor at the American University, former Secretary of Section C–Chemistry, and member of the Committee on Council Affairs, Leo Schubert was selflessly devoted to the advancement of science education. Both as a valued friend and scientific colleague, the Board feels his loss keenly.

Dr. Schubert had long been active in the affairs of the AAAS, as well as those of the American Chemical Society, where he served as president in 1964.

will include panels on indigenous plant resources, plants of pharmaceutical value, plants of industrial value, introduction of new plant species (genetic aspects), and plant resources in the struggle against desertification. Fifty to sixty scientists from Mexico, North America, and Latin America are expected to attend the event, which follows the IA Annual Meeting in La Paz, 5–6 November.

During the AAAS Annual Meeting in Houston, IA will sponsor a symposium, 6 January 1979, on "Opportunities for U.S.–Mexican Scientific and Technological Cooperation." Panelists will discuss specific cooperation in the areas of marine science, energy, biosaline research and geophysical research, as well as the ongoing cooperative endeavors of universities, technological research institutes, and the U.S.–Mexican bilateral agreement on science and technology.

Further information on the La Paz and Houston meetings may be obtained from the Executive Secretary, Interciencia Association, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

CSFR to Meet

The AAAS Committee on Scientific Freedom and Responsibility will meet in Washington, D.C., 13 and 14 October. Meetings of the committee are open to the public. Anyone interested in attending should contact Rosemary Chalk, the committee's staff officer, for further details. Her address is AAAS, 1515 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20005.

AAAS Committee Seeks Individual Complaints

The AAAS Committee on Scientific Freedom and Responsibility is interested in reviewing individual complaints from U.S. scientists who believe that their scientific freedoms or responsibilities have been abridged. Complainants should submit written summaries to the committee and should provide appropriate documentation for their claim. By appealing to the committee, complainants should understand that they are authorizing the committee to make inquiries to other individuals and/or organizations on their behalf.

Letters should be sent to the Committee on Scientific Freedom and Responsibility, AAAS, 1515 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20005.

Fire Damages University of Lisbon

The AAAS Office of International Science has been asked to inform AAAS members about the serious damage and losses suffered by the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon. A fire on 18 March destroyed the central building which housed the National Museum of Natural History, the Geophysical Institute, and nine research centers. Extensive losses were sustained to both laboratory equipment and publications as well as to the museum collections. AAAS members affiliated with institutions able to provide either equipment and/or books and publications to replace

those lost in the fire should write directly to either the Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy, Lisbon, or to Professor Tiago D'Oliveira, Faculty of Sciences, University of Lisbon.

Short Courses for Industrial Scientists and Engineers

Fourteen short courses in the 1978–79 series of NSF Chautauqua-Type Short Courses for College Teachers will be open to a limited number of scientists and engineers in industry. Topics include biomass conversion, flowering plants, industrial organic chemistry, microcomputers, evaluation research, and engineering ethics.

These courses will be held at two of the regional field centers—the Oregon Graduate Center for Study and Research and the University of Hartford.

A descriptive brochure with application form is available from the Office of Science Education at the AAAS address.

ANZAAS Congress Set for 1979

The Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science (ANZAAS) will hold its 49th Congress 22–26 January 1979 in Auckland, New Zealand. With the theme "Directions for the Future," the Congress will include general symposia as well as research papers on specific disciplinary topics.

For further information, write to the Honorary Secretary, 49th ANZAAS Congress, (Professor T. N. M. Waters), University of Auckland, Private Bag, Auckland, New Zealand.

AAAS members who expect to be traveling in the area and are interested in representing AAAS at the Congress, and/or who know of colleagues who might be able to participate, are requested to contact AAAS, Office of International Science.

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