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A mailing has been made to the entire membership announcing this new benefit and providing specific details. For further information, call or write to AAAS Group Life Insurance Trust Administrators, Suite 3220, 180 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601. Call toll free (800) 621-9903; Illinois residents call (312) 726-9122.

AAAS Membership List

As you are probably aware, AAAS receives requests from time to time from outside organizations for rental of its membership list. Under very strict guidelines, we have been renting the list to such organizations, usually our affiliated societies, when we are convinced that the mailing is in keeping with our objectives and announces a publication, meeting, or membership offering that would be of particular interest to AAAS members. Since these requests appear to be increasing in frequency, we wanted to remind you that you have the option of having your name removed from the list when it is rented to another organization. This in no way affects your AAAS membership status or mailings you receive from the Association. If you would like to have your name deleted when the list is rented, please notify the Office of Membership Recruitment at the AAAS address.

Climate Project Organizing Workshop

A workshop on "Environmental and Societal Consequences of a Possible CO₂ Induced Climate Change," is being organized by the AAAS Climate Project Office with funding from the Division of Carbon Dioxide and Climate Research of the U.S. Department of Energy. The workshop will be held 2-6 April 1979 at the Annapolis Hilton Inn, and will include about 80 participants, many from the biological and social sciences. The workshop will be led by Roger Revelle, with the assistance of a distinguished group of panel chairmen.

The workshop will be the first step

toward the development of Part II of DOE's comprehensive research plan on carbon dioxide effects. (Part I dealt with the global carbon cycle and climate effects.) For further information write David M. Burns, director, Climate Project, at the AAAS address. Phone (202) 467-5436.

Edison Centennial Symposium Planned

The AAAS will be a participating organization in the Edison Centennial Symposium on Science, Technology, and the Human Prospect.

The symposium will be held in San Francisco, 1-4 April 1979. Chauncey Starr, former AAAS Board member, and vice chairman of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) is chairman of the symposium, which is sponsored by EPRI and the Thomas Alva Edison Foundation.

For further details, write to Government Institutes, Inc., 4733 Bethesda Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20014.

Chautauqua Short Course Program

Nearly 60 academic deans, or their representatives, from 36 colleges and universities recently attended a series of three regional conferences to discuss the NSF Chautauqua-Type Short Courses for College Teachers. The conferences, held in September and October 1978, were sponsored by the AAAS Office of Science Education and hosted by Montana State University, the University of New Mexico, and Cayey University College of the University of Puerto Rico.

The dialogues were frank and enthusiastic. Participants asked about all aspects of the short course program and suggested ways it might better serve the needs of science faculty in their areas. A Chautauqua course director provided details of what actually happens in a short course—fall session, interim, spring session—and what can happen professionally thereafter; a Chautauqua field center coordinator added the perspective of a host. Several college teachers who had participated in a variety of short courses related their experiences via a videotaped panel discussion. Staff from the AAAS and the National Science Foundation discussed the overall development and organization of the program.

At the Montana meeting the deans

were generally pleased with the array of short courses offered, but very concerned with the enormous distances their faculty must travel to attend. An alternative suggestion was that Idaho, Montana, Utah, and Wyoming might use a centrally located site as a "satellite" to an already existing center.

At the New Mexico meeting there was concern that the topics of the short courses were not sufficiently oriented to the needs of minorities. Six of the nine institutions represented have Hispanic student enrollments of 10 to 40 percent. Various ideas for short courses emerged, including the transfer of technology to rural areas and minority populations (even nations) in the Southwest.

Deans at the Puerto Rican meeting felt that it would be considerably more cost-effective to have a director conduct a short course there rather than send faculty members to the States. Ismael Almodovar, president of the University of Puerto Rico, emphasized the high priority which Puerto Rico has placed on the improvement of undergraduate teaching in the sciences. The deans identified several types of short courses which would particularly appeal to Puerto Rican faculty.

For the Library

The Southwestern and Rocky Mountain Division of the AAAS has prepared 17 symposium volumes on topics of concern in arid lands. They are: climate and man, 1957; bioecology, 1958; agricultural problems, 1959; water yield, 1960; ecology of ground water, 1961; water improvement, 1962; Indian and Spanish adjustments, 1967; international water law (Mexican border), 1968; future environments, 1969; saline water 1970; health and related problems, 1971; the high plains, 1972; quality versus economics development, 1973; and reclamation of disturbed lands, 1978.

To order copies (\$2 each for AAAS members, \$3 for nonmembers), write to Lora M. Shields, executive officer, Southwestern and Rocky Mountain Division, AAAS, Navajo Community College, P.O. Box 580, Shiprock, New Mexico 87420.

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