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For more information, write to the Congressional Science and Engineering Fellow Program, Office of Public Sector Programs, at the AAAS address.

## **Nomination of AAAS Fellows Invited**

The AAAS Executive Office invites groups of three Fellows to nominate AAAS members for fellowship, provided that in each instance at least one of the three sponsors is not affiliated with the institution of the nominee. In order to be considered in 1980, nominations must be submitted no later than 7 March. Nomination forms should be requested from the Executive Office, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

A Fellow is defined as "a member whose efforts on behalf of the advancement of science or its applications are scientifically or socially distinguished." Examples of areas in which nominees may have made significant contributions are research; teaching; technology; services to professional societies; administration in academia, industry, government, and other institutions; and com-

municating and interpreting science to the public.

Responsibility for reviewing and approving fellowship nominations is assigned to the Nominating Committees of the 21 Section Committees. Each Nominating Committee consists of the four Section officers (Retiring Chairperson, Chairperson, Chairperson-Elect, and Secretary) and four members-at-large. An affirmative vote of at least five of the eight members is required for approval, but sponsors of a rejected nomination may appeal to the Committee on Council Affairs for possible reversal of the Nominating Committee's decision.

Nominations are also subject to challenge by any member of the AAAS Council, upon receipt of a preliminary list of nominees in late summer. A challenged nomination, if not withdrawn by its sponsors, will be reviewed by the Committee on Council Affairs; the Committee may either put it on the slate to be presented to the Council for possible election at the 1981 Annual Meeting in Toronto or defer its presentation for one year. Following the 1981 meeting, new Fellows will receive fellowship certificates, and a list of their names will be published in the Proceedings Issue of *Science*. A directory of AAAS Fellows will be available in January 1980. In the meantime, inquiries about the fellowship status of prospective sponsors may be directed to the Executive Office.

## **News from Interciencia: Record Attendance at Forestry Symposium and Fifth Annual Meeting**

Increasing concern over the progressive disappearance of forests in tropical America and the spiraling increase in products and services derived from forested areas may be among the reasons for the record participation in the ninth Interciencia Association-sponsored symposium, "Forest Sciences and Their Contribution to the Development of Tropical America." Over 200 scientists, engineers, and other experts from 22 countries took part in the symposium, 11-17 October, in San Jose, Costa Rica.

Inaugurated by President Rodrigo Carazo Odio of Costa Rica, the symposium was cosponsored by his country's National Council for Scientific and Technological Research (CONICIT) and by the Association of the Scientific, Technological, and Engineering Community of Canada (SCITEC). In addition to sup-

port from Latin American and international organizations for the event, assistance was provided by the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID), the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), and the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF). Participants included the U.S. delegation, organized by the AAAS and led by Francois Mergen, Pinchot Professor of Forestry at Yale University; a seven-person Canadian delegation; and 150 Latin Americans from a diversity of countries and disciplines.

The symposium sought to bring forestry management and forestry science into closer communication and to produce specific recommendations on both forestry policy and how forestry professionals in the region can keep up-to-date. Topics addressed included forestry in public policy and in international cooperation; wood for industry; new uses of biomass; and the utilization of the forest for firewood and food production, watershed management, and national parks. Documents and recommendations produced by the meeting are being furnished to industry and to national and international agencies concerned with natural resources and the environment.

The fifth annual meeting of the Council of the Interciencia Association (IA) was held concurrently in San Jose, bringing together 20 of the federation's leaders, representing all eight national member organizations, and delegates from countries of potential member organizations such as Chile. Leonard M. Rieser, vice president and dean of faculty at Dartmouth College and former president of the AAAS, was elected president of IA for the period 1980-1981. The Jamaican Society of Scientists and Technologists was admitted as the eighth national member organization of the federation. (The other member nations are Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico, the United States, and Venezuela.)

Future symposia or workshops planned by Interciencia include "Environmental Problems of Development in Latin America" (6 January 1980 at the AAAS annual meeting in San Francisco), "New and Underutilized Biological Resources" (Colombia, 1980), and "Population and Health in the Development of the Americas" (Lima, Peru, 1980). IA, now in its fifth year of existence, also publishes the bimonthly trilingual journal *Interciencia: A Journal of Science and Technology for Development*, under the direction of Marcel Roche. The journal is edited and published in Caracas, Venezuela. (See page 512, *Science*, 2 November 1979.)

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