

AAAS Travelers

AAAS has been invited to be represented at the following two meetings: (i) The 6th/7th Annual Science Conference of the Bangladesh Association for the Advancement of Science, to be held at the Bangladesh Agriculture Research Institute, Joydevpur, Dacca, Bangladesh, 7–11 February 1982. The AAAS delegate will be invited to give a paper in one of seven sections, covering physical, biological, and medical sciences and engineering. (ii) The 30th Annual Convention of the Philippine Association for the Advancement of Science, to be held at the Philippine International Convention Center, 11–12 December 1981. The AAAS delegate will be invited to give a paper in one of the following three areas: (a) genetic engineering (recombinant DNA technology and its applications); (b) exploitation and management of natural resources (especially of finite and renewable resources including mineral, forest, marine, energy, and agricultural resources); and (c) science and technology in the development of life-styles.

AAAS members who plan to be in those areas at the time and/or who know of colleagues on sabbatical in those regions who might be able to attend should contact Denise Weiner, Office of International Science, at the AAAS address, before 1 October 1981. Please include a curriculum vitae. No travel funds are available; however, partial support (per diem only) will be provided.

“therefore be it resolved” paragraph which presents a position that follows logically from the stated premises.

3) Proposals and resolutions that deal with technical matters must be accompanied by substantive supporting data and references.

4) Any proposal involving substantial expenditure of AAAS funds—such as a recommendation for the establishment of a study or investigative committee—should be presented in the form of a research proposal, with budget included, so that the financial implications of positive action are clearly stated.

5) All proposals and resolutions adopted by Council at its forthcoming meeting will be published in the Proceedings Issue of *Science*. Proponents who wish the AAAS to undertake any wider distribution are requested to submit with their proposals or resolutions the names and addresses of individuals, organizations, or publications to which they would like to have copies sent.

An open hearing will be held by the Committee on Council Affairs at 2:30 p.m. on 4 January in the Conservatory, Washington Hilton, to give interested persons an opportunity to speak for or against duly submitted resolutions or proposals.

At a meeting immediately following the hearing, the Committee will consider for possible inclusion in the Council agenda any late proposals or resolutions delivered to the Executive Officer in advance of the hearing, provided they

deal with urgent matters and are accompanied by a written explanation of why submission was not made on or before 30 October. The Committee also will review and take appropriate action on requests from persons who wish to address the Council on particular agenda items. Such requests must be delivered to the Executive Officer, William D. Carey, or to the Committee Chairperson, E. Margaret Burbidge, in advance of the 4 January meeting.

Summaries of the Council meeting agenda will be available at the AAAS Information Desks in the Washington Hilton and Capitol Hilton. Copies of the full agenda may be inspected, upon request, in the AAAS offices in both hotels.

Congressional Seminar Looks at Productivity

A congressional luncheon seminar on “Innovation and Productivity: A Human Perspective” was held on Tuesday, 28 July. Cosponsored by the AAAS, the U.S. House of Representatives Task Force on Industrial Innovation and Productivity, and the House of Representatives Committee on Science and Technology, about 100 members of Congress and staff participated.

The seminar featured panel presentations and discussion between the panel-

ists and the audience. The main purpose was to acquaint key members of Congress and their staff with important research findings by three distinguished individuals from the academic community.

In opening the meeting, D. Allan Bromley, AAAS president, said: “In planning this seminar—along with the Consortium of Social Science Associations—we chose a topic which has been very much on the minds of those in Congress.” Further, he said, “We think good policy is based on good research. We also think there are many dimensions to innovation and productivity questions. Sorting out the public policy aspects is no easy task for those in Congress—but we would urge consideration of human resource issues along with tax policy and technological investment matters.”

The panel members were William J. Abernathy, School of Business Administration, Harvard University; Robert E. Cole, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan; William G. Ouchi, Graduate School of Management, University of California, Los Angeles; and Kenneth Prewitt (moderator), president, Social Science Research Council.

Among the questions considered during the seminar were: “What is involved in borrowing ideas between different cultures?” “What really can be learned from the Japanese?” “How does the use of human resources affect productivity?” “What are some of the differences in the ways that Japanese and American firms are managed?” “What differences are there between Japan and the U.S. in capital flow and ownership patterns in certain key industries?” “Are there early signs of Japanese takeover in areas of advanced electronic components which have been largely a U.S. domain?” “What are appropriate roles for government in the development of new industries?”

Proceedings of the seminar will be prepared by the House Committee on Science and Technology. The seminar was seen as a lead-in to a series of hearings by the Committee beginning on 9 September on “The Human Factor in Innovation and Productivity.”

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