

Science Communication and Support Sessions Set for 3 January

How can scientists better communicate with the public? What is the future for basic research?

These are the subjects of two workshops to be held in conjunction with the AAAS Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., in January.

"Communicating Science to the Public" will be held all day on 3 January, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in the Washington Hilton Hotel.

"The Support of Scientific Research in the '80s" will be held on 3 January at 1:30 p.m. in the Capital Hilton Hotel.

The workshops are on Sunday, before the official opening of the Annual Meeting, at 8:30 p.m., with the first public lecture. It is not necessary to register for the meeting in order to attend the sessions.

and social resources, the problems associated with underemployment of the elderly, and retirement benefit structures—public and private.

Panelists will include Robert L. Kahn, professor of psychology and medical care organization at the University of Michigan, and James H. Schulz, professor of welfare economics at Brandeis University, and incoming president, Gerontological Society of America. The session will be moderated by Ray Thornton, president, Arkansas State University, and former chairman, U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Science, Research, and Technology. Chairing the session will be Frederick Mosteller, chairman, Department of Health Policy and Management, Harvard School of Public Health, and chairman, AAAS Board of Directors.

Along with AAAS, cosponsors of the seminar will be the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging and the Consortium of Social Science Associations.

Attending the seminar will be members of Congress, congressional staff, representatives of the Congressional Research Service, and public and private agencies concerned with research and problems related to older Americans.

Mass Media . . . and Engineering

Engineering has been added to the 1982 AAAS media fellowship program. With the change in name—Mass Media Science and Engineering Fellows Program—the AAAS hopes to encourage applications from outstanding engineering students.

Fellows work as reporters, researchers, and production assistants for 10 to

12 weeks during the summer at radio stations, television stations, newspapers, and magazines throughout the United States.

AAAS invites applications from students in the natural and social sciences and engineering, preferably at the graduate level. Students majoring in English, journalism, or other nontechnical fields are *not eligible*. The deadline for applications is 1 February 1982. For application information write: AAAS Mass Media Science and Engineering Fellows Program at the AAAS address.

Environmental Sciences Symposium Held in People's Republic of China

This fall a AAAS delegation participated in the first international symposium arranged by the China Association for Science and Technology (CAST). Co-sponsored by the AAAS, CAST, and the Chinese Society of Environmental Sciences (CSES), the 5-day environmental sciences symposium was part of the 3-year-old AAAS-CAST cooperative exchange agreement.

The CSES was founded in 1979 in response to the realization of the need to promote environmental science and technology in China. Its chairman is Li Chaobo, who is also director of China's Environmental Protection Office. The organization's responsibilities are (i) academic exchanges involving both Chinese and foreign scientists, (ii) educating the scientific and lay communities, (iii) publications, and (iv) advice to the government.

CSES is a multidisciplinary organization whose members come from acoustics; biology; chemistry; geochemistry; geography; medicine; meteorology; and environmental management, engineering, quality assessment, monitoring and analysis, standards, and theory.

The delegation, led by Theodore M. Schad, deputy director, Commission on Natural Resources, National Research Council, was in China from 28 September to 17 October. Other delegation members were Lyndon R. Babcock, professor of environmental health science and engineering, School of Public Health, University of Illinois; William Back, ground-water geologist, Water Resources Division, U.S. Geological Survey; Kurt W. Bauer, executive director, Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission; John T. Middleton, consultant in environmental management, professor emeritus of biology, University of California, and former director, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's air pollution program; and Lisbeth A. Levey, AAAS program assistant for China exchanges.

There were about 50 Chinese scientists in attendance at the symposium. Primarily from Beijing, they represented research institutes, the Environmental Protection Organization, and the Beijing Municipal Protection Bureau. The symposium focused on three major areas: regional environmental planning, air pollution, and water pollution. The topics were chosen by CSES. There were plenary sessions at which both the Americans and Chinese read papers and small group meetings which often extended into the evening.

After the symposium's conclusion and while still in Beijing, the delegation visited the Institute of Environmental Physics, the Beijing Municipal Environmental Research Institute, Tianjin New Port, and the Yan Shan Petrochemical Works and its satellite town. Afterwards, traveling to Xian, Shanghai, Suzhou, and Guangzhou (Canton), the group participated in small symposia and gave lectures.

Further information about the AAAS China Exchanges and a trip report are available from Lisbeth A. Levey, executive office, at the AAAS address.

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