

## After a Long Absence, AAAS Returns to Detroit

Marconi was working on his wireless, Alfred Nobel's will had just established prizes in peace, science, and literature, and Pierre and Marie Curie were on the verge of discovering radium and polonium. It was 1897—the last time the AAAS met in Detroit!

After 86 years the Association is returning to Detroit, 26–31 May. The Meeting will be held at the Westin Hotel in Detroit's modern high-rise Renaissance Center. Meeting attendees will participate in sessions on a range of subjects that Marconi and the Curies could barely have dreamed of.

In addition to the symposia, lectures, workshops, Film Festival, exhibit, and tours (see *Science*, 1 April 1983, pages 45–61), of special note are:

- Youth Activities: The special program for secondary school students will take place on Thursday, 26 May. The program includes special lectures, demonstrations, and conversations with scientists.

- A luncheon for disabled students, scientists, and other interested persons will be held in the Duluth Room from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. on Friday, 27 May. Tickets will be available in the Handicapped Resource Room (Monet Room).

- Interested persons are welcome to attend an Open Forum of the AAAS Committee on Science, Engineering, and Public Policy on Friday, 27 May, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Nicolet B. The Forum will be followed by a cash bar reception in the Duluth Room.

- The AAAS Office of Opportunities in Science will host a cash bar reception for minority scientists from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, 27 May, in the Kent Room.

- Section P, "Industrial Science," will consider changing its name to "Industrial R & D" at its business meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, 27 May, in LaSalle B. Interested persons are invited to attend and comment or write to Robert L. Stern, section secretary, Institute of Public Administration, 1717 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

- The All Women in Science lunch

will be held from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, 28 May, in the Duluth Room. Tickets will be on sale at the AAAS Ticket Desk.

- The Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science will meet jointly with the Association of Puerto Ricans in Science and Engineering from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, 28 May, in the Renoir Room.

- The Foundation for Science and the Handicapped will hold a meeting and cash bar reception from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, 29 May, in Nicolet A.

- The National Network of Minority Women in Science will meet from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, 29 May, in Marquette A.

- Resource rooms for disabled (Monet Room) and minority scientists (Renoir Room) will be open throughout the Meeting.

## Society Presidents Discuss Federal Budget

The presidents and officers of AAAS affiliated societies met in Washington on 23 March to discuss the federal budget for fiscal year (FY) 1984 and how it might affect science and engineering interests.

Some 150 society presidents, officers, AAAS Board members, and representatives of the science and engineering community participated in the fourth annual Consultation of Presidents of AAAS Affiliated Societies.

In an afternoon session on the federal budget, society presidents heard from John C. Crowley, director, Federal Relations for Science Research, Association of American Universities; Paul Gilman, staff member, U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Energy, Research, and Development; Hugh Loweth, deputy associate director, Energy and Science, Office of Management and Budget; and Michael L. Telson, staff member, U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Budget. Willis H. Shapley, consultant to the AAAS R & D Budget and Policy Pro-

ject, set the stage with an overview of the FY 1984 budget.

Speakers and audience alike agreed that the proposed budget for FY 1984 should be regarded as good for science and technology. They pointed to a strong commitment to basic research and some new program starts—such as those in science education—as good signs.

Some members of the audience disagreed with the thrust of the budget, noting particularly the heavy funding proposed for research with military applications.

Following a reception and dinner, evening speakers were Anna J. Harrison, AAAS president-elect and professor emeritus, Mount Holyoke College; Congressmen Don Fuqua (D-Fla.), chairman, U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Science and Technology; and Don Ritter (R-Pa.), member, U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce. Fuqua and Ritter were able to give the audience an up-to-the-moment account of the budgetary process, having come directly from an evening vote on the budget.

E. Margaret Burbidge, AAAS president and director, Center for Astrophysics and Space Sciences, University of California, San Diego, presided at the Consultation.

The framework for the Consultation, which was held on the eve of the eighth annual AAAS Colloquium on R & D Policy (24–25 March), was the preliminary analysis of the budget prepared by the AAAS and several other scientific, engineering, and educational societies. Copies of the report, *R & D in the FY 1984 Budget: A Preliminary Analysis*, are available for \$5 from the AAAS Sales Office, 1515 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20005.

## On Trial in Pakistan

The Subcommittee on Science and Human Rights of the AAAS Committee on Scientific Freedom and Responsibility has urged the release of three Pakistani scientists now on trial in that country. The request was sent in a cable to President Zia Ul Haq of Pakistan from Thomas Eisner, chairman of the Subcommittee.

Jamil Umar (computer scientist), Muhammad Salim (chemist), and Tariq Ah-