

Changes in AAAS Insurance Program Announced

AAAS has selected a new administrator and a new underwriter for the Association's Group Term Life Insurance Program. These changes, effective 1 September 1983, have been made as part of AAAS' continuing effort to provide the membership with an attractive and cost-effective insurance program. The new administrator is the Smith-Sternau Organization, Inc.; New York Life Insurance Company is the new underwriter.

Members currently enrolled in the insurance program will be given an opportunity to transfer their coverage to the new carrier at the same premium rate and with no decrease in benefits or lapse in coverage. They will receive complete details on transferring coverage with their September bills. Smith-Sternau also will be happy to provide enrollment information to members not now in the program, and will make a mailing to the general membership in the fall.

Smith-Sternau will handle all administrative aspects of the insurance program including claims and service. The AAAS will continue to monitor the plan closely to assure the membership a strong, viable insurance program.

Some AAAS members may already be familiar with Smith-Sternau through their association with other scientific and engineering organizations. With more than 30 years of experience, Smith-Sternau currently serves over 100 clients, many of which are affiliated with AAAS. The new underwriter, New York Life Insurance Company, is one of the largest, most widely known and respected insurance companies in the industry.

For further information, please contact Smith-Sternau toll-free at 800-368-5969 (in the Washington, D.C., area call 296-8030); or write to Administrator, AAAS Insurance Program, 1707 L Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

Logan Hosts Joint Division Meeting

How philosophies change in science was a subject of great interest at the June joint meeting of the Pacific and Southwestern and Rocky Mountain (SWARM) Divisions.

"Thomas Kuhn's Structure of Scientific Revolution Twenty Years Later" featured talks on the changing focus of earth science and chemistry, as well as

Arctic Division to Meet in Yukon

The Arctic Division of the AAAS will hold its annual meeting in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, 28 September to 1 October.

The meeting's theme, "Alaska/Canada North: Neighbors in Science," will be reflected in such symposia topics as Human Performance in the Cold, Caribou and Human Activity, Yukon River Basin Studies, and Science and Frontier Hydrocarbon Exploration—The Beaufort Sea Experience.

The Yukon Heritage and Museums Association's sixth annual fall conference on scientific contributions of early Yukon-Alaska explorers also will be held in Whitehorse, 30 September to 2 October.

For more information about the Arctic Division meeting, contact Art Pearson, conference chairman, Box 4580, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory Y1A 2R8 Canada.

how science influences other disciplines and how they, in turn, alter science. The session was arranged by George Gale of the University of Missouri, Kansas City.

Some of the meeting's other symposia were those on science and new religions (primarily cultism) and science, politics, and nuclear disarmament. Three symposia focused on recent scientific work on arid and semiarid lands.

Contributed papers and poster presentations were given in agriculture, arachnology, botany, ecology, history and philosophy of science, horticulture, meteorology, physical sciences, psychology, social science, soil science, and zoology.

This was the first time since 1929 that the two divisions had held their annual meeting together. Some 400 people attended the meeting on the campus of Utah State University in Logan.

SWARM's John Wesley Powell Memorial Lecture was given by William Nierenberg, director, Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Nierenberg discussed the deep-sea drilling project. Members of both divisions attended a luncheon lecture by Pacific Division president Herbert Baker (University of California, Berkeley) on human influences on vegetation and a dinner lecture by SWARM president Klaus Timmerhaus (University of Colorado) on scientists' and engineers' role in improving education. The Pacific Section of the Botanical Society of America, a Pacific Division affiliate, held an illustrated lecture on Rocky Mountain plants.

Field trips took advantage of the Utah setting and near perfect weather, with visits to Logan Canyon, Bear Lake, Wasatch Front locales, and the Raft River Mountains. One expedition, to Antelope Island in the Great Salt Lake, had to be canceled due to the flooding which affected the area during the week of the meeting.

The program and most of the abstracts from the meeting have been published in the Pacific Division *Proceedings*, of which a very limited number of copies are available for \$3 from Alan Leviton, California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco 94118, or Michelle Balcomb, Colorado Mountain College, 3000 County Road 114, Glenwood Springs 81601.

In 1983 SWARM will meet 28 to 31 March in Lubbock, Texas, and the Pacific Division in San Francisco, 10 to 15 June. AAAS members in those regions will receive information on the meetings. Others interested in the divisional meetings should request details from Balcomb (SWARM) or Leviton (Pacific Division).

Science Museum Update

The cooperative science museum work being conducted jointly by the AAAS and the Association of Science and Technology Centers is expanding this summer. Supported in part by the Hewlett-Packard Company Foundation, the Exploratorium in San Francisco and the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in Portland will join the current group of six museums where AAAS volunteers are providing a variety of services.

The other six museums participating are the Capitol Children's Museum in Washington, D.C.; the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry; the Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield, Michigan; the Fernbank Science Center in Atlanta; the New York Hall of Science in Flushing; and the North Carolina Museum of Life and Science in Durham (see *Science*, 4 February, pp. 484 and 485).

AAAS scientist-volunteers are involved in activities such as the Cran-

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