

Annual Meeting Comes to the Big Apple

New York City will host the Association's 150th national meeting later this month. Special events, tours, and the meeting program, "Science, Engineering, Technology, Education: Toward a World Perspective," are designed to take advantage of the international character of New York.

The AAAS will meet 24 to 29 May at the New York Hilton Hotel and the Sheraton Centre.

In addition to the symposia, lectures, workshops, Film Festival, exhibit, and tours (see *Science*, 30 March 1984, pages 1381-1400), of special note are:

- A short course on "Science, Technology, and Arms Control" will be offered on Wednesday, 23 May, and Thursday, 24 May (12 hours), at the Teacher's College of Columbia University. Lester G. Paldy, university dean of continuing education, State University of New York at Stony Brook, will teach the course.

- Youth Activities: The special program for secondary school students will take place on Thursday, 24 May. The program includes special lectures and demonstrations. In addition, the American Junior Academy of Sciences will bring students from across the country to present papers and participate in the

program. A Youth Activities information desk will be open throughout the Meeting at the New York Hilton.

- Interested persons are welcome to attend an Open Forum of the AAAS Committee on Science, Engineering, and Public Policy of Friday, 25 May, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Nassau A in the New York Hilton.

- Minority scientists and engineers are invited to meet with representatives from the Children's Television Workshop in the Resource Room for Minority Scientists, Bryant B, New York Hilton, all day Saturday, 26 May.

- Women scientists from Argentina, South Africa, and the Soviet Union will discuss how human rights violations impede scientific careers. The women will address the business meeting of the AAAS Clearinghouse on Science and Human Rights. All Annual Meeting attendees are welcome at the Clearinghouse meeting on Saturday, 26 May, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Green Room, New York Hilton.

- 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 at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, 26 May, in Bryant B, New York Hilton.

- The Foundation for Science and the Handicapped will meet from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, 26 May, in Nassau B, New York Hilton.

- The National Network of Minority Women in Science will meet from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, 26 May, in the Regency Foyer of the Sheraton Centre.

- Carlos Abeledo, undersecretary of state for science and technology of Argentina and director of the Consejo Argentino de Investigaciones Cientificas y Tecnicas (CONICET), will lead a discussion meeting with U.S. and Argentine scientists Sunday, 27 May at 6:00 p.m. in Gramercy A of the New York Hilton. The discussion will focus on new directions in science and technology under the newly elected government and ways in which Argentine scientists abroad can participate.

- Resource rooms for disabled (Morgan, New York Hilton) and minority registrants (Bryant B, New York Hilton) will be open throughout the Meeting.

SWARM Meets in Lubbock

The AAAS Southwestern and Rocky Mountain (SWARM) Division held its 60th annual meeting at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, 27 to 31 March, with approximately 300 meeting attendees.

Following a welcome to Texas Tech by J. Knox Jones, Jr., vice president for research and graduate studies, Gerard Piel, publisher of *Scientific American* and incoming president-elect of the AAAS, opened the meeting. Piel discussed problems of funding basic research.

Mary K. Seely, director of the Ecological Research Station at Gobabeb, Southwest Africa/Namibia, gave the John Wesley Powell Memorial Lecture. She told of the diverse studies taking place at the station, and the complex interaction of desert organisms and fog, on which the organisms of the Namib depend for moisture. The Namib is an extremely dry desert, often having less than 4 inches of annual rainfall.

Symposia were presented by a number of sections and the SWARM Committee on Desert and Arid Lands Research. Among the symposia were "Small Water

Reminder: Pacific Division to Meet in San Francisco

The annual meeting of the AAAS Pacific Division will be held 10 to 15 June at San Francisco State University.

Featured symposia will include those on pets and people, the philosophical issues in reproduction and sexuality, human origins, use of computers in social science, and urban entomology.

Evening lectures will be by Linus Pauling, on "Modern Nutrition," and by Division President Barbara Wright, University of Montana.

AAAS members living in the areas encompassed by the Pacific Division have received meeting program, housing, and registration information.

Those wishing to preregister for the AAAS Pacific Division Annual Meeting must do so by 25 May 1984.

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