

clear statement of charges; the right to present a defense, including witnesses; access to counsel; the right to cross-examine; and finally, the right to appeal.

The AAAS Professional Society Ethics Group will meet again in the fall. All affiliated scientific and engineering societies are invited to participate in the Group. Further information about the Group may be obtained by writing Sally Painter, CSFR, 1515 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20005.

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Office of the Committee on Scientific Freedom and Responsibility

Lecture Describes Use of Genetics to Establish Grandpaternity

A lecture on "Genetic screening techniques for reuniting Argentina's 'Disappeared' children with their grandparents," will be held at 11:00 a.m. on 18 September 1984 at the ACRF Amphitheater, Building 10, National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland.

Speakers will be Mary-Claire King, Department of Epidemiology and International Health, University of California, Berkeley, and Cristian Orrego, National Institutes of Health and AAAS Committee on Scientific Freedom and Responsibility. King and Orrego were members of the AAAS delegation that traveled to Argentina in June 1984 at the request of that country's National Commission on Disappeared Persons (see *Science*, 27 July 1984, p. 397).

The lecture is sponsored by the NIH Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences, the Amnesty International Medical Scientists Committee, and the AAAS Committee on Scientific Freedom and Responsibility. For more information, contact Pat McKinley at 301-496-9285.

Scientific Freedom and Responsibility Award: Call for Nominations

Submission of entries in the 1985 selection of the AAAS Award for Scientific Freedom and Responsibility is invited. Established in 1980, the \$1000 prize is awarded annually to honor scientists and engineers whose exemplary actions, often taken at significant personal cost,

have served to foster scientific freedom and responsibility.

The AAAS prize recognizes scientists and engineers who have acted to protect the public's health, safety, or welfare; or focused public attention on important potential impacts of science and technology on society by their responsible participation in public policy debates; or established important new precedents in carrying out the social responsibilities or in defending the professional freedoms of scientists and engineers.

A candidate for the award is selected by a panel of judges appointed by the AAAS Board of Directors. *The deadline for receipt of entries is 30 November 1984.* Nominations and requests for information should be sent to Scientific Freedom and Responsibility Award, 1515 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20005.

Call for Nominations: 1985 General Election

The Committee on Nominations will meet this fall to select candidates for the 1985 general election. The Committee invites AAAS members to submit nominations, including self-nominations, for the positions of President-Elect and members of the Board of Directors.

Current Board members are listed on the contents page of *Science*. Candidates for terms to start 1 June 1985 are listed in the 1 June 1984 issue.

Nominations should be sent to the Executive Officer, AAAS, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, no later than 12 October 1984. Each nomination must be accompanied by a curriculum vitae of the proposed candidate.

Help AAAS Membership Office Stop Repetition

Some AAAS members occasionally receive promotional materials encouraging them to join the Association when they are already members, some for a long period of time. When this happens members are confused and we are embarrassed. We take great pains to try to ensure that this does not happen and we are now asking for your assistance in making our system more effective.

The AAAS, like other membership organizations, is not static. To maintain our member base, we must continually recruit new members, more than 25,000 each year. During our yearly Member Nomination Drive, for example, many of you have provided the names of colleagues who might benefit from AAAS membership. We then write to these people and invite them to join.

By far the largest and most effective AAAS recruitment tool we have is the direct mail membership campaign, conducted three times a year. For these campaigns AAAS rents or exchanges lists of names, primarily of scientists and engineers, to contact about AAAS membership. Even though we make every effort to screen out current members' names from the lists we use, the system is not foolproof. One reason for this is the variation between names and addresses as they appear on our membership file and how they appear on the lists we acquire. Another reason is that our member files contain either a home or business address for each member but not both. This means that if we send *Science* and other membership material to a home address, we have no way of knowing the business address of that individual and no way of deleting that business address from our promotional mailings.

We are concerned about the problem and about avoiding unnecessary inconvenience for our members. We also want to keep our process as cost-effective as possible.

We would appreciate your helping us to reduce further the likelihood that you receive promotional mailings. To do that we need for you to provide us with a current mailing label from *Science* and your "other" address(es). These other addresses will be *for internal use only* and will not be used for purposes other than our own screening process described above.

The merging/purging system will never be perfect. However, we believe that the above procedure is one more step toward avoiding inconvenience to you and toward further controlling our costs. Please direct your responses and any questions or comments to Carol L. Rogers, head, Office of Communications and Membership, AAAS, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036; telephone: 202-467-4460.