

Los Angeles Hosts Annual Meeting

The AAAS will meet in Los Angeles, California, later this month—the first time Los Angeles has been the site of the Annual Meeting since 1923! The 151st national meeting, with a theme of “Science and Engineering: Diversity and Convergence,” will explore science and technology from cell biology to “Star Wars.”

The AAAS will meet 26 to 31 May at the Westin Bonaventure and Los Angeles Hilton Hotels.

In addition to the symposia, lectures, workshops, Film Festival, exhibit, and tours (see *Science*, 5 April 1985, pages 45 to 64), of special note are:

- **Youth Activities.** The day-long “Youth Symposium” will take place Wednesday, 29 May, at the California Museum of Science and Industry. The program includes special lectures and demonstrations. Some 2200 Los Angeles area students will participate.

Disabled students, in addition to attending the Youth Symposium, will have lunch with disabled scientists and engineers. The young people will have an

opportunity to discuss education and careers in science and engineering and to meet with scientist role models. The luncheon for disabled students and scientists also will be held at the California Museum of Science and Industry on Wednesday, 29 May.

In addition, the American Junior Academy of Sciences will bring students from across the country to present papers and participate in the program. They will present their papers between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, 28 May, in the Exhibit Hall at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel.

A Youth Activities information desk will be open throughout the Meeting on the Ballroom Floor Foyer at the Los Angeles Hilton Hotel. *Science Encounters*, a special program for young people, will be available at this desk.

- Meeting attendees are invited to a Brown Bag Seminar on the role of student chapters of professional associations. The seminar will be in the Resource Room for Minority Scientists, San Bernardino Room, Westin Bonaven-

ture, from 12:15 to 1:45 p.m., Monday, 27 May. Check the bulletin board in the Minority Scientists’ Resource Room for other activities planned during the Meeting.

- The Women Scientists luncheon will be on Tuesday, 28 May, from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Luncheon tickets will be available at the AAAS Ticket Desk in the California Foyer of the Westin Bonaventure.

- The AAAS Clearinghouse on Science and Human Rights will hold a business meeting from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, 28 May, in the Santa Barbara B Room at the Westin Bonaventure. The meeting is open and Meeting attendees invited.

- A Speakers Room (La Cienega Room) as well as resource rooms for disabled (San Pedro Room) and minority registrants (San Bernardino Room) and AAAS members (Los Feliz Room—see box) will be open throughout the Meeting at the Westin Bonaventure.

- Eight self-sponsored foreign graduate students studying in the United States will attend the Meeting. Their participation is made possible by a grant, to the AAAS, from the Institute of International Education’s Short-Term Enrichment Program.

Member Resource Room—a “First”

Information on a range of AAAS projects from human rights to museum volunteers will be featured at the Association’s first Member Resource Room. The Member Resource Room will be located in the Los Feliz Room at the Westin Bonaventure.

Films from the science education project “Challenge of the Unknown,” a Science Resources for Schools (SRS) series, and the IBM-produced “I, Leonardo” will be shown. In addition, several segments from the AAAS radio programs “Focus” and “Report on Science” will be heard. Schedules will be posted daily.

A kit will be available to visitors containing information on each AAAS office. Sample copies of special issues of *Science*, AAAS books and other publications, and Association jewelry will be on display. Mountains of literature will be available to take home. And there may even be a surprise or two.

But, maybe most important, AAAS staff persons will be present to answer questions about the Association and help solve problems. Also, a representative of Smith-Sternau, Inc., administrators of the AAAS Life Insurance Plan, will be there to answer questions and give information on the program.

If you’re planning to attend the Annual Meeting, make a note now to stop by the Member Resource Room.

New Books from the AAAS

This spring four new books—two from *Science* and two from *Science 85*—are being published and others are in the planning stages.

Following the successful publication last May of *Newton at the Bat*, the sports science book from *Science 85*, the AAAS has published *A Passion to Know*, a book of scientists’ profiles, and *Songs from Unsung Worlds*, a book of science poetry. Both books are based on material that previously appeared in the magazine.

Edited by *Science 85* editor Allen L. Hammond, *A Passion to Know*, is a behind-the-test-tube look at the varied personalities of 20 scientists and the sometimes surprising methods at work on science’s cutting edge. The scientists profiled cover a wide spectrum of science from astrophysics and cytology to sociobiology and zoology.