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## Reception and Prize Honor Abelson

Past and present editorial board members, reviewers, authors, editorial and Association staff, and members of the science and technology community came together at a reception on 8 March to honor Philip H. Abelson. The reception, hosted by the AAAS Board of Directors and the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, was held at the Smithsonian.

Abelson, who retired at the end of 1984 after 22 years as editor of *Science*, said he believed that he had had the "best job in the world . . . providing a special opportunity and incitement for life-long learning." Noting the international readership of *Science*, Abelson described being able to go anywhere in

the world and meet with people whose lives have been touched by *Science*.

He did, however, have a lighthearted word of advice for Daniel E. Koshland, Jr., current editor of *Science*. Abelson explained that authors of articles receive the fan letters and the editor gets the complaints. However, he said, Koshland should not worry unless he stops hearing from the complainers!

Anna J. Harrison, chairman of the Board of Directors, announced the establishment of the Philip Hauge Abelson Prize. The Prize will be awarded, beginning next year, to a public servant in recognition of exceptional contributions to the advancement of science or to a scientist whose career has been distinguished both for scientific achievement and for other notable services to the scientific community of the United States.

## Western Scientists Meet in Montana

Topics from bioethics to the origins of dinosaurs in North America will be featured at the 60th annual meeting of the Pacific Division on the campus of the University of Montana at Missoula, 9-14 June.

Some of the symposia will be those on Environmental Risk: Public Perception versus Cleanup Costs; Bioethics; Organismic Speciation; Plant Molecular Genetics; Suspect Terranes; and Dinosaur Origins.

Workshops will be held on Nuclear



Philip H. Abelson (center) chats with AAAS Board Chairman Anna J. Harrison and Robert McC. Adams, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, at reception to honor former *Science* editor.