

# AAAS News

## Annual Meeting Returns to Boston

**W**HEN the Association's 154th national meeting opens in Boston on the 11th of this month, it will make the tenth time the AAAS has met here, with two other meetings (in Cambridge and Springfield) so close as to almost make the count 12. The 1988 Annual Meeting will feature symposia on superconductivity, AIDS, nuclear weapons, mapping the human genome, and science advice for the president we'll be electing in 1988. A special symposium will focus on Soviet science (see box). Seminars, which require an additional registration fee, will be on reproductive biology, marine ecosystems research, and protein folding.

The AAAS will meet 11 to 15 February at the Sheraton Boston Hotel, Hynes Convention Center, and the Boston Marriott Copley Plaza Hotel.

In addition to the symposia, lectures, workshops, film festival, and exhibit (see *Science*, 4 December 1987, pp. 1426-1444), of special interest are:

■ **Youth Activities**—The day-long "Youth Symposium" will take place on Thursday, 11 February, in the Hynes Convention Center. It will include sessions on vaccines, the Mayans, the Daedalus project, supernovae, and evolution. 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 will be on Friday, 12 February, at the

Sheraton Boston Hotel. In addition, the American Junior Academy of Sciences will bring students from across the country to present papers and participate in the program.

■ A cash bar reception, for constituents and friends of the Office of Opportunities in Science, will be held from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, 12 February, in the Commonwealth Room at the Sheraton Boston Hotel.

■ The Task Force on Women, Minorities, and the Handicapped in Science and Engineering will have an open meeting from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, 13 February, in the Kent Room at the Sheraton Boston Hotel. The Task Force meeting will be chaired by Mary E. Clutter, director, Division of Cellular Biosciences, National Science Foundation, and member, AAAS Board of Directors.

■ The annual banquet of the Committee on Science, Engineering, and Public Policy will feature Ohio Governor Richard Celeste as guest speaker. Celeste will address the role of the states in science and technology policy. The banquet, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, 13 February, will be preceded by a no-host cocktail reception. Tickets for the banquet will be available at the AAAS Ticket Desk.

■ Special showings of "The Ring of Truth," created and hosted by Philip Morrison, will take place at 9:00 a.m. each morning as part of the *Science Books and Films* Science Film Festival. Morrison will receive the AAAS-Westinghouse Award for Public Understanding of Science and Technology during the Meeting.

■ The AAAS Art of Science and Technology Program will be in evidence at the Science and Technology Exhibition. Boston artist Morton C. Bradley's geometric sculptures, which he calls "constellations," alluding to their sources in the stars, will be on display throughout the Exhibition. (The AAAS Science and Technology Exhibition will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 12 February, and Saturday, 13 February, and from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, 14 February, in the Hynes Convention Center.) In addition to art at the exhibit, Argonne National Laboratory will demonstrate how superconductivity works, and the Association of Science Technology Center's display will feature "structures." This exhibit was developed by the Franklin Institute and funded by the National Endowment for the Arts.

■ A Speaker's Ready Room (Liberty F, Sheraton Boston Hotel) will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day of the Meeting. Speakers may use the Room to review their visual materials and familiarize themselves with the operation of projection equipment.

■ Resource Center (Liberty Complex, Sheraton Boston Hotel). All AAAS Resource Rooms

will be located adjacent to one another in this area. Resource facilities include:

**AAAS Member Resource Room**—Information on a range of projects from human rights to museum volunteers will be featured. Visitors will be able to browse through the latest AAAS publications, view science education videotapes developed by the Association, listen to tapes of radio shows produced by AAAS, and learn about the benefits of membership.

Perhaps most important, AAAS staff persons will be present to answer questions about the Association and help solve problems.

**Resource Room for Disabled Registrants**—AAAS staff and volunteers offer special resources for disabled people, including assistance in moving between hotels, transportation to and from airports and train and bus stations, interpreters for the hearing impaired, emergency repairs for wheelchairs, and audiotaped highlights of the Meeting program for persons with visual impairment.

**Resource Room for Minority Scientists**—Information and printed materials related to the participation of racial and ethnic minorities in the sciences and in AAAS activities will be ex-



*"Speaking Visually: A Blind Aesthetic," a photo exhibit by David Plakke and Tim Vallender, is on display at the AAAS from 19 January to 31 March 1988. The show, conceptualized by Plakke, features photographs taken by Vallender, who has been blind from birth. The photographs graphically display what the visually impaired Vallender "sees" as he walks through the streets. The exhibition was organized by the New York Academy of Sciences with funding from Novo Industri A/S of Denmark, an international pharmaceutical and industrial-enzyme company. The show is appearing at AAAS through the courtesy of the New York Academy of Sciences. For more information about the Art of Science and Technology program, contact Virginia Stern at the AAAS.*

changed. Materials on education, employment, research, organizations, and individual scientists will be displayed.

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## More Museum Benefits Announced

AAAS is pleased to announce that the New York Hall of Science is now offering a 10 percent discount on individual and family museum membership to AAAS members in the New York City area. This new benefit is the result of increasing cooperation between AAAS and science and technology centers around the nation, as the Association works toward its goal of increasing public understanding of science. Other museums offering AAAS member discounts include the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, the Exploration in San Francisco, the Franklin Institute of Philadelphia, and the Pacific Science Center in Seattle.

The New York Hall of Science, a hands-on science center, features exhibits on "Feed-back"—the world of self-sensing machines; "Seeing the Light"—an exploration of light, color, and illusion; "The Invisible World" of biology; and the mysterious "Realm of the Atom." Museum membership includes a year of unlimited admission, free parking, *Hall of Science News*, book borrowing privi-

leges at the Science Access Center, discounts at the gift shop, discounts on workshops and courses, and free admission to more than 50 science and technology museums around the world. Monthly member events also are included.

AAAS members in the New York City area should be on the lookout for more information coming in the mail this month. Or, contact the Membership Department at the New York Hall of Science, 47-01 111th Street, Corona, New York 11368.

The Association is working to extend this new museum benefit to many other science and technology centers around the country. Watch "AAAS News" for further announcements.

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## Entries Asked for Behavioral Science Research Prize

Submission of entries in the 1988 competition for the AAAS Prize for Behavioral Science Research is invited. Established in 1952 with funds donated by Arthur F. Bentley, the \$2500 prize is awarded annually for innovative studies and analyses that further understanding of human psychological-social-cultural behavior. The prize is intended to encourage the development and applications of methods for the study of social behavior, using

the logic of observation and explication so fruitful in any scientific endeavor.

Entries should present a completed analysis of a problem, the relevant data, and an interpretation of the data in terms of the assumptions with which the study began.

The winning entry will be selected by a judging committee appointed by the Executive Officer in consultation with officers of the AAAS Sections on Anthropology (H), Psychology (J), and Social, Economic, and Political Sciences (K). The prize will be presented at the 1989 Annual Meeting in San Francisco in January. The prize recipient's travel and hotel expenses incurred in attending the award presentation will be reimbursed.

Unpublished manuscripts and manuscripts published after 1 January 1987 are eligible. The deadline for receipt of entries is 1 August 1988. For entry blank and instructions, write to the AAAS Executive Office.

## Amendment to AAAS Constitution Adopted

An amendment to AAAS Constitution Article VI, Officers, Section 2, Administrative Officers, was submitted by mail ballot to the AAAS membership this fall. The amendment proposed changing the last sentence of Section 2 from "Each Section Secretary shall be elected by his or her Section Committee for a

term of four years" to "Each Section Secretary shall be appointed by the Section Steering group for a term of four years." By a vote of 19,070 to 2,495, the amendment was approved. The ratified amendment became effective upon adoption. These results were inadvertently omitted from the election results published in the 1 January 1988 issue of *Science*.

## Nomination of AAAS Fellows Invited

The AAAS Executive Office invites groups of three Fellows to nominate AAAS members for election as Fellows, provided that in each instance at least one of the three sponsors is not affiliated with the institution of the nominee. In order to be considered for election in 1989, nominations must be received no later than 10 June 1988. Nomination forms should be requested from the Executive Office at the AAAS address.

A Fellow is defined as "a Member whose efforts on behalf of the advancement of science or its applications are scientifically or socially distinguished." Examples or areas in which nominees may have made significant contributions are research; teaching; technology; services to professional societies; administration in academe, industry, government, and other institutions; and communicating and interpreting science to the public.

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