

# INSIDE AAAS

## Cost Savings on Insurance

Again, members insured in the AAAS Group Term Life Insurance Plan will be receiving a premium credit on their 1 October 1990 premium billing. The credit is equal to 7 % of the amount due for coverage on that renewal, provided members were insured for the policy period 1 October 1989 to 31 March 1990. The granting of this credit is determined annually based on plan experience. This is the sixth successive year that credits have become available resulting in a lower cost of insurance.

The AAAS plan provides up to \$240,000 of term life insurance coverage in \$15,000 units. It is underwritten by New York Life Insurance Company and is offered as a benefit of AAAS membership to U.S. members. Enrollment in the plan is subject to approval by New York Life. Any AAAS member who wishes to enroll in the plan should write directly to the administrator, Seabury & Smith, Inc. (formerly Smith-Sternau), Suite 300, 1255 23rd Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037.

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Membership Office

## Pacific Division Student Awards

Graduate students giving superior papers at the summer meeting of the AAAS Pacific Division have been presented with cash awards and certificates recognizing the excellence of their research. George Matsumoto (University of California, Los Angeles) received both the Robert I. Larus and the Geraldine K. Lindsay

## Workshop on Attracting and Using Scientist-Volunteers

Are you thinking of using scientists as volunteers at your institution? The AAAS is sponsoring a workshop to assist science museums and related institutions in starting a scientist-volunteer program. The workshop will include perspectives from museums that currently have programs, scientists who have participated in programs, and other organizations that facilitate the use of volunteers. It is scheduled for 27 October 1990 in Washington, D.C. Space is limited. For more information and an application, contact Patricia S. Curlin, AAAS Science and Technology Centers Project, 1333 H Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20005, telephone 202-326-6602 or FAX 202-371-9526.

awards for a paper on functional morphology of an Arctic ctenophore. Laurence M. Klauber awards were presented to Deborah Helsel (University of California, San Francisco) for her research on birth outcomes and prenatal care of Hmong women in San Joaquin and Merced counties, and to Mella-Dee Meyer (University of California, Davis) for her paper on enhanced germination of *Actinidia* by sulfuric acid treatment. The Sunshine Mining Company award in the geosciences went to Kurt Maier (University of California, Davis) for his study of comparative toxicity of selenium and boron and the effects of water hardness and sulfate on their toxicities.

Several Division-affiliated societies also honored students for their papers. The American Society for Horticultural Sciences (Western Region) gave a first

place to Mella-Dee Meyer (who also won the Klauber award, above), a second place to Elzbieta Krzesinska (Oregon State University), and honorable mention to R. Hidalgo (California Polytechnic State University) and Harry Matheu (Robert Louis Stevenson School). The Western Society of Soil Science presented a first place to Janice L. Boettinger (University of California, Davis), second place to S. E. Fendorf (University of California, Davis) and third place to R. L. Kidman (Utah State University). The Botanical Society of America (Pacific Section) awarded first place to Carlos Perez-Munoz (University of California, Davis) and second place to William McAlexander (Robert Louis Stevenson School). The Ecological Society of America (Western Chapter) first place was won by James Paulus (University of Califor-

nia, Santa Cruz) and second place by John Hunter (University of California, Davis).

Sections of the Pacific Division presented awards for papers in specialized sciences. The atmospheric sciences section gave first place to W. Gao (University of California, Davis). The biological sciences section first prize went to George Matsumoto (who also won the Lindsay and Larus awards) and the second prize to Richard Lis (University of California, Berkeley). The history and philosophy of science section first prize was shared by Caroline Acker (University of California, San Francisco) and Elizabeth C. Corwin (University of California, Davis). Deborah Helsel won first prize in the social sciences.

The next Pacific Division meeting will be held in June 1991 at Utah State University in Logan. Any student may present a paper at this meeting and compete for the prizes for excellence; they do not need to reside or attend school in the Pacific Division region. To be on the mailing list, write Alan Leviton, Pacific Division AAAS, California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco CA 94118.

## AAAS Elections

Ballots for the election of AAAS President-Elect, members of the Board of Directors and Committee on Nominations, and Section officers were mailed on 17 August. All paid AAAS members (as of 25 July) should receive a ballot. Members enrolled in a second or third Section will receive separately mailed ballots for each Section. Please vote promptly; ballots mailed after 12 October

cannot be counted. If you do not receive a ballot, or if you get an incorrect ballot, please write Linda McDaniel, AAAS Executive Office, 1333 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20005.

Members are also invited to nominate candidates (including themselves) for President-Elect and the Board for election in the fall of 1991 (for terms beginning in February 1992). See the 1 June issue of *Science* for a list of this year's candidates, and the contents page of any recent issue of *Science* for current Board members. Nominations, with candidates' curriculum vitae, should be sent no later than 1 October to Gretchen Seiler, AAAS Executive Office, 1333 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20005.

### Japanese Bibliographic Databases

U. S. scientists and engineers may now access, at no charge,

computer-searchable Japanese publications, databases in Tokyo, through a National Science Foundation (NSF) program. They include information about research projects sponsored by Japan's Ministry of Education, Science, and Culture; papers presented at electronics and chemistry society conferences; doctoral theses; and Japanese-language and foreign-language holdings of periodicals and books in the libraries of over 1000 Japanese universities.

The database searcher accepts requests submitted in English or Japanese via ordinary mail, electronic mail, facsimile, or telephone. The request is converted into an effective search protocol, relevant records are selected via an interactive communications link with Tokyo, retrieved citations are translated into English if necessary, and the results are returned to the requester.

American researchers may ask for a search by calling the database operator between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time at 202-357-7278, or by sending a message via electronic mail to [nacsis@nsf](mailto:nacsis@nsf) (Bitnet) or [nacsis@nsf.gov](mailto:nacsis@nsf.gov) (Internet). Searches may be requested in writing from NACSIS Operator, National Science Foundation, 1800 G Street NW, Room 416A, Washington, DC 20550. Requesters are welcome to discuss their bibliographic needs in person or by telephone with the operator at NSF. Searchers proficient in Japanese may also schedule time to conduct their own searches at NSF.

### Dues Increase

Faced with the prospect of a 28.9% postal increase for mailing *Science* every week, the AAAS Board of Directors has authorized a \$2 increase in most 1991 dues rates. Effective 1

January 1991, Regular Member dues will be \$82, Postdoctoral Member dues will be \$57, and Student and Emeritus dues with *Science* will be \$47. Persons whose memberships expire during 1991 will find the new rates on their renewal notices. Dues for Spouse Members and Emeritus Members who do not receive *Science* will remain at \$32.

Member dues and voluntary contributions furnish the critical base upon which AAAS activities stand or fall. Those projects include internationally recognized publications; leadership in science education, scientific freedom and human rights, science policy, and opportunities in science and technology for minorities, women, and the disabled; fellowship programs with Congress, the Executive Branch, and the media; and cooperative programs with other scientific, engineering, and educational groups.

### Sri Lanka Bound?

AAAS has been invited to send a representative to the 46th Annual Session of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS), set for 3 through 7 December in Colombo. The theme of the session will be "Higher Education—Perspectives and Challenges." The AAAS delegate has been invited to deliver a lecture in his or her area of expertise to the relevant SLAAS section. SLAAS is especially keen on fostering interaction between foreign delegates and the Sri Lanka scientific community, and will make arrangements for the AAAS delegate to visit research institutions in the country.

AAAS members who plan to be in the area in December and/or who know of colleagues on sabbatical in the region who might be able to attend the meeting should contact Laura Mann (telephone 202-326-6664) at the Directorate for International Programs, AAAS, 1333 H Street N.W., Washington,

**Colombo, Sri Lanka, site of the SLAAS meeting in December**

DC 20005, before 15 October 1990. Please send a curriculum vitae along with your application. While no travel funds are available, AAAS will provide per diem for the meeting.



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