

INSIDE AAAS

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Picturing AAAS

In conjunction with the impending 150th anniversary, the Association is working to expand its collection of historical photos and other items of visual interest. The material will be filed in the AAAS Archives for use by staff and scholars in exhibits, articles, publications, membership and development campaigns, and program activities.

Anything that helps to illustrate AAAS history is needed. Examples include photos of people, places, and events—from the founding of AAAS in 1848 to the present. Also useful will be photos and graphic art that convey 150 years of progress in science and technology.



Roots: Edward Hitchcock of Amherst College proposed creation of the Association of American Geologists, the parent of AAAS.

AAAS served as a springboard for the creation of numerous specialized scientific societies

and helped shape many science agencies. If you know of photos or other visual material relevant to AAAS in collections at other institutions, please let us know. Include information about any copyright restrictions or reprint permission that may be required.

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Education Forum

When it comes to setting performance standards for science learning, how good is good enough? That's the question educators will address at the 1995 AAAS Forum for School Science, scheduled for 27–28 October at the Doubletree Hotel National Airport in Arlington, Virginia.

The 1990 AAAS school forum focused on innovative assessment techniques. Now, five years later, the forum will examine state, district, and local efforts to use such assessments to measure whether students are meeting content standards as described in national projects and state frameworks. Events include panels, workshops, and a poster session.

For more information or to register, contact project coordinator Mary Beth Lennon by phone at 202-326-6644, by fax at 202-371-0849, or by Internet at: mlennon@aaas.org

Member Services Update

AAAS has changed the computer service bureau used to maintain member records and handle the *Science* subscription database. All member ID numbers have changed. New membership numbers will be printed on *Science* mailing labels for the 13 October issue. Members may provide either the old or the new membership number when requesting services. In addition, there is a new telephone number and address for member services:

New toll-free number: 800-731-4939

New address for renewals and service requests:
AAAS, P.O. Box 1811, Danbury, CT 06813

All Association mail addressed to Marion, Ohio, is being forwarded to Connecticut. This may result in some delay in processing requests. Members' cooperation and understanding are appreciated during the transition period.

Members can continue to call AAAS Member Services in Washington, D.C., for further information and assistance. The number is 202-326-6417.

Election Ballots, Nominations Due

Ballots for the election of AAAS president-elect, members of the Board of Directors and the Committee on Nominations, and section officers were mailed to all active AAAS members (as of the 18 August *Science*). Members enrolled in a second or third section will receive a separate ballot for each section. If you did not receive a ballot or received an incorrect one, write to Linda McDaniel, AAAS Executive Office, 1333 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20005.

Your vote is important, so please return ballots by 13 November. Ballots postmarked after that date will not be counted.

AAAS members can nominate candidates (including themselves) for president-elect and the Board of Directors for election in the fall of 1996, for terms beginning in February 1997. For a list of this year's candidates, see the "Inside AAAS" section in the 30 June *Science*, and see the contents page of any recent *Science* issue for a list of the current Board members.

Please send nominations with the candidate's curriculum vitae no later than 1 November to Gretchen Seiler, AAAS Executive Office, 1333 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20005.

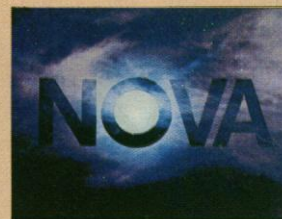
From Our History Files ...

For several years after it was launched in 1974, "Nova" carried a credit line recognizing AAAS's contribution in making the popular television science program a reality.

In 1972, AAAS published a commissioned study by David Prowitt, *Science Programming on Radio and Television*. It found science vastly underrepresented, and recommended that AAAS take a leadership role in stimulating more and better programming.

AAAS received outside money to fund a more detailed television planning study. The Association supported development of a project proposal by Michael Ambrosino, an executive producer at WGBH-TV in Boston who wanted to create a science programming group. His plan evolved into "Nova," and AAAS assistance was regarded as critical in getting it off the ground.

Today, the award-winning series, aired on the Public Broadcasting System (PBS), reaches an estimated 8 million viewers each week.



New Publications

■ The newly updated *Directory of Persecuted Scientists, Engineers, and Health Professionals* describes 564 cases being addressed by the AAAS Science and Human Rights Program. Copies are \$10 each. Contact program associate Elisa Muñoz by phone at 202-326-6797, by fax at 202-289-4950, or by Internet at: emunoz@aaas.org

■ The *Resource Directory of Scientists and Engineers with Disabilities*, now in its third edition, is a unique source of role models, peer reviewers, and consultants, for students with disabilities, educators, human resources directors, and others. \$20 plus \$4 for postage and handling, from the Project on Science, Technology and Disability, AAAS, 1333 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20005. For more information, send a message via Internet to: lsummers@aaas.org