

Focus on Women

M. R. C. Greenwood, in her Editorial "Dancing with wolves" (29 Mar., p. 1787), lists a large number of "notabl[e]" scientific societies that "are or have recently been headed by women or minorities." Without disparaging Greenwood's choice of the societies worthy of note in this regard, I would like to point out that the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology could have been safely added to the list. Our current president, Susan Taylor of the University of California at San Diego, is the fifth female scientist in recent years to head the society.

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The cover image of the 5 July issue taken from the painting "Three Ages of Woman" by Gustav Klimt (1905), also shown on page 41 of the same issue, depicts an elderly, naked, despondent woman at the left. Where are the old and decrepit men pictured? Old men are wearing suits and ties (pp. 23 and 24) or are on mountaintops (p. 26).

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Corrections and Clarifications

In the letter under the title "Tobacco research" by Theodor D. Sterling (12 July, p. 168), the quote on page 168 (near the bottom of the first column) should have read as follows.

does the identification of secondary risk factors for lung cancer play into the hands of the tobacco industry, which grasps at these straws in its relentless efforts to diminish the significance of cigarette smoking as the overwhelming worldwide cause of lung cancer . . . ?

Science regrets the error.

In the last paragraph of the report "Late Proterozoic and Paleozoic tides, retreat of the moon, and rotation of the Earth" by C. P. Sonett *et al.* (5 July, p. 100), the loss of rotation energy of Earth should have been given as $1.19 \pm 0.08 \times 10^{36}$ ergs, the gain in orbital energy of the moon should have been given as $4.25 \pm 0.31 \times 10^{34}$ ergs, and the frictional energy loss rate should have been given as 4.03×10^{19} ergs s^{-1} . These corrections raise the estimate of frictional loss to about 67% of that given by Munk and MacDonald, but result in no changes to the other parameters reported.

In Anne Simon Moffat's 21 June Research News article "Form follows function when plants harvest light" (p. 1743), Johann Deisenhofer's university affiliation was misidentified and his first name was misspelled (p. 1744). Deisenhofer is at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

Daniel C. Luk of the Roche Institute of Molecular Biology at Hoffmann-La Roche, Inc., Nutley, NJ 07110, USA, was not included as an author of the report "An enhanced immune response in mice lacking the transcription factor NFAT1" by S. Xanthoudakis *et al.* (10 May, p. 892). The correct list of authors is as follows: Steven Xanthoudakis, Joao P. B. Viola, Karen T. Y. Shaw, Chun Luo, James D. Wallace, Patricia T. Bozza, Daniel C. Luk, Tom Curran, and Anjana Rao.

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