Prod, which binds to a species-specific satellite DNA during mitosis (7). Another is the protein encoded by the Drosophila mauritiana hybrid sterility gene, Odysseus, which might affect centromere imbalances by binding to satellite DNA through its adaptively evolving homeobox sequence (8). Because such proteins from one species will become incompatible with multiple centromeres from the other species, we do not necessarily expect that hybrid sterility will map to any particular centromere. Therefore, the simplest test of our model is the examination of Cid and other candidate proteins in incipient species.

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Tapping Science's Women for the Podium

ONE OF THE FINDINGS FROM THE SALARY AND job survey of life scientists conducted by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (publisher of Science) was that women scientists were less satisfied in their work than their male counterparts in a number of areas including job security, salary and compensation, promotion opportunities, and prestige ("General contentment masks gender gap in first AAAS Salary and Job Survey" by C. Holden, 12 Oct., p. 396).

For any scientist's career advancement, visibility is critical. A resource for meeting organizers that helps this issue for women biologists is the Speakers Resource Bureau (SRB) (accessed at www.ascb.org) established in 1997 by the Women in Cell Biology Committee of the American Society for Cell Biology. The SRB members are accomplished women scientists who have volunteered to provide advice to meeting organizers in selecting women speakers from a large number of different scientific fields, even beyond those usually considered to be in the area of cell biology, who are skilled at communicating about those disciplines.

Through their knowledge about their senior and junior, U.S. and international women colleagues, SRB members provide a way for meeting organizers to tap the talents of many scientists who might otherwise have escaped notice. And for the speakers, such opportunities and visibility can contribute to greater iob satisfaction.

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CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

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PERSPECTIVES: "Where has all the carbon gone?" by S. C. Wofsy (22 Jun., p. 2261). The first sentence should have read, "Emission rates of CO₂ from combustion of fossil fuel have risen almost 40% in the past 20 years, but the annual increase in the atmosphere has stayed level, or even declined slightly." And the end of the last sentence of the figure legend on p. 2261 should have read, "...20 to 40% of U.S. fossil fuel emissions," not 20 to 40% of fossil fuel emissions worldwide.

II ONCE INTERNATIONAL AID AWARDS FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INTO TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE BLIND

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- Written explanation of the benefits to the blind and visually impaired which the practical application of the project would imply.
 Declaration from the participant or participants that they are the authors of the work presented, that the work presented is original,

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