

## New Rules for AAAS–Newcomb Cleveland Prize

The AAAS–Newcomb Cleveland Prize, which previously honored research papers presented at AAAS annual meetings, will henceforth be awarded annually to the author of an outstanding paper published from October through September in the Reports section of *Science*. The first competition year under the new rules starts with the 1 October 1976 issue of *Science* and ends with that of 30 September 1977. The value of the prize has been raised from \$2000 to \$5000; the winner also receives a bronze medal.

To be eligible, a paper must be a first-time presentation (other than to a departmental seminar or colloquium) of previously unpublished results of the author's own research. Reference to pertinent earlier work by the author may be included to give perspective.

Throughout the year, readers are invited to nominate papers appearing in the Reports section. Nominations must be typed, and the following information provided: the title of the paper, issue in which it is published, author's name, and a brief statement of justification for nomination. Nominations should be submitted to the Executive Officer, AAAS, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036. Final selection will rest with a panel of distinguished scientists appointed by the Board of Directors.

The award will be presented at a session of the annual meeting at which the winner will be invited to present a scientific paper reviewing the field related to the prize-winning research. The review paper will subsequently be published in *Science*. In cases of multiple authorship, the prize will be divided equally between or among the authors; the senior author will be invited to speak at the annual meeting.

## Nuclear Waste Management Seminar Set

In response to a proposal submitted by the Michigan Sierra Club, the AAAS Division of Public Sector Programs will cosponsor a seminar on high-level radioactive waste management with that organization on 8 December.

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The program, to be held at the Lansing, Michigan, Civic Center, will include both national and local speakers. The following topics have been identified for discussion:

- Definitions of nuclear waste—how it is generated, different types of waste, and proposed disposal methods.
- Areas of concern in disposal methods, including a review of methods available and a discussion of the Energy Research and Development Administration's (ERDA) timetable for nuclear waste disposal problem-solving.
- Current and projected energy needs in Michigan.
- The decision-making process in nuclear waste management.

Seminar coordinators plan to select speakers from among public interest and citizens groups, public utilities, nuclear power user industries, and local government study groups.

Michigan is currently one of the states actively being considered by ERDA as a final repository for nuclear wastes.

## Mass Media Intern Program Accepting Applications

The AAAS Mass Media Intern Program is accepting applications for up to 18 positions available next summer.

The 1977 interns will be chosen from advanced students in the social and natural sciences for placement with a television or radio station, newspaper, or magazine. (While preference is given to graduate students, outstanding undergraduate and postdoctoral students also will be considered.) During the 10-week internships, which usually begin in mid-June, interns will assist in writing, researching, and producing science stories for their respective media organizations.

Applicants should be able to demonstrate substantial breadth and depth in their areas of study and be committed to promoting public understanding and appreciation of science and scientific methods. Prospective candidates must submit the following information to the Coordinator, AAAS Mass Media Intern Program, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, no later than 1 February 1977:

- 1) A letter of recommendation from a faculty member.
- 2) A letter describing professional interests in the natural or social sciences; reasons for applying to the program;

thoughts on how journalism can be improved by an infusion of scientific expertise; perceptions of long-term benefits seen to result from a continuing exchange of ideas between scientists and the media; and preferences, if any, for print or broadcast media and for the geographic location of the internship site.

3) Brief examples of writing, if available.

4) Curriculum vitae.

5) Names of three references, including office and home telephone numbers and addresses.

Applicants will be evaluated by a selection committee composed of experts in the natural and social sciences and the mass media. The committee will make recommendations to the AAAS staff who are responsible for final decisions and for negotiations between the candidates and the host media sites. Candidates will be notified as to the status of their applications by 1 March 1977.

The AAAS Mass Media Intern Program, which was initiated in 1975, is funded by grants from the National Science Foundation and the Russell Sage Foundation.

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## French Association Urges Interaction with AAAS

AAAS representatives L. L. Marton and C. K. Marton, attending the 95th annual meeting of the French Association for the Advancement of Science (AFAS) in Marseille, 5 to 10 July, found their French colleagues anxious to expand exchange efforts between the two groups.

The AAAS representatives met with AFAS officers at a special luncheon session of the meeting to discuss means for enabling lecturers and students to participate in various functions of the two organizations and agreed to encourage members to contact the AAAS Office of International Science, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, if they are planning to be in France. In this way, the Office hopes to supply its French counterpart with names and itineraries of possible AAAS participants in AFAS functions. The Office is particularly interested in identifying travelers who are proficient in the host language.

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