

SWARM Annual Meeting

The Southwestern and Rocky Mountain (SWARM) Division of AAAS will hold its 56th annual meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada, 9–12 April, at the MGM Grand Hotel. The Division will meet jointly this year with the Arizona–Nevada Academy of Science (24th annual meeting), the American Water Resources Association, and the Arizona Biology Teachers' Association.

Some 200 titles have been submitted for 12 SWARM/A–NAS sections—arid zones, botany, conservation, genetics and development, geography, hydrology, physical science, psychology, science education, social science, zoology, and poster sessions. Abstracts of papers, published as an issue of the Arizona–Nevada Academy of Science, will be available.

The author of the outstanding student paper from each separately scheduled junior academy section will receive a \$50 award.

Michael Glantz of the National Center for Atmospheric Research (Boulder) will deliver the John Wesley Powell Memorial Lecture on "Climate Forecasting: Consequences and Responsibilities." Another annual feature, the symposium of the Committee on Desert and Arid Zones Research, will focus this year on the origin of deserts. The presidential address by Henry J. Shine, Department of Chemistry, Texas Tech, will highlight the annual dinner.

Programs will be mailed in advance to the 5500 AAAS members who reside within the Division boundaries. Detailed information about the program may be requested from M. Michelle Balcomb, SWARM executive officer, Colorado Mountain College, 3000 County Road 114, Glenwood Springs, Colorado 81601.

Animal Agriculture Conference Planned

Faced with a growing, worldwide demand for more and better food, some 200 scientists, consumer advocates, educators, and public officials will meet at Boyne Mountain, Michigan, 4–9 May 1980, for a working conference on "Animal Agriculture and Human Needs in the 21st Century."

Cosponsored by the AAAS, the conference will propose research priorities after reviewing and debating position papers on nutrition, energy requirements,

food production, quality and safety, socioeconomic, and environmental concerns. The published proceedings of the conference will be used as guides for gaining increased funding for animal agriculture from state and federal agencies.

For further information, write to Harold D. Hafs, Department of Dairy Science, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan 48824.

OOS Compiling Registry for NIH

Under a contract from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, the AAAS Office of Opportunities in Science (OOS) has recently begun a project to facilitate the inclusion of women, minority, and handicapped scientists and other professionals on the advisory and review panels within the National Institutes of Health and other agencies of HEW.

This technical assistance project will involve four major components: (i) the solicitation of résumés from minority, women, and handicapped scientists for inclusion in the NIH computerized registry; (ii) workshop sessions for agency personnel having responsibility for identifying and recruiting individuals for NIH committees on how to locate minority, women, and handicapped scientists; (iii) direct assistance in identifying persons for consideration for specific panels where vacancies occur during the project; and (iv) the development of a guide for future use on how to identify and recruit minority, women, and handicapped scientists.

The office would like to encourage interested women, minority, and handicapped individuals who are either working or trained in the natural or social sciences (including social work, health professions, and clinical fields), especially those actively involved in research, to submit their résumés to Karen Ehrlich, Technical Assistance Project, OOS, at the AAAS address. Comments and suggestions are invited (202-467-5438 voice or TTY).

Manpower Resource Supplement Published

The Scientific Manpower Commission, a participating organization of AAAS, has published a new 200-page supplement to its November 1978 edition of *Professional Women and Minorities*—

A Manpower Data Resource Service, updating that second edition and adding data not previously available.

Professional Women and Minorities provides statistical manpower information on the professional work force in the United States and availability data for women and minorities within this work force. Utilizing data from more than 60 sources, the Scientific Manpower Commission has compiled a highly detailed and completely cross-indexed statistical record of the historical patterns and present proportions of women and minorities preparing for and participating in the professional labor force. More than 400 tables and charts provide data on enrollments; degrees; and employment in industry, government, and academic institutions in every field and subfield.

The book, published in loose-leaf format, contains an explanation of the laws and directives governing affirmative action, a bibliography of data sources, and an annotated listing of 51 recruitment resources for women and minorities.

Present subscribers to this continuing service can obtain the new supplement for \$30 from the Scientific Manpower Commission, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036. For new subscribers, the updated second edition is \$105. A handling charge of \$2 is applied to orders not prepaid.

AAAS Travelers

The AAAS has been asked to be represented at the 12th biennial conference of the West African Science Association, to be held at the University of Ife, Ile-Ife, Nigeria, 29 June to 5 July 1980. The theme of the conference will be "Scientific and Technological Cooperation within the Context of ECOWAS" (Economic Community of West African States).

AAAS members who plan to be in the area at that time and/or who know of colleagues on sabbatical in the region who might be able to attend should contact Denise Weiner, Office of International Science, at the AAAS address. Please include a curriculum vitae. No travel funds are available; however, partial support (per diem only) will be provided.

For more information about the activities and publications described in "AAAS News," write to the appropriate office, AAAS, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, unless otherwise indicated.