

## Grants Offered to Foreign Graduate Students to Attend R&D Colloquium

Self-sponsored foreign graduate students studying in the United States are invited to apply for grants of up to \$200 toward travel expenses for attending the fifth Annual R&D Public Policy Colloquium, to be held in Washington, D.C., 19-20 June. Registration expenses for successful applicants will be paid by AAAS.

Applicants should submit (i) a curriculum vitae; (ii) a budget (round-trip transportation to Washington, D.C., and living expenses); and (iii) a short statement (250 to 300 words) describing focus of current research, career plans (how training is expected to be applied on return to home country), and interest in attending the R&D Colloquium. Materials should be sent to Denise Weiner, Office of International Science, at the AAAS address. Applications must be received no later than 9 May 1980.

dancers, in grass skirts, strings of dogs' teeth and shells and beaded arm and leg bands, waved bundles of croton leaves as they danced to ancestral feast tattoos sounded on six *garamuts* (slit drums). Barnabas Kombil, premier of the Manus Provincial Government, and Catherine Bateson cut the ribbon for the official opening of the Margaret Mead Community Center.

Mead, who had built a *haus miting* (meetinghouse) of native materials for the village, would have applauded the more permanent building that was replacing it now that the old building was gone. She would have been pleased that a small group of her friends, including John Kilepak, had made a substantial contribution to the completion of the Center.

Her friends and associates are carrying on studies in Pere, made possible largely by Mead's generosity in sharing her records. Schwartz has completed a 25-year study which will be published as a dictionary and grammar in Titan, the language of the people of Pere and other Manus people. It will preserve their hitherto unwritten language, which might otherwise be forgotten in a generation or two.

As a longtime associate, I am, with the aid of Mead's field notes and censuses, constructing genealogies for each family in Pere.

The people of Pere and Margaret Mead shared their vivid and cherished memories of the past, their sense that the present is but a bridge between past and future, and their concern for the continuities which make a tapestry of past, present, and future. With her sense of the strength that comes from relatedness of generations and ties that bind together nuclear and extended families, Margaret Mead was at home and congenial with

her friends in Pere. They poured out their grief in the most important of ancient ceremonies. For them she had made the passage from life among the living to life among the ancestors who always seemed near and concerned for those who remained behind. For her friends in Pere, Margaret was now an ancestor, who was with the ancestors who had accepted her in Pere 50 years before.

BARBARA HONEYMAN ROLL  
Carmel, California

## Chile Hosts Arid Lands Congress

The third International Congress on Studies in Arid and Semi-arid Zones was held 15-19 January in La Serena, Chile.

Some 300 participants attended sessions on a variety of topics, including problems of desertification, soil resources, climate, production of primary forage, animal production, energy, and arid land crops.

Thirty invited representatives of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Israel, Mexico, Peru, and the United States drafted a position paper on policies and technologies for development in Latin-American arid zones. Priscilla Reining, of the AAAS Office of International Science and staff representative of the Committee on Arid Lands, participated in the congress and helped draft the position paper.

The paper calls for a reinforcement of national programs and institutions and considers the possibility of a permanent secretary. It further recommends that education in arid areas be devised in the context of agriculture, mining, and irrigation on the one hand and migration, social groupings, and urbanization on the other. Conferees suggested special atten-

tion be placed on developing extension programs for rural residents.

The congress was held under the auspices of the University of Chile's Research Program in Arid and Semi-arid Zones; the Organization for American States; the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization; and the regional government in La Serena.

## Fifth Annual R&D Public Policy Colloquium

For the fifth year, the AAAS will hold a colloquium in Washington, D.C., at which leaders from government, industry, and the scientific and technical community will discuss issues of current concern relating to research and development (R&D) and public policy.

The R&D Public Policy Colloquium will be held 19-20 June 1980 at the Shoreham Americana Hotel in Washington, D.C. In keeping with AAAS policy, the meeting will be accessible to handicapped participants.

In addition to topics related to federal R&D, the FY 1981 budget, industrial R&D and the economy, and international aspects of R&D, the program will include state and local interests in R&D.

*Research and Development: AAAS Report V* will be available in book form in time for the June 1980 Colloquium.

In another part of the R&D and Public Policy project, AAAS and 15 other scientific, engineering, and higher education organizations collaborated in the preparation of the third annual intersociety report on R&D in the federal budget. The document, *Intersociety Preliminary Analyses of R&D in the FY 1981 Budget*, is designed to provide independent examinations of the administration's proposals for support of R&D soon enough after release of President Carter's budget to serve as a resource for members of the participating organizations and other persons in government, industry, and academia who are involved in the congressional budget process. The report was published on 29 February.

The intersociety project began in 1978 when seven groups cooperated in the preparation of a report on support for R&D in the President's FY 1979 budget and of a follow-up report in the fall summarizing congressional actions on the President's recommendations. With 16 organizations participating this year, more comprehensive coverage of the major R&D agencies was possible, and

disciplinary summaries of R&D in the social and behavioral sciences, physics, chemistry, chemical engineering, biology, the mathematical and computer sciences, electrotechnology, and the atmospheric and oceanographic sciences were included.

A limited supply of single copies is available from the Office of Public Sector Programs at the AAAS address.

## AAAS Begins Nutrition Fellowship

Political decision-makers increasingly have to concern themselves with food safety, human nutrition, and related health issues. To promote a more effective liaison between policy-makers and nutritionists, AAAS recently announced the establishment of a Nutrition Research and Food Safety Fellowship.

One postdoctoral nutritionist will be selected to spend 1 year, beginning 1 September 1980, working as an analyst with the Science Policy Division of the Congressional Research Service, a part of the U.S. Library of Congress. Potential assignments may include researching and writing reports on general issues associated with nutrition and cancer, human nutrition and food safety, problems specifically related to nutrition for the elderly, and food additive issues of legislative interest.

Prospective candidates, in addition to exceptional competence in their field, should demonstrate an ability to work independently and write clearly. Payment for the year, which is fully taxable, will range as high as \$25,000.

Deadline for receipt of applications is 30 April 1980. For application materials, write Nutrition Research and Food Safety Fellowship Program at the AAAS address.

## Science in Sri Lanka

The 35th annual meeting of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS) was held at the Colombo campus of the University of Sri Lanka, 15-19 December 1979. AAAS was represented by Frances M. Dyro, chief, Neurophysiology Laboratory, Veterans Administration, West Roxbury, Massachusetts.

The theme of the meeting was "Planning for Health," and the chief guest was V. T. Herath Gunaratne, regional director of the Southeast Region of the World Health Organization. The inaugural ad-

dress was given by the Honorable Gamage Jayasuriya, minister of health of Sri Lanka. The general president of the SLAAS, Professor S. R. Kottegoda, dean of the faculty of medicine, discussed planning for health in his opening address. The organization has evolved a health plan for the Mahaweli region of Sri Lanka.

The subsequent 4 days were divided into presentations by foreign delegates and by presidents of the six major divisions of the Association. Many of the sessions dealt with economic and agricultural problems in a developing country.

Popular science lectures were presented to the general public by foreign delegates and translated into Sinhala, one of the languages of Sri Lanka, by local members. Topics ranged from discussions of the effects of shift work on circadian rhythms to reports on scientific measurements of yogis.

Dyro gave a lecture on modern and ancient methods of treating pain.

Social events were held at the new headquarters building, designed by SLAAS member Justin Samareskera and opened in time for the meeting. The Sri Lanka Association was represented at the AAAS annual meeting in San Francisco by H. S. D. Soysa. Soysa is currently pursuing postdoctoral research in chemistry at the University of California, Davis.

## Obituaries

*The obituary column has been reinstated to inform readers about the deaths of AAAS members. It will appear quarterly.*

**Frederick L. Browne** of Madison, Wisconsin, member of Section C (Chemistry) since 1921, 20 November 1979.

**Charlene M. Burrell** of St. Petersburg, Florida, member of Section G (Biological Sciences) since 1940, 14 February 1980.

**Morgan J. Davis** of Houston, Texas, member of Section E (Geology/Geography) since 1968, 31 December 1979.

**Fred G. Drommond** of the School of Pharmacy, University of Colorado, member of Section S (Pharmaceutical Sciences) since 1938, 13 January 1980.

**Thomas F. Dwyer** of Newton, Massachusetts, member of Section N (Medical Sciences) since 1960, 26 November 1979.

**Walter F. Friend** of New York City, member of Section M (Engineering) since 1929, 2 November 1979.

**Claire E. Graham** of Washington, D.C., member of Section S (Pharmaceutical Sciences) since 1941, 29 October 1979.

**K. C. Hickman** of Rochester, New York, member of Section C (Chemistry) since 1938, 3 November 1979.

**John R. Huffman** of Seattle, Washington, member of Section M (Engineering) since 1941, 24 December 1979.

**Philip M. Johnson** of New York City, member of Section N (Medical Sciences) since 1959, 21 October 1979.

**Robert E. Lafamme** of Framingham, Massachusetts, member of Section C (Chemistry) since 1978, 22 December 1979.

**Sears Lehmann, Jr.**, of Pueblo, Colorado, member of Section A (Mathematics) since 1968, 12 December 1979.

**Morton Levitt** of the School of Medicine, University of California, Davis, member of Section J (Psychology) since 1967, 13 January 1980.

**Harold W. Martin** of Delmar, New York, member of Section K (Social and Economic Sciences) since 1958, 30 November 1979.

**Paul J. McInerney** of Millersville, Pennsylvania, member of Section Q (Education) since 1965, 12 February 1980.

**Lowell H. Milligan** of Orleans, Massachusetts, member of Section C (Chemistry) since 1925, 11 January 1980.

**Richard G. Mraz** of Wilmington, Delaware, member of Section C (Chemistry) since 1948, 19 November 1979.

**Bruce D. Mudgett** of Montecito, California, member of Section K (Social and Economic Sciences) since 1958, 6 February 1980.

**Benedict B. O'Malley** of Teaneck, New Jersey, member of Section C (Chemistry) since 1979, 21 December 1979.

**Alva Theodore Stewart** of Redwood City, California, member of Section C (Chemistry) since 1958, 10 December 1979.

**R. Stuart Tobias**, Department of Chemistry, Purdue University, member of Section C (Chemistry) since 1963, 19 February 1980.

**Ray D. Williams** of St. Louis, Missouri, member of Section N (Medical Sciences) since 1977, 21 October 1979.

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