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Research and Bulletins on Science and Technology for the Handicapped

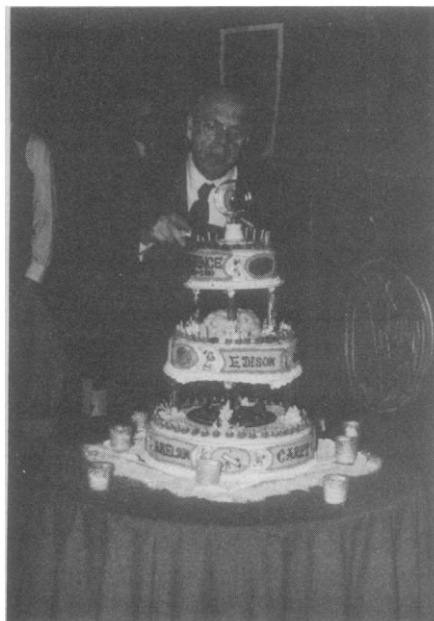
To enable physically handicapped persons, scientists, and consumers to enhance their communication with researchers, developers, and manufacturers of aids for disabled persons, the AAAS Project on the Handicapped in Science (PHS) will conduct workshops and produce newsletters on the subject. The project is being funded by the National Science Foundation's Program of Science and Technology to Aid the Handicapped.

The project will expand on the findings of an NSF-funded AAAS study which resulted in the publication of "A Research Agenda on Science and Technology for the Handicapped," which identifies priority research needs in science and technology for the handicapped.

The AAAS will conduct a series of regional workshops over the next 3 years to provide an opportunity for disabled and able-bodied scientists and engineers to participate actively in the process of identifying current research, outlining requirements for new and innovative developments, and proposing new programs of research in technological aids.

The workshop topics will change according to the needs recognized by the NSF and AAAS. The overall theme for 1980 is "Independent Living and Its Implications for Research in Science and Technology for the Handicapped." Workshop locations have been chosen where independent living activities are most concentrated—Boston, Houston, and San Francisco.

In conjunction with the workshops, and to serve as a vital link for joining the various target groups, quarterly bulletins will be published. The bulletins will report on workshop proceedings, contain notices of current and proposed research in technology, and announce details of new products and available resources. They will expand the exchange of information between the project headquarters



Philip H. Abelson, editor of *Science*, cuts cake marking the 100th anniversary of publication. The celebration was held 31 January 1980 in New York.

and the largest possible group of handicapped persons, scientists, engineers, consumer groups, government agencies, universities, small businesses, industries, and Congress.

Persons wishing to attend the workshops, to receive the bulletins, or to submit information for possible inclusion in issues of the bulletins should contact the Project on the Handicapped in Science, Workshops and Bulletins on Science and Technology for the Handicapped, at the AAAS address. Telephone—voice/TTY (202) 467-4497.

Note to AAAS Members

In our last large direct mail membership promotion, we were unable to get many of the lists we rented on computer tape to enable us to match them against our own membership list. We thus found ourselves in the awkward position of having a large number of our own members receive this mailing. The problem was compounded in this instance by the wording of the first sentence in the letter which said, "Recently, we found your name missing from the active member list of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. . . ."

First, we want to assure any member who received this mailing that your name is not missing from the AAAS membership files. Second, we want to apologize for the confusion that was caused by your receipt of the mailing. Large direct mail promotions have proved themselves to

be the most effective way of keeping the AAAS membership strong and viable, which we believe to be in the best interest of the entire membership. Unfortunately, difficulties such as these arise from the technical limitations of the system. We are doing our best to minimize the problems.

We appreciate your understanding in this matter, and we also ask for your help. If you should get any future AAAS membership promotion mailings, would you pass them along to a colleague who might find AAAS membership of value. You would be doing both the Association and your colleague a favor.

CSFR Reports Activities

The 1979 annual report of the Committee on Scientific Freedom and Responsibility (CSFR) features an introduction by committee chairman John T. Edsall of Harvard University discussing how the concept of scientific responsibility is changing as scientists are increasingly involved in controversial public policy choices relating to scientific and technical information.

Summaries of the two major projects initiated by the committee—the AAAS Clearinghouse on Science and Human Rights and the Professional Ethics Project—are included in the report, as are brief summaries of the CSFR subcommittee activities and interests. The subcommittees are concerned with issues such as legal protections for professional rights and obligations, the relationship between scientific freedom and human rights, scientific freedom and responsibility in science teaching, and the development of a set of principles of scientific freedom and responsibility.

Current activities of the committee include

- developing recommendations for the AAAS Board on specific items related to scientific freedom and responsibility;
- sponsoring symposia and workshops on issues of science and ethics;
- responding to government actions affecting the professional rights and obligations of scientists and engineers;
- reviewing individual cases involving infringements of scientific freedom and responsibility; and
- developing resource material to assist the professional societies and their members in areas involving professional ethics concerns, science and human rights, and other aspects of scientific freedom and responsibility.

The appendixes to the 80-page report include an article on whistle blowing pre-