

rials, which will be distributed without cost to appropriate users willing to assist in evaluating the usefulness and effectiveness of the project.

New Fellowship Awarded

The Nutrition Research and Food Safety Fellowship for the year beginning 1 September 1980 has been awarded to Donna Porter.

Porter, the first recipient of this AAAS-administered fellowship, will be working as an analyst with the science policy division of the Congressional Research Service—part of the U.S. Library of Congress. Porter, who received her Ph.D. degree in human nutrition and food management from Ohio State University in 1980, has spent the past year as a National Nutrition Consortium Fellow. She wrote and produced a videotape program, "The Home Economist in Public Affairs," for home economics students and professionals in Ohio, and has consulted with the Office of the Ohio Attorney General on nutrition research policy issues.

New Delhi Seminar to Explore Roles for Scientific and Engineering Societies in Development

The AAAS will be joined by the Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA) and the Indian National Science Academy (INSA) in cosponsoring a global seminar on the "Role of Scientific and Engineering Societies in Development" in New Delhi, 1-5 December 1980. Representatives from scientific and technical societies from both industrial and developing countries will participate.

The seminar will identify factors involved in development and pressure points where attention from the scientific and engineering societies is appropriate. It also will provide participants with facts documenting past, current, and planned activities of the societies. Finally, the seminar will serve to encourage those societies not yet involved in development to initiate efforts in keeping with their goals and resources.

The objectives of the seminar are to (i) document prior successful, and unsuccessful, activities of scientific and engineering societies in furthering develop-

ment; (ii) identify and discuss the types of activities scientific and engineering societies can uniquely perform or contribute to, with the objective of furthering development; (iii) enumerate and describe specific cooperative projects; and (iv) follow through with the planning of a few high-priority projects.

Organizations eligible to participate in the conference include all nongovernmental, disciplinary, and multidisciplinary scientific and engineering societies or associations of a national or federative nature. The AAAS Consortium of Affiliates for International Programs, a federation of 80 scientific and engineering societies with substantial international interests, has served as a major resource to nominate participants from the United States and to identify potential participating organizations from other countries. Financial support is being provided by the cosponsors and other organizations, including the National Science Foundation and the Indian Department of Science and Technology.

The Joint Organizing Committee for the seminar consists of 13 members. On the Indian side: D. Basu, director of the Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science and general secretary, ISCA; S. K. Dasgupta, executive secretary, ISCA; M. G. K. Menon, secretary of the Indian Department of Science and Technology; J. N. Nanda, executive secretary, INSA; V. Ramalingaswami, president, INSA; B. Ramachandra Rao, vice chairman of the University Grants Commission and treasurer, INSA; and A. K. Sharma, president, ISCA. On the U.S. side: Harvey Brooks, professor of technology and public policy, Harvard University; Renée C. Fox, professor of social sciences, University of Pennsylvania, and member, AAAS Board of Directors; Thomas F. Malone, foreign secretary, National Academy of Sciences; J. Thomas Ratchford, associate executive officer and head, Office of International Science, AAAS; William M. Sangster, dean, College of Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology; and William Sawyer, professor of microbiology, Indiana University School of Medicine. The committee provides advice and counsel at all stages of the organization of the seminar and takes part in the selection of participants and planning of the agenda. It also will assist in the selection of pilot projects to be incorporated into the follow-through activities.

This will be another in a series of collaborative efforts between AAAS and its Indian colleagues. The most recent col-

laboration was in October 1978 when the Asian Regional Seminar on the Contributions of Science and Technology to National Development was held in New Delhi (*Science*, 5 January 1979, page 40). The results of that seminar were made available to participants in the August 1979 United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development (UNCSTD) held last August in Vienna, Austria.

A workshop on the role of scientific and engineering societies in development was held in May 1979 in Washington, D.C., as part of the U.S. preparations for UNCSTD. The focus of that workshop was the role of U.S. societies in development. The workshop report will serve as a point of reference for the 1980 global seminar.

The problems posed by development are generally multidisciplinary in nature and often international in scope. The collaboration of scientists and engineers, and of the societies to which they belong, can be an important factor as developing countries build their own capacities for basic and applied research and the framework needed to help solve national problems. Partnerships between societies from developed and developing countries, entered into on the basis of mutual respect and cooperation, can be beneficial to the advancement of the intellectual and social goals of both developed and developing societies. The unique characteristics of these organizations have permitted them to make contributions to science and its application to development problems, and UNCSTD has created a foundation on which to build for the future.

The *Proceedings* of the seminar will be published. Inquiries concerning the seminar may be directed to the Office of International Science, at the AAAS address.

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News from the National Network of Minority Women in Science

Assisting local and regional groups to expand and enhance the activities of minority women in science and working with the National Network of Minority Women in Science are part of an ongoing activity of the Office of Opportunities in Science (OOS). In support of OOS ef-

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