

## Association Records Studied

A study of the historical records of the AAAS is just under way. The survey will focus on records from the 20th century, including documents such as Council and Board minutes dating back to 1907. Earlier Association records, which predate the establishment of one central headquarters, are scattered throughout the United States and abroad.

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission has awarded the AAAS a grant to hire a consultant to investigate Association records. The grant was made on the recommendation of the District of Columbia Historic Records Advisory Board.

Richard Lytle, archivist of the Smithsonian Institution, has agreed to serve as consultant to the project. Lytle is an expert on science archives and is experienced with records surveys, especially those records relating to 20th-century science agencies. He will assess the collections now at AAAS headquarters and recommend courses of action to preserve them.

The survey will be conducted with the help of an in-house committee made up of Michele Aldrich (Office of Opportunities in Science), Catherine Borras (Executive Office), William Engelman (Office of Administration), Hans Nussbaum (Office of the Comptroller), and Joseph Walton (Office of Administration). Alan Leviton, executive director of the Pacific Division of the AAAS, will assist in surveying the records of that part of the Association.

A progress report on the archives project will be presented at the business meeting of Section L (History and Philosophy of Science), 5 January 1982, during the AAAS Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. All interested persons are welcome to attend this meeting. Inquiries or suggestions for the project may be sent to Michele Aldrich at the AAAS address.

are research; teaching; technology; services to professional societies; administration in academia, industry, government, and other institutions; and communicating and interpreting science to the public.

Responsibility for reviewing and approving fellowship nominations is assigned to the Nominating Committees of the 21 Section Committees. Each Nominating Committee consists of the four Section officers (Retiring Chairperson, Chairperson, Chairperson-Elect, and Secretary) and four members-at-large. An affirmative vote of at least five of the eight members is required for approval, but sponsors of a rejected nomination may appeal to the Committee on Council Affairs for possible reversal of the Nominating Committee's decision.

Nominations are also subject to challenge by any member of the AAAS Council, upon receipt of a preliminary list of nominees in late summer. A challenged nomination, if not withdrawn by its sponsors, will be reviewed by the Committee on Council Affairs; the Committee may either put it on the slate to be presented to the Council for possible election at the 1983 Annual Meeting in Detroit or defer its presentation for 1 year. Following their election, new Fellows will receive fellowship certificates;

a list of their names will be published in the Proceedings Issue of *Science*.

A *Directory of AAAS Fellows* is available from the AAAS Product Sales Office, 1515 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20005. The price to AAAS members is \$5.40 prepaid.

## Alaska Division Holds Annual Meeting

"Life Sciences in the Service of Alaska" formed the theme of the 32nd AAAS-Alaska Division's Alaska Science Conference, 25-27 August in Fairbanks.

The plenary session, which opened the conference, centered on the importance of the life sciences in the North and reviewed the current status of health, ecological, and agricultural studies in Alaska. Participants in 29 technical sessions reviewed the current work in these areas and, in an afternoon of informal workshops, outlined research needs for the next 5 to 10 years. At the Division's annual business meeting discussion centered on the need for developing a United States and Alaskan Arctic science policy.

The conference, which was hosted by

the University of Alaska's Institute of Arctic Biology, attracted some 350 registrants and included participants from Canada, England, France, Japan, the People's Republic of China, and Saudi Arabia.

Three special lectures were included to attract public participation. "Studies of Native History as a Contribution to Alaska's Future," was presented by Ernest Burch, Jr., of the Smithsonian Institution, and a special lecture in agriculture on "The Further Frontiers" was given by Sylvan Wittwer of Michigan State University's Agricultural Experiment Station. Knut Schmidt-Nielsen of Duke University's Zoology Department presented the first annual Irving/Scholar Memorial Lecture, entitled "Physiology and the Challenge to the Environment." This lecture, sponsored by the University's Institute of Arctic Biology, will be given annually in memory of Lawrence Irving and Per Scholar, two distinguished scientists in environmental physiology.

The 1982 meeting of the AAAS-Alaska Division will be hosted by the Institute for Marine Science in Fairbanks.

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## AAAS Travelers

AAAS has been invited to send a representative to the 69th session of the Indian Science Congress Association, to be held at Mysore, 3-8 January, 1982. The theme will be "Basic Research as an Integral Component of a Self-Reliant Base of Science and Technology (Its Role, Relevance, Support, and Areas of Thrust)."

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, before 20 November 1981. Please include a curriculum vitae. No travel funds are available; however, partial support (per diem only) will be provided.

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