New Rules for
AAAS–Newcomb
Cleveland Prize

The AAAS–Newcomb Cleveland Prize, which previously honored re-
search papers presented at AAAS annual meetings, will henceforth be awarded an-
ually to the author of an outstanding paper published from October through
September in the Reports section of Science. The first competition year under
the new rules starts with the 1 October 1976 issue of Science and ends with that
of 30 September 1977. The value of the prize has been raised from $2000 to
$5000; the winner also receives a bronze medal.

To be eligible, a paper must be a first-
time presentation (other than to a depart-
mental seminar or colloquium) of previ-
ously unpublished results of the au-
thor’s own research. Reference to per-
tinent earlier work by the author may be
included to give perspective.

Throughout the year, readers are in-
vited to nominate papers appearing in
the Reports section. Nominations must
be typed, and the following information
provided: the title of the paper, issue in
which it is published, author’s name, and
a brief statement of justification for nomi-
nation. Nominations should be sub-
mitted to the Executive Officer, AAAS,
1776 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Wash-
ington, D.C. 20036. Final selection will
rest with a panel of distinguished scien-
tists appointed by the Board of Direc-
tors.

The award will be presented at a ses-
sion of the annual meeting at which the
winner will be invited to present a sci-
entific paper reviewing the field related to
the prize-winning research. The review
paper will subsequently be published in
Science. In cases of multiple authorship,
the prize will be divided equally between
or among the authors; the senior author
will be invited to speak at the annual
meeting.

Nuclear Waste
Management Seminar Set

In response to a proposal submitted by
the Michigan Sierra Club, the AAAS
Division of Public Sector Programs will
cosponsor a seminar on high-level radio-
active waste management with that or-
ganization on 8 December.

The program, to be held at the Lan-
sing, Michigan, Civic Center, will in-
clude both national and local speakers. The following topics have been identified
for discussion:

1. Definitions of nuclear waste—how it is
generated, different types of waste, and
proposed disposal methods.
2. Areas of concern in disposal methods,
including a review of methods available
and a discussion of the Energy Research
and Development Administration’s
(ERDA) timetable for nuclear waste
disposal problem-solving.
3. Current and projected energy needs in
Michigan.
4. The decision-making process in nu-
clear waste management.
5. Seminar coordinators plan to select
speakers from among public interest and
citizens groups, public utilities, nuclear
power user industries, and local govern-
ment study groups.

Michigan is currently one of the states
actively being considered by ERDA as a
final repository for nuclear wastes.

Mass Media
Intern Program

Accepting Applications

The AAAS Mass Media Intern Pro-
gram is accepting applications for up to
18 positions available next summer.

The 1977 interns will be chosen from
advanced students in the social and natu-
ral sciences for placement with a tele-
vision or radio station, newspaper, or
magazine. (While preference is given to
graduate students, outstanding under-
graduate and postdoctoral students also
will be considered.) During the 10-week
internships, which usually begin in mid-
June, interns will assist in writing, re-
searching, and producing science stories
for their respective media organizations.

Applicants should be able to demon-
strate substantial breadth and depth in
their areas of study and be committed to
promoting public understanding and ap-
preciation of science and scientific meth-
ods. Prospective candidates must submit
the following information to the Coor-
dinator, AAAS Mass Media Intern Pro-
gram, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, NW,
Washington, D.C. 20036, no later than 1
February 1977:

1) A letter of recommendation from a
faculty member.
2) A letter describing professional in-
terests in the natural or social sciences;
reasons for applying to the program;
thoughts on how journalism can be im-
proved by an infusion of scientific expert-
ise; perceptions of long-term benefits
seen to result from a continuing ex-
change of ideas between scientists and
the media; and preferences, if any, for
print or broadcast media and for the
geographic location of the internship
site.
3) Brief examples of writing, if avail-
able.
4) Curriculum vitae.
5) Names of three references, includ-
ing office and home telephone numbers
and addresses.

Applicants will be evaluated by a selec-
tion committee composed of experts in
the natural and social sciences and the
mass media. The committee will make
recommendations to the AAAS staff who
are responsible for final decisions and for
negotiations between the candidates and
the host media sites. Candidates will be
notified as to the status of their applica-
tions by 1 March 1977.

The AAAS Mass Media Intern Pro-
gram, which was initiated in 1975, is
funded by grants from the National Sci-
cence Foundation and the Russell Sage
Foundation.

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Public Sector Programs

French Association
Urges Interaction
with AAAS

AAAS representatives L. L. Marton
and C. K. Marton, attending the 95th
annual meeting of the French Associa-
tion for the Advancement of Science
(AFAS) in Marseille, 5 to 10 July, found
their French colleagues anxious to ex-
 pand exchange efforts between the two
groups.

The AAAS representatives met with
 AFAS officers at a special luncheon ses-
sion of the meeting to discuss means for
enabling lecturers and students to partic-
ipate in various functions of the two or-
ganizations and agreed to encourage mem-
bers to contact the AAAS Office of Inter-
national Science, 1776 Massachusetts
Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036,
if they are planning to be in France. In
this way, the Office hopes to supply its
French counterpart with names and itine-
raries of possible AAAS participants in
AFAS functions. The Office is particu-
larly interested in identifying travelers who
are proficient in the host language.

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AFAS officers present at the luncheon included president E. Wolff, general secretary J. Verne, deputy treasurer A. Tétry, council member E. Giboin, president-elect R. Taton, and secretary-elect J. L. Parrot.

The Martons were particularly enthusiastic about the Marseille meeting, calling it a “remarkable program” on the theme of “Expansion and the Quality of Life.”

They gave the following account of the proceedings:

The first two days of the meeting were devoted to invited papers on the general theme. President Wolff’s lecture covered a review of the outstanding work carried out by himself and his collaborators in embryology. This was followed by eight lectures on different manifestations of present-day aspects of the possible conflicts between the expansion of population and material needs, spiritual and intellectual needs, and their influence on the environment. The lectures were notable not only because of their contents and subjects, but by their excellence in presentation. The remaining days saw the presentation of close to 200 contributed papers.

The AFAS, established in 1872, currently has a membership of some 2000 individuals. The next annual meeting is scheduled for June or July 1977 in Rennes. AAAS members planning to visit France at that time are urged to contact the AAAS Office of International Science at the above address.

**New Publications**

**Science and Social Issues: Stimulating Discussion and Involvement,** by Richard A. Scribner and Frances Zorn. Available free of charge from the AAAS Office of Special Programs, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, the 50-page illustrated report describes and analyzes an experiment in social issue communication and involvement undertaken during the 1975 AAAS Annual Meeting in New York. The purposes of this experiment were to enhance discussion among the attendees about important social issues, to provide data on the value of the methods used, and to test the suitability of the AAAS meeting setting as a focal point for activities which would lead to regional resource banks of scientists and engineers. A feedback ballot and an electronic dialogue system were the techniques used to gather the information. The ballot consisted of questions about science and society and probed the respondents’ interest levels and their preferred modes of involvement.

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