2nd Annual AAAS Colloquium on

R & D
in the Federal Budget

15-16 June
Sheraton National Motor Hotel
Columbia Pike & Washington Blvd.
Arlington, Virginia

Based on the forthcoming report “R&D in the Federal Budget: FY 1978” (copies will be provided to registrants).

The colloquium will provide a forum for constructive discussion of selected topics in the report, including future trends in R&D budgeting, the congressional role in R&D budgeting, and problems in rationales and criteria for R&D budget decisions.

Featured speakers and panelists will include appropriate officials from the Executive Branch, Members of Congress, and leading figures in the scientific, technical, and public policy communities.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Wednesday, 15 June
10:00 a.m. Opening session; opening address.
12:30 p.m. Lunch; major address.
2:30 p.m. R&D Budgets and Future Outlook. This session will consider current budgets and future outlook for R&D. Selected speakers, panelists, and participants will address major issues in the FY 1978 budget; the trends and 5-year outlooks for federal R&D; and their implications for national needs, scientific progress, and R&D institutions.
5:30 p.m. Reception and buffet dinner; major address.
7:30 p.m. Congressional Role in R&D Budgeting. This session will address questions of current interest regarding the role of Congress, its committees, and associated agencies in R&D budgeting. Discussion will focus on the congressional vs. the executive role; the proper balance and degree of control over R&D programs; problems and limitations; and effective interaction between scientific and technical communities and the Congress.

Thursday, 16 June
10:00 a.m. How Should R&D Decisions Be Made? This session will attempt to develop a consensus among representatives of the scientific and technical community, the Executive Branch, and the Congress on how R&D budget decisions should be made. Issues to be addressed will include conditions to be met and avoided, a “straw man” conceptual system of processes, criteria for R&D budget decisions, and unresolved questions that require attention.
1:00 p.m. Lunch; major address; closing of program.
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