New Affiliates Elected

The AAAS Council voted to grant affiliate status to three organizations during its Annual Meeting sessions in February.

Recommended by the Committee on Council Affairs and elected by the Council were the Behavior Genetics Association, the Forum for the Advancement of Students in Science and Technology, and the Society for Social Studies of Science.

The election brought to 284 the total number of organizations affiliated with AAAS.

In a similar vein, the symposium on "Legal and Technical Aspects of Weather Modification" was also timely because of the recent wide adoption of rainmaking in response to severe droughts. This symposium represented the culmination of a 3-year interaction between lawyers representing the American Bar Association and scientists from AAAS. The symposium revealed that there were basic language and approach differences between these two disciplines. A major conclusion was a repeated admission that the use of weather modification in the United States would continue to grow and that our institutional and legal systems would react to this growth through enactments of new laws, both on the state and federal levels. An interesting follow-up conference will be the Sixth National Conference on Inadvertent and Planned Weather Modification to be held at the University of Illinois, Urbana, 10-13 October 1977.

The AAAS Annual Meeting program also included four well-attended symposia addressing air pollution on both local and regional scales. These symposia focused specifically on the impacts of pollution on soils, water resources, agriculture, and health. A clear message was that most pollution could be controlled if we could afford the costs and that impacts are now sizable on the local urban scene.

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Science and Public Policy—The AAAS Committee on Science and Public Policy has a new chairman and six new members. Succeeding retiring chairman Don E. Kash of the University of Oklahoma is John Logsdon of George Washington University. New members of the Committee are Thane Gustafson, Harvard University; Robert Morgan, Washington University; Dorothy Nelkin, Cornell University; Rodney Nichols, Rockefeller University; Albert Rosenthal, University of New Mexico; and Irvin White, University of Oklahoma. Committee staff have prepared a report describing the Committee's activities during 1976, including the R & D analysis project and Annual Meeting symposia. The report is available from the AAAS Office of Public Sector Programs.

Future Directions—On 23 February, Leonard Rieser, chairman of the Committee on Future Directions (formerly Committee on New Directions), presented the group's interim report to the AAAS Council. The report recommends new or augmented roles for the Association in the areas of controversial or contemporary issues, interprofessional collaborative endeavors, convening, and communication. Executive officer William D. Carey discussed the recommendations in a Science editorial (see Science, 11 February 1977, page 539) en-