Entries for Behavioral Science Research Prize

Submission of entries in the 1990 competition for the AAAS Prize for Behavioral Science Research is invited. Established in 1952 with funds donated by Arthur F. Bentley, the $2,500 prize is awarded annually for innovative studies and analyses that further understanding of human psychological-social-cultural behavior. The prize is intended to encourage the development and applications of methods for the study of social behavior, using the logic of observation and explication fruitful in any scientific endeavor. Entries should present a completed analysis of a problem, the relevant data, and an interpretation of the data in terms of the assumptions with which the study began.

Entries are judged by a panel selected by officers of three AAAS sections—Anthropology (H), Psychology (J), and Social, Economic, and Political Science (K). The panel reserves the right to withhold the prize if no paper of prize caliber is submitted. The prize will be presented at the 1991 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC in February. The prize recipient's travel and hotel expenses incurred in attending the award presentation will be reimbursed. Unpublished manuscripts and manuscripts published after 1 January 1989 are eligible. The deadline for receipt of entries is 1 September 1990. For an entry blank and instructions, write to Janice Merz, Directorate for Education and Human Resources, AAAS, 1333 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005.

Trilateral Science Summit Held in Budapest

On 15 to 17 May, a Trilateral Science Summit in Budapest brought together some 60 scientists, engineers, and policy-making experts from Hungary, the USSR, and USA. The Hungarian Federation of Technical and Scientific Societies convened the meeting in cooperation with AAAS, the Union of Scientific and Engineering Societies of the USSR, and the Hungarian and Soviet Academies of Science. AAAS President Donald Langenberg led the US delegation, and gave the plenary lecture on science education. US speakers addressed science policy, scientific instrumentation, intellectual property rights, scientific communication, optical information systems, gas pipeline networks, and nuclear contaminated water supplies. Participants dealt with several important issues in the context of improving East-West relations, focusing on two major themes: the free exchange of science and scientists, and the role of scientists in the international policymaking process. They proposed eight specific areas for increased cooperation: scientific communication; regional approaches to environmental problems; science, engineering and intellectual property rights; management of national R&D systems; science policy; societal impacts of advanced electronics; environmentally sound use of natural resources; and the promotion of human well-being. The direct contacts made during the Summit laid the foundation for future cooperative work and led to several proposals for conferences, symposia and other joint activities. For more information on this and other AAAS activities in Europe, please write to the Directorate for International Programs, AAAS, 1333 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005.

Arctic Division Call for Papers

Titles and abstracts for papers to be given at the AAAS Arctic Division meeting (8 to 10 October in Anchorage, Alaska) are due 31 August. Graduate students, research scientists, and teachers of science at all levels are welcome to present poster or oral reports of their work at the meeting. The conference theme is “Circumpolar Perspectives”; a special feature of the session will be participation by several Soviet scientists working on polar issues. The meeting will also include symposia, lectures, and workshops. For a circular and call for abstracts form, write or telephone Gunter Weller, Arctic AAAS, Geophysical Institute, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, AK 99775, 907-474-7371.

SWARM Division Meeting

The Southwestern and Rocky Mountain Division of AAAS held its 66th annual meeting on 16 to 19 May in Colorado Springs. Governor Roy Romer officially proclaimed the week of 14 to 19 May as Colorado Science Week. The meeting featured symposia and keynote speakers addressing the theme of the meeting: Planet Earth: Strategies for the Future. Symposia discussed the clinical aspects of alcoholism, history and philosophy of resource management, host-parasite coevolution, motivation, flora of the Rocky Mountains. Elements of Chaos: Through 31 August, the "Elements of Chaos" grouping (shown above) will be on display in the AAAS building first floor atrium. In this work, sculptor Rhonda Roland Shearer explores chaos theory, fractal geometry, and a renewal of human links to nature. For more about the AAAS Art of Science and Technology Program, of which this exhibition is a part, write Virginia Stern, AAAS, 1333 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005.