**AAAS Fellows Learn EPA Ways**

Plummeting state budgets can mean tough times for researchers at state universities, as Northeast Louisiana University meteorologist Eric Pani knows all too well. “When you’re not in a [well-funded] research environment,” he says, “it’s easy to fall behind with what’s going on in the field.”

But this summer Pani is doing plenty of research as a AAAS Environmental Science and Engineering Fellow at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Washington, D.C. As one of ten EPA Fellows, Pani is studying how pollutants shift from the lower parts of the atmosphere into the troposphere and how that affects global climate.

The goal of the 10-week summer program coordinated by AAAS is to bridge the worlds of science and policy for the good of the Fellows as well as the EPA, says AAAS program manager Claudia Sturges. EPA project officer Karen Morehouse agrees.

“The Fellows allow the EPA to get a project going that might [go undone] because of staffing” that is tight or limited to certain fields, says Morehouse. She offers the example of 1991 Fellow Mary Bober, a University of California physiologist who is investigating a new method to determine the toxicity of water through use of genetic tests.

As for Bober, “Working for the EPA gives [me] a perspective on what’s involved in environmental decision making on the federal level.”

That kind of real-world understanding, says Morehouse, is perhaps the most important reason EPA has chosen to fund the AAAS program for the last 10 years.

“The Fellows go away with a very much revised idea of not only what EPA is like, but what the entire federal decision-making process is like,” says Morehouse. “[They learn] how to make proposals that win.”

—CHRISTINA STEEN JENSEN

**In Memory of Arthur Herschman**

Physicist and former AAAS Meetings and Publications head Arthur Herschman, 62, died of cancer 29 May at his home in Alexandria, Virginia. He had retired this spring 17 years after joining the AAAS staff. Prior to AAAS, Herschman was active in the national physics community as director of Information Programs for the American Institute of Physics in New York and editor for The Physical Review and for Physical Review Letters. He was a Fellow of the AAAS and the American Physical Society, and a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, and other societies. He will be sorely missed.

**Call for SLAAS Delegate**

AAAS has been invited to send a delegate to the 47th Annual Session of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS), set for 2 to 6 December 1991 in Colombo. The theme: “Science for Everyday Life.” The delegate is invited to deliver a lecture to the relevant SLAAS section. Members who will be in the area in December or who know of colleagues on sabbatical in the region should contact Laura Mann at AAAS, 202-326-6644 by August 15th.

**Reviewers Wanted**

You can help select the year’s best TV and radio reports about science for the prestigious AAAS–Westinghouse Science Journalism Award.

Broadcast entries range from entomology to buckeyballs to space exploration and must be screened for scientific accuracy. If you live in the Washington, D.C., area or will be traveling here during late August, we need your help at AAAS headquarters in reviewing broadcast entries in your discipline. If interested, please call senior communications officer Nan Broadbent at 202-326-6440 by August 15th.

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