METHODS TO FINANCE THE WORK OF THE ACADEMIES

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The main aim of an academy of science is generally the stimulation of interest in science by the holding of at least one annual meeting for the presentation of scientific papers. Of second importance, but almost as necessary as the programs is publication. The knowledge that good papers may be published is a strong stimulus for their preparation for the academy program and aids greatly in securing and holding a satisfactory membership. Other worthy projects, each maintained by one or more academies, are: (1) the raising of an endowment fund for research, (2) holding essay contests for high-school students, (3) publishing nature booklets, (4) holding field trips, (5) providing popular lectures on science, and (6) maintaining a scientific library.

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