

AAAS Awards

The twenty-third award of the American Association for the Advancement of Science **Thousand Dollar Prize** will be made at the Cleveland Meeting to the author of a noteworthy paper presented on a regular program of the meeting and representing an outstanding contribution to science. The donor of this award, which is administered by the Association, has expressed the wish that the prize be awarded to a young scientist and that it shall not be divided among two or more scientists working independently or in collaboration. The prize is awarded upon the recommendation of a special Prize Committee, whose judgment shall be final. The winner at the New York Meeting in 1949 was Armin C. Braun; his paper was read before a session of the American Phytopathological Society, an affiliated society in Section G—Botanical Sciences.

The Prize Committee for the Cleveland meeting consists of JOHN R. DUNNING, Columbia University, *Chairman*; KENNETH K. LANDES, University of Michigan; BERNARD S. MEYER, Ohio State University; M. T. GOEBEL, E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.; and C. W. METZ, University of Pennsylvania.

It is virtually impossible to determine the relative merits of scientific contributions in wholly different fields, and, of course, not an easy task to single out contributions in any one field of science. The members of each year's Prize Committee must set their own standards for the evaluation of scientific work presented at an annual meeting of the Association. The secretaries of the sections of the AAAS and also of the societies participating are invited to assist the Prize Committee by their preliminary suggestions of one or more papers from the fields they represent for consideration by the Prize Committee.

It is not necessary that the prize winner be a member of the Association. All papers listed in the General Program, *except presidential and vice-presidential addresses and invited papers*, are eligible for the A.A.A.S. Thousand Dollar Prize.

AAAS-George Westinghouse Science Writing Awards

As a means of honoring those writers who undertake the serious task of bringing science into familiar reality for the layman, the Westinghouse Educational Foundation and the American Association for the Advancement of Science have annually sponsored, since 1946, the AAAS-George Westinghouse Science Writing Awards.

Awards of \$1,000 each will go to the writers of what the judges consider the best news story and the best magazine article on science published during the 1950 contest year in a newspaper and in a nontechnical, general-circulation magazine. Both awards will be presented during the Annual Meeting of the AAAS in Cleveland.

The judges, chosen to represent the general public, science, newspapers, and magazines, are: Henry R. Aldrich, secretary, Geological Society of America; Norman Cousins, editor, *Saturday Review of Literature*; Rudolph Flesch, readability consultant; Hillier Kriehbaum, Department of Journalism, New York University; Detlev W. Bronk, President, The Johns Hopkins Uni-

versity, and President, National Academy of Sciences; Charles C. Hemenway, editor, the Hartford (Conn.) *Times*; John R. Dunning, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Columbia University; Howard A. Meyerhoff, Chairman, Managing Committee for the Awards, and Administrative Secretary of the AAAS; and Morris Meister, Principal of the Bronx (N. Y.) High School of Science and past-president of the National Science Teachers Association. Dr. Meister is chairman of the board of judges for the contest.

Winners in 1949 were Lester Grant, New York *Herald Tribune*, for newspapers, and George W. Gray, free-lance writer, for magazines.

Presentation of the 1950 Awards will be made at a luncheon in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Statler on Thursday, December 28. Dr. Roger Adams, President of the AAAS, will be the guest speaker. *Admission is by invitation only.*

Annual International Photography-in-Science Salon on Exhibition in the Annual Science Exposition in the Cleveland Auditorium

Prize-winning and other photographs entered in the Fourth Annual International Photography-in-Science Salon, sponsored by THE SCIENTIFIC MONTHLY and the Smithsonian Institution, are displayed in the Exposition area before going on a tour of important museums and scientific institutions about the country. They will be shown at the U. S. National Museum, January 3-31, 1951. Established in 1947 to encourage and extend the use of photography as a scientific tool, the contest has aroused wide interest, and photographs from it have been reproduced in scientific journals all over the world. Any scientist actively engaged in research (including photographic), teaching, private practice, or consulting work is eligible to enter this annual competition. All photographs must be taken for scientific purposes. They are judged by a panel of judges chosen to represent photography and the various sciences, particularly those making extensive use of photography in research.

Dates for showing the 1950 Salon may be arranged by writing to the Editor, THE SCIENTIFIC MONTHLY.

AAAS Special Sessions

One of the characteristic features of the Annual Meetings of the Association is the series of general lectures and addresses by outstanding authorities. Unless otherwise stated, these special sessions are open to the general public of the city in which the meeting is held. The special events sponsored by organizations that meet regularly with the AAAS are considered joint sessions with the Association.

1. THE AAAS PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS. Thursday Evening, December 28; Grand Ballroom, Hotel Statler; at 8:00 P.M. The AAAS Presidential Address will be delivered by the Retiring President, ELVIN C. STAKMAN, Chief of the Division of Plant Pathology and Botany in the University of Minnesota, and ninety-ninth president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

His subject will be: "Science and Human Affairs."

ROGER ADAMS, President of the Association, will preside. Among those to be introduced and who will speak briefly are CHARLES J. STILWELL, President of the Warner & Swasey Company, General Chairman of the Sixth Cleveland Meeting, and THE HONORABLE THOMAS BURKE, Mayor of the City of Cleveland.

All registrants and all members of local committees are cordially invited to attend THE PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION that follows the Presidential Address. It will occupy all the rooms and foyers on the ballroom floor of the Hotel Statler. The receiving line will be in the Euclid Ballroom.

2. THE ACADEMY CONFERENCE. Saturday Evening, December 30; Grand Ballroom, Hotel Statler; 8:00 P.M. This year, the evening address of the Academy Conference is open to all. The speaker is H. J. FULLER, Department of Botany, University of Illinois, who has been invited by the AAAS to repeat the address he gave as retiring president of the University of Illinois Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. The title: "The Emperor's New Clothes, or *Prius Dementat*."

3. THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY ANNUAL LECTURE. Wednesday Evening, December 27; Music Hall, Public Auditorium; 8:15 P.M. The speaker this year is MATTHEW W. STIRLING, director of the Bureau of American Ethnology, Smithsonian Institution, who recently led an expedition to Panama that was sponsored jointly by the National Geographic Society and the Smithsonian Institution. The lecture, "An Archeological Expedition to Panama," and accompanying sound film in color, will include both the scientific aspects of the expedition and human interest accounts of the customs of the little-known people of this area. MRS. STIRLING will contribute remarks.

On the platform to introduce the speakers will be KIRTLEY F. MATHER, President-elect of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and LEONARD C. ROY, Chief of School Service, National Geographic Society.

4. THE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH SOCIETY OF AMERICA in a joint program with SECTION M-ENGINEERING. Friday evening, December 29; Ballroom, Hotel Allerton; 7:30 P.M. The Second Annual RESA Lecture will be the third part of Section M's Symposium on "The Partnership of Science and Engineering in Research." The speaker will be EGER VAUGHAN MURPHREE, president and director of the Standard Oil Development Company. GEORGE A. STETSON, Chairman of the Society, will preside.

5. THE SOCIETY OF THE SIGMA XI. Wednesday Evening, December 27; Ballroom, Cleveland Public Auditorium, at 8:00 P.M. The Sigma Xi Lecturer is RALPH W. G. WYCKOFF, Scientist Director, Laboratory of Physical Biology, Experimental Biology and Medicine Institute, National Institutes of Health. His subject: "The Macromolecular Texture of Biological Materials." Among the electron micrographs shown and discussed will be muscle, connective, and nervous tissue cells; dividing cells; and plant and animal cells infected with a variety of viruses, e.g., tobacco mosaic and influenza.

6. THE UNITED CHAPTERS OF PHI BETA KAPPA. Friday Evening, December 29; Grand Ballroom, Hotel Statler; 8:30 P.M. Since 1935 the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa has sponsored a lecture at the annual meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, to emphasize the interdependence of the arts and the sciences in a free society. The 1950 lecture will be the eleventh in the series. The speaker is DETLEV W. BRONK, president of The Johns Hopkins University and president of the National Academy of Sciences. The title of his address: "Science and the National Welfare."

The presiding officer will be RAYMOND WALTERS, president of the University of Cincinnati. All members of Phi Beta Kappa and those attending the 117th Meeting of the Association are cordially invited to attend.

AAAS Symposia

1. SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING. Two sessions. Arranged by BROOKS EMENY, Foreign Policy Association, and E. C. Stakman.

Session 1. 2:30 P.M. Tuesday Afternoon, December 26; Ballroom, Cleveland Public Auditorium; E. C. STAKMAN, Retiring President, AAAS, presiding.

1. Mineral Resources and International Understanding. KIRTLEY F. MATHER, Harvard University, President-elect, AAAS, and HOWARD A. MEYERHOFF, Administrative Secretary, AAAS.

2. Biological Resources as a Factor in International Understanding. KARL SAX, Arnold Arboretum.

3. Intellectual Resources in International Understanding. W. ALBERT NOYES, JR., University of Rochester.

Session 2. 8:00 P.M. Tuesday evening, December 26; Ballroom, Cleveland Public Auditorium. BROOKS EMENY presiding. Speaker: LOUIS N. RIDENOUR, Department of Defense and University of Illinois.

2. SCIENCE AND HUMAN VALUES. Two sessions. Sponsored by the AAAS and the Committees on Endowment and Human Ecology, Ecological Society of America. Arranged by a committee consisting of CHARLES C. ADAMS, Ecological Society of America; GEORGE F. CARTER, The Johns Hopkins University; EDUARD C. LINDEMAN, Columbia University; MARGARET SNYDER, Educational Director, Mental Hygiene, Commonwealth of Virginia; and JOHN P. SHEA, Chairman, Committee on Human Ecology for the Ecological Society of America, *Chairman*.

Session 1. Scientific Perspectives. 9:30 A.M., Wednesday morning, December 27; Ballroom, Cleveland Public Auditorium. EDUARD C. LINDEMAN presiding. Honorary Chairman: ROGER ADAMS, President, American Association for the Advancement of Science.

1. Human Ecology: A New Source of Perspective. PAUL B. SEARS, Yale University.

2. Human Values and Group Dynamics: The Need for Multi-Discipline Research. RENSIS LIKERT, University of Michigan.

3. An Analysis of the Ecological Approach to Public Health Problems in War and Peace. JOHN E. GORDON, Harvard Medical School.

4. A Proposed Program of Research Designed to Facilitate the Advance of Human Ecology. MARSTON BATES, Rockefeller Foundation.

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