

It would be published monthly (possibly bimonthly in the beginning) and would contain about 70 editorial pages.

The new magazine is seen as filling perceived gaps in sources of information available to a general audience, but is not intended as competition for any of the existing science magazines. It would complement the publishing activities of the AAAS, serving a broader, general audience in the same way that *Science* serves the scientific community.

A feasibility study for such a magazine was commissioned by the Board of Directors earlier this year and conducted over the summer by Allen Hammond, Research News editor of *Science*. At its October meeting, the Board authorized proceeding with a direct mail test of the market to establish the size of the potential audience. The Board has expressed itself as being in favor of the new publication provided that the economics of the project (as indicated by the market test) look feasible and are within the resources of the AAAS, but will not make a final decision until the spring.

## CSFR Procedures for Individual Complaints

The AAAS Committee on Scientific Freedom and Responsibility, at its meeting on 13 October 1978, approved a set of working procedures for reviewing individual complaints submitted by U.S. scientists who believe that their scientific freedoms or responsibilities have been abridged. The procedures were formulated following a detailed review of 23 complaints that have been received by the committee in its 2 years of operation.

The purpose of the committee's examination of such complaints is to focus the attention of the scientific community and the public on issues of scientific freedom and responsibility, to raise the level of consciousness concerning such issues, and to provide examples and guidance to scientists who are confronted with such issues in their professional careers. It is not the goal of the committee to adjudicate individual complaints of alleged wrongs, but rather to identify whether a complaint involves a principle of scientific freedom or responsibility and, in some cases, to prepare a committee opinion based on those issues.

The committee has delegated its Subcommittee on Individual Claims authority and responsibility for reviewing the complaints received, in accordance with the general principles and procedures established by the full committee.

In order to submit a complaint to the committee, a complainant should write directly to the committee's staff officer, Rosemary A. Chalk. The complainant should include a brief narrative of the circumstances surrounding the claim and as specific information as possible as to why the complainant believes the claim involves a principle of scientific freedom or responsibility.

Upon receipt of a complaint, the staff officer will review the information provided, identifying in a preliminary way issues of scientific freedom and/or responsibility that may be involved. If the staff officer agrees that an important issue is involved, the complainant will be asked to submit additional documentation relevant to the case. The complainant should understand that by submitting a complaint to the committee, he/she is authorizing the committee to make inquiries to other persons and/or organizations regarding the claim. All transactions and communications relating to a complaint will be made in writing, and waiver forms will be required.

In order to protect the interests of all parties involved, the members of the subcommittee will discuss claims during closed sessions. Following consideration of a complaint, the subcommittee will identify the key issues of scientific freedom and/or responsibility that are raised in the case and will, in some cases, prepare a preliminary opinion. This opinion will be circulated to members of the full committee for their review; individual members not concurring with the consensus opinion of the committee will be encouraged to draft a separate or dissenting opinion. Copies of the committee's opinion (plus separate or dissenting opinions, if any) will be sent to all persons involved in the claim, as well as to the AAAS Board of Directors and a selected affiliate society of the AAAS. The committee may also publish the opinions.

In sending a copy of its opinion to a AAAS affiliate, the committee will advise the society whether the opinion is being provided solely for its information or whether the committee is recommending that the affiliate take some action in response to the issues raised in the claim. The committee will offer its assistance to the affiliate, and will monitor any actions the affiliate may initiate with respect to the recommended action.

Copies of the complete procedures as adopted by the Committee on Scientific Freedom and Responsibility may be obtained by writing to the committee's offices at AAAS, 1515 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20005.

## Directory of Puerto Rican Scientists Compiled

The AAAS advisory committee of Puerto Rican scientists requests assistance in identifying Puerto Rican scientists and engineers in the United States.

The committee will compile, by 15 December 1978, a directory of Puerto Ricans in the natural, biomedical, social, and physical sciences and in engineering. Names received after that date will appear in a supplement. The information gathered will be used to aid communication among those listed and to organize a meeting of the individuals during the Spring of 1979. The directory will include names of Puerto Rican students enrolled in science and engineering programs, individuals with advanced, doctoral, or postdoctoral degrees, and persons working in science and engineering careers in all sectors.

Persons who can provide any names are urged to contact Michele L. Aldrich, Office of Opportunities in Science, at the AAAS address.

## Youth Activities at Houston Meeting

Special activities planned for young people involved in the 1979 AAAS Annual Meeting will include:

- High school student research papers presented by participants in the American Junior Academy of Science and by Texas Junior Academy members. Papers to be given at the Houston Museum of Science and NASA Johnson Space Center, Thursday and Friday, 5 and 6 January.

- Special tour of NASA Johnson Space Center, Friday, 6 January.

- American Junior Academy of Science Banquet, Friday, 6 January.

- Conversations with Scientists—well-known scientists talk informally with high school students—Thursday and Saturday, 4 and 6 January.

- Special field trip with Texas Junior Academy of Science, Sunday, 7 January.

Detailed information will be available at a special Junior Academy information desk in the main lobby of the Shamrock Hilton Hotel.

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