

prepare all of their graduates to be responsible and effective participants in a world dominated by science and technology.

The joint AAC/AAAS conference will be held at the Wingspread Conference Center, Racine, Wisconsin, 1-3 June, with the cooperation of the Johnson Foundation, and support from the Exxon Education Foundation, and the Sloan Foundation.

## Call for Nominees— SFR Award

Submission of entries in the 1982 selection of the AAAS Award for Scientific Freedom and Responsibility is invited. Established in 1980, the \$1000 prize is awarded annually to honor scientists and engineers whose exemplary actions, often taken at significant personal cost, have served to foster scientific freedom and responsibility. The prize is intended to encourage awareness of the importance of moral principles in science and engineering.

A candidate for the award will be recommended to the chairman of the AAAS Board of Directors by a committee of judges which includes members from the AAAS Committee on Scientific Freedom and Responsibility. The deadline for receipt of entries is 30 September 1982. Nominations and requests for information should be sent to: Scientific Freedom and Responsibility Award, 1515 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20005.

## Your Assistance Is Requested

The AAAS is involved in a number of special projects in which members are invited to participate. If you have an interest in any of these programs, please contact the person indicated below.

### **Science Communication Course Directory**

A survey of science communication courses, which will result in a directory of these courses, is under way. This will update and expand a similar directory published in 1978.

The survey is being conducted by Lawrence P. Verbit, professor of chemistry and science communication, at the State University of New York-Binghamton. The AAAS Office of Communications is cooperating in the development and production of the directory.

Course directory entries will include journalism schools and departments as well as scientists, engineers, and others teaching science communication courses.

Anyone who is teaching such a course is invited to be included in the directory. Please contact Lawrence P. Verbit, Science Communication Directory, SUNY-Binghamton, Binghamton, New York 13901.

### **Secrecy in the 1950's**

The office of the AAAS Committee on Scientific Freedom and Responsibility (CSFR) is interested in receiving papers providing a historical review of the development and application of secrecy restrictions on scientific research and publication in the United States in the 1950's.

Any persons who have explored this topic are invited to send copies of their papers to Rosemary Chalk in the CSFR office at the AAAS address.

### **Guide to Scientific and Engineering Personnel**

The Scientific Manpower Commission, under a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF), is developing a guide to data resources on the supply and employment of scientific and engineering personnel. This guide will include descriptions and cross-listings of NSF databases with those from other federal agencies, professional societies, and other groups.

As federal budgets tighten in all areas, including data collection and dissemination, identification and assessment of the scope of available data on scientists and engineers becomes increasingly important.

Any organization that collects and/or publishes data on these populations is invited to participate in this endeavor. Contact Betty Vetter at the Scientific Manpower Commission, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036. Telephone: 202-223-6995.

## Help Bring Science to the Visually Impaired

Volunteer Services for the Blind (VSB) produces braille and recorded versions of a number of periodicals including *Science* and *Science 82*. These recorded and brailled journals are made available to visually impaired persons at a nominal fee (to cover mailing expenses).

The VSB needs volunteers to read *Science* and other technical journals. If

you are interested in helping the VSB, contact Mrs. Pat Boone, Visual Services for the Blind, 919 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107, 215-627-4230, or contact the Project on the Handicapped in Science at the AAAS address, 202-467-4497.

## Howard A. Meyerhoff, 1899-1982

Howard A. Meyerhoff, former AAAS official, died in Tucson, Arizona, 24 March.

Meyerhoff served as executive secretary of the Association from 1945 to 1946 and as administrative secretary and editor of *Science* from 1949 until 1953.

A geologist, Meyerhoff began his career as curator of paleontology at Columbia University in 1921. He was professor of geology at Smith College from 1924 to 1949 and served as geologist on the Science Survey of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands from 1924 to 1943. He was a partner in Geosurveys from 1955 to 1973.

Meyerhoff's many professional activities included a long association with the Scientific Manpower Commission. He was a member from 1953 until 1965, serving as president in 1953 and executive director from 1954 until 1962.

## Gandhi Addresses Indian Science Congress

*The 69th Annual Session of the Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA) was held 3-8 January 1982 on the campus at the University of Mysore. The AAAS was represented by A. K. Bose, professor of chemistry at the Stevens Institute of Technology. The following is from his report.*

Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi spoke at the inaugural session of the ISCA meeting. Emphasizing the importance of basic research, she announced several new government programs involving the sciences. Of special importance was the announcement of the formation of a National Biotechnology Board charged with utilizing new concepts in genetic engineering and allied fields to aid agriculture, medicine, and industry.

The presidential address was delivered by ISCA president M. G. K. Menon, who also serves as secretary of the Department of Science and Technology of

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