

Annual Meeting Returns to Philadelphia

NAPOLEON III was elected president of the Republic of France; Mexico ceded claims to Texas, California, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, and Nevada; Marx and Engels published their *Communist Manifesto*; and the newly formed American Association for the Advancement of Science held its first national meeting—in Philadelphia—in 1848.

The 87 men (alas) who attended that first meeting in Philadelphia 138 years ago surely would be shocked to see the array of topics under discussion in Philadelphia this May. Participants in this, the 152nd national meeting, will explore science and technology from *Nautilus*, the only living fossil, to superstring theory to oncogenes and cancer. In addition, Meeting attendees will discuss such issues as science and apartheid and U.S. and Soviet missile defenses.

The AAAS will meet 25 to 30 May at the Franklin Plaza, Hershey Philadelphia, and Holiday Inn—Center City hotels.

In addition to the symposia, lectures, workshops, film festival, exhibit, and tours (see *Science*, 28 March 1986, pp. 1586–1607), of special interest are:

■ **Youth Activities**—The day-long “Youth Symposium” will take place Friday, 23 May, at the University of Pennsylvania. The program includes special lectures and demonstrations. High school juniors and seniors from public, parochial, and independent schools in Philadelphia will participate. Disabled students, in addition to attending the Youth Symposium, will have

lunch with disabled scientists and engineers. The young people will have an opportunity to discuss education and careers in science and engineering and to meet with scientist role models. The luncheon for disabled students and scientists will be on Wednesday, 28 May, at the Franklin Plaza.

■ **Communicating Science Workshops**—Two workshops for scientists and engineers will focus on how to communicate with the media and through them—the public. One workshop will feature television, the other print media. Participants will learn how to take part in a successful interview, how to enliven technical information with everyday words, how video cameras and recorders work, the value of brevity, and the role of lighting, clothes, and makeup. “Communicating Science to the Public: Strategies for Television” will be held at 8:30 a.m., Sunday, 25 May, in Salon 3&4, Franklin Plaza. “Communicating Science to the Public: Strategies for Print Media” will be held at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, 25 May, in Salon 5&6, Franklin Plaza. There is no fee for these workshops. For more information, contact Carol L. Rogers, Office of Communications, AAAS, 202-326-6440.

■ Immediately following Gerard Piel’s Presidential Lecture on Wednesday evening, 28 May, all Meeting attendees are invited to the AAAS Presidential Reception in the Wyndham Foyer at the Franklin Plaza.

■ The Women in Science Luncheon will be on Monday,

26 May, in Salon 3&4 at the Franklin Plaza, from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Speakers will be Barbara Filner, president, Association for Women in Science, on “Equity in Science: Are We There Yet?,” and Monique Braude, president-elect, Graduate Women in Science, on “Drug Abuse in the 80’s.” Luncheon tickets will be available at the AAAS Ticket Desk, Wyndham Foyer, Franklin Plaza.

■ A cash bar reception, for constituents and friends of the Office of Opportunities in Science, will be held from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 27 May, in the Horizons Room at the Franklin Plaza.

■ A Speakers’ Ready Room (Salon 7, Franklin Plaza) will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day of the Meeting. Speakers may use the Room to review their visual materials and familiarize themselves with the operation of projection equipment.

■ **Resource Center** (Conference Center Ballroom, Franklin Plaza). This year all AAAS Resource Rooms will be located adjacent to one another in this area. Resource facilities include:

■ **AAAS Member Resource Room**—Information on a range of projects from human rights to museum volunteers will be featured. A kit, containing information on each AAAS office, will be available to visitors. Visitors will be able to browse through the latest AAAS publications, view science education videotapes developed by the Association, listen to tapes of radio shows produced by the Association, and learn about the benefits of membership.

Perhaps most important, AAAS staff persons will be present to answer questions about the Association and help solve problems.

■ **Resource Room for Disabled Registrants**—AAAS staff and volunteers offer special resources for disabled people, including assistance in moving between hotels; transportation to and from airports and train and bus stations; interpreters for the

hearing impaired; emergency repairs for wheelchairs; and audiotaped highlights of the Meeting program for persons with visual impairments.

■ **Resource Room for Minority Scientists**—Information and printed materials related to the participation of racial and ethnic minorities in the sciences and in AAAS activities will be exchanged. Materials on education, employment, research, organizations, and individual scientists will be displayed.

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“Reporting the Shuttle Disaster”—Additional Annual Meeting Symposium

The tragic explosion of the space shuttle Challenger received more media attention than any single science-related event in recent years. Within 24 hours more than 90 percent of the American public had seen the same television footage of the disaster.

How well did the media cover the disaster? What was the public impact of the coverage? How has the continuing story been reported?

“Media Coverage of the Shuttle Disaster: A Critical Look” will feature former astronaut Scott Carpenter; senior NASA spokesperson Hugh Harris; journalists from television, radio, and print media; scientists; and others.

The session will take place at 2:30 p.m., Monday, 26 May, in the Rembrandt Peale Room at the Holiday Inn—Center City.

Winner of Trip to Annual Meeting Announced

Peter J. Pella, assistant professor of physics at Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas, has won a free trip for two to the AAAS Annual Meeting in Philadelphia this May.

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