

filiated societies and sections.

During its Council meeting, the Division chose Frederick Nichols (U.S. Geological Survey, Menlo Park) as president-elect. Stanley Williams (Departments of Biology and Computers, San Francisco State University) was elected to the executive committee, and two council members-at-large were voted in, William Lunch (Department of Political Science, OSU) and Harold Tukey (Department of Forestry, University of Washington).

At the Division's awards banquet, OSU president and marine geologist John Byrne welcomed the group to the campus. Division president Orrin E. Smith (associate dean, OSU College of Agricultural Sciences) conducted the student awards ceremony. Prizewinners of Division-wide awards for excellent papers given at the meeting went to

Jose Ignacio del Real-Laborde (Utah State University: Klauber Award), Thomas Kaye (OSU: Lindsay Award), B. Vasiliki Vassil (San Jose State University: Sunshine Mining Award), Cheryl Ingersoll (OSU: ARCO Environmental Sciences Award), M. G. Dosskey (OSU: Larus Award), and Linda Chalker-Scott (OSU: Larus Award). Students who won section and affiliate awards for papers included Margaret Black (OSU), M. D. Dosskey (OSU), Craig Hazen (University of California, Santa Barbara), David Jordan (OSU), S. L. McGeehan (University of Idaho, Moscow), Robert Miller (Montana State University), Edith Read (University of California, Irvine), Scott Robinson (OSU), and John Weiland (OSU).

Copies of the Meeting program and abstracts of most of the papers presented are printed

in the Division's Proceedings, available for \$3 from Alan E. Leviton, executive director, Pacific Division AAAS, California Academy of Sciences, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA 94118.

## Joint U.S.— Hungarian Seminar on Biotechnology

"Recent Developments in Biotechnology Applied to Agriculture and Food Industry," a joint seminar sponsored by AAAS and the Hungarian Federation of Technical and Scientific Societies (MTESZ), involved some 8 U.S. and 20 Hungarian participants in an information exchange about the fundamental molecular biology of agricultural plants and animals.

The seminar, held 16 to 20 May 1988 in Budapest, focused on biotechnology applications for both plants and animals and an improvement of species in growth, resistance to invasion, yield, and quality. It looked at model systems appropriate to analysis as well as economically important plants and animals.

Participants also visited the Biology Research Center and the Cereal Research Institute in Szeged, and the Meriklon Research Laboratory in Budapest. A number of cooperative research projects are expected to result from the seminar, and the Hungarian organizers are publishing the proceedings for distribution later this year.

The seminar resulted from a collaborative tie established in 1984 between AAAS and MTESZ. Since that time, several Hungarian experts have attended AAAS meetings including the R&D Policy Colloquium and the Annual Meeting. MTESZ is a nongovernmental organization composed of the scientific and engineering societies of Hungary and their members. MTESZ seeks to promote science and technology in Hungary, and to play an increasing role as a source of advice to the government about matters related to science and technology. Plans are being made for a second joint AAAS-MTESZ seminar on a different scientific topic. For further information, contact Sandra M. Burns, Office of International Science, at the AAAS address.

## Third Annual Arms Control Colloquium Set for October

"Technology and Arms Control for the 1990s" will be the focus for the third annual Colloquium on Science, Arms Control, and National Security, 13 and 14 October 1988. The Colloquium will address such issues as the challenge a new administration will face in building on the arms control agreements of the 1980s; the implications of

### Read All About It!

*The AAAS Observer*, a new periodical for AAAS members, will make its debut next month.

The 16-page publication will mix features, commentary, interviews, regular columns, profiles, and news of AAAS activities in an attractive, lively format. *The AAAS Observer* is designed to give members fast, readable information about the huge array of professional issues woven into today's world of science.

Members will receive the first edition with the 2 September issue of *Science*. *The AAAS Observer* will be published every other month to start, with an increase in frequency later "if demand warrants," said Alvin W. Trivelpiece, AAAS executive officer. "I believe the *Observer* will be a lively, popular, and useful publication for the members of the AAAS, but in the end it is they who will have the final say," he said.

The Association needed the new publication to increase communications with its large membership. Most members regard *Science* as their principal benefit, Trivelpiece said, but "they are not generally aware of what else the AAAS does for them or on their behalf." Association activities range from analysis of the federal science budget to improving employment opportunities for minorities, women, and the handicapped, and include fellowship programs, human rights activities, and projects on science education.

Members were involved in *The AAAS Observer* at an early stage, when they were invited to enter a contest to name the new publication. Physicist Alfred B. Bortz submitted the winning entry, noting, "Since science begins with observing, the name of your newsletter should be *The AAAS Observer*." Bortz is assistant director of the Magnetic Technology Center at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

News about the AAAS will continue to appear regularly in *Science*, although this is the last appearance of the present "AAAS News" section, which has been edited by Joan Wrather of the Office of Communications. With its 7 October issue, *Science* will begin publishing a new two-page section covering Association activities. This new section also will appear every other month, alternating months with *The AAAS Observer*.

Tabitha M. Powledge will serve as editor of both *The AAAS Observer* and the Association activities pages of *Science*. Formerly editor of *The Scientist* and senior editor at *Bio/Technology*, Powledge also was a science policy analyst at the Hastings Center for several years. The new publication's art director will be Janice Conklin, previously with *The Scientist* and *Science* 86.

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