
For Your Information

AAAS Issues Science Funding Report

In May the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) issued a forecast of science funding over the next several years, based on a budget proposed by the House of Representatives and by the administration. The AAAS analysis of the budget data indicates that both plans would lead to a reduction of about 25% in funding for nondefense research and development by 2002.

Last year the AAAS formulated a similar forecast that predicted a cut of one-third in the science funding budget by 2002. The reason for the difference between that projection and the more recent one is largely a matter of a lower anticipated rate of inflation.

The decline projected on the basis of the administration's plan (24.4%) is virtually the same as that based on the Congressional plan (24.5%). However, the two are markedly different when it comes to the National Science Foundation (NSF). The administration's plan would result in a cut of 23.5% for the NSF, while the Congressional plan would mean only a 6.8% cut.

It is impossible to tell whether such dramatic decreases will become reality. In its online *Bulletin of Science Policy News*, the American Institute of Physics quoted presidential science adviser John Gibbons as saying that, "2002 might as well be a century away for all our ability to accurately predict the details of federal spending that far out." He also said that he is far more worried about what will happen in fiscal 1997 than in 2002.

Nevertheless, supporters of scientific research, such as Representative George Brown, are urging the scientific community to get involved. "The scientific community needs to step up to the challenge or live with the consequences," Brown told the American Institute of Physics (AIP).

For further information, see the AAAS Web page <http://www.aaas.org/spp/dspp/rd/rdwwwpg.htm>.

— Allyn Jackson

Ferran Sunyer i Balaguer Prize

The Ferran Sunyer i Balaguer Prize is awarded each year by the Institut d'Estudis Catalans to an expository monograph in an active area of mathematical research in which the author(s) have made important contributions. The prize honors the self-taught Catalan mathematician Ferran Sunyer i Balaguer (1912–1967), who, in spite of a serious physical disability, was very active in research in classical analysis and gained an international reputation.

The prize competition is open to all mathematicians. Monographs must be in English and of at least 150 pages. In exceptional cases, manuscripts in other languages may be considered. Monographs should be typeset in \TeX , and a hard copy and two disks with .dvi and PostScript files must be submitted.

The prize consists of 1,800,000 pesetas (approximately \$14,500). The winning monograph will be published in Birkhäuser Verlag's "Progress in Mathematics" series.

On the prize selection committee are: Friedrich Hirzebruch, Max-Planck Institute; Paul Malliavin, University of Paris VI; Joseph Oesterlé, University of Paris VI; Joan Solà Morales, Polytechnic University of Catalunya; and Alan Weinstein, University of California, Berkeley.

To make a submission, or for more information, contact: Institut d'Estudis Catalans, Apartat 50, 08193 Bellaterra, Spain; e-mail crm@crm.es.

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AMS Establishes Fiske Society

Recently, the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees established the Thomas S. Fiske Society, named after the founder of the American Mathematical Society, to honor those who have included the AMS in their estate plans.

It is this type of long-term support which provides assurance that the Society can continue and improve its ability to communicate and transmit mathematical discovery.

If you have provided for the Society in your will, personal trust, or some other planned-giving vehicle, please let us know so that we can acknowledge your generosity and welcome you as a charter member of the Fiske Society.

To join the Fiske Society or learn more about making a planned or estate gift, please contact Tim Goggins at 1-800-321-4AMS or tjg@ams.org.

— Tim Goggins, AMS Development Officer

Call for Nominations for AAAS Awards

The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) confers a number of awards to honor individuals for their contributions to science, technology, and society.

Among the awards are the AAAS Mentor Awards, which recognize those who during their careers have demonstrated extraordinary leadership to increase the participation of underrepresented groups, including women and the disabled. Two mathematicians have won in recent years: Abdulalim A. Shabazz of Clark-Atlanta University (1992), and Mary W. Gray of American University (1994).

Other awards recognize contributions to arms control and international security, scientific freedom and responsibility, public understanding of science and technology and other science-related activities. There are also a number of awards for outstanding science journalism.

The deadline for nominations is generally August 1. For further information, consult the AAAS Web page <http://www.aaas.org/AAAS/awards.html>, or contact: Awards Coordinator, AAAS, 1333 H Street, NW, Room 1149, Washington, DC 20005.

— AAAS

Nonacademic Careers Web Site

The Nonacademic Careers Web Site is a joint project of the AMS and the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics. This site offers a number of services to help job seekers. One of the highlights is a set of profiles of mathematical scientists who work outside academia. The profiles describe how they use mathematics in their work,

what it's like to work in a nonacademic setting, and how to land a nonacademic job.

The Web site was launched late last year, and since then a number of new profiles have been added. Currently there are twenty-four profiles posted, and several more will be added in the coming months. Those profiled work for organizations ranging from the National Institute for Standards and Technology to IBM to CNA Insurance. In addition to reading the posted profiles, one can also send questions to the people profiled, and the questions and answers are posted on the Web site.

The URL for the Nonacademic Careers Web Site is <http://www.ams.org/careers/mcbb.html>.

— Allyn Jackson

Notices Wins Award

The *Notices* has won the 1996 SNAP EXCEL Award for General Excellence in a Scholarly Journal. The award is given by the Society of National Association Publications (SNAP). The awards were presented during the SNAP meeting in Washington, DC, in May.

Each year SNAP presents awards to association publications in a wide variety of forms, including scholarly journals, newsletters, newspapers, magazines, direct mail vehicles, buyers' guides, meetings schedules, and so on. Altogether there were 909 entries for SNAP awards, twenty-nine of them in the General Excellence in a Scholarly Journal category. The entries to this category were judged on writing, content, graphic design, and overall packaging. The judges praised the *Notices* for its elegant design, the way it makes the most of black and white graphics, and its interesting blend of scholarly articles and service pieces. The *Notices* won the gold medal, the highest award in its category. Silver and bronze medals were also given.

Under the Scholarly Journals category, SNAP also makes awards for an outstanding feature article and for an outstanding editorial or column in an association publication. The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics won a silver medal for a feature article in its journal *The Mathematics Teacher*, a silver medal for an editorial/column in *Mathematics Teaching in Middle School*, and a bronze medal for an editorial/column in *Teaching Children Mathematics*.

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