

Announcements

FROM THE INSTITUTE ON RELIGION IN AN AGE OF SCIENCE

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The IRAS symposium in conjunction with the annual meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science will be held in the Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts, on Sunday afternoon, February 22, 1976, from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M.

THEME: TOWARD A REFORMULATION OF ETHICS IN AN AGE OF SCIENCE.

There will be three primary presentations and their evaluation:

1. Baruch Blumberg, professor of genetics and physical anthropology, University of Pennsylvania: "Ethical Implications of Recent Advances in Genetics and Immunology."

2. Roger W. Sperry, Hixon Professor of Psychobiology, California Institute of Technology: "Bridging Science and Values: A Unifying View of Mind and Brain."

3. Ralph Wendell Burhoe, *Zygon* editor: "Science and the Sources of Ethical Information and Motivation: 1776, 1976, and by 2000 A.D."

Further information on the symposium will be published in the annual meeting announcements of the AAAS in *Science* and in the AAAS meeting program.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR: Eugene G. d'Aquili, M.D., University of Pennsylvania, Suite 308, 133 South 36th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104.

Because the AAAS annual meetings have become the world's major forum for the general implications of areas of science for society, IRAS officers commend registration and attendance at many of the other sessions of the AAAS meetings in Boston during February 18-24. Announcements concerning the varied programs and hundreds of papers to be presented will be found from time to time in the pages of *Science*, along with registration forms. The full details (often over 100 pages) of the program are available to all registrants.

IRAS became an affiliated organization of the AAAS in January 1975. A number of IRAS members have been members of the AAAS and active in its programs for decades. Any IRAS members who are not yet and would like to become members of the AAAS (which includes a subscription to the weekly *Science*) may become so by identifying themselves and sending \$25.00 to the Membership Secretary, AAAS, 1515 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005. While IRAS previously presented an invited symposium at the AAAS annual meeting in 1970 (published in large part in the June 1971 *Zygon*), this will be our first meeting as an affiliate organization. The meeting has been arranged under a committee consisting of Eugene G. d'Aquili,

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chairman, assisted by Sanborn C. Brown, Ralph Wendell Burhoe, and Solomon H. Katz.

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An IRAS conference on March 19–20, 1976, will be held at Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida, on “The Ecosystem, Energy, and Human Values—the Next 100 Years.” The primary subject to be considered will be the interdependence of physical, biological, and sociocultural value systems in a world of finite resources. Speakers include H. T. Odum, Department of Environmental Science, University of Florida; Tom Harblin, Department of Behavioral Science (also director of the Environmental Studies Program), Rollins College; and Don Marietta, Department of Philosophy, Florida Atlantic University. The discussions of the papers will be by invited specialists as well as by members of the conference during a program running from 1:00 p.m. on Friday until midafternoon on Saturday. For further information write the conference chairman: Prof. Karl E. Peters, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida 32789.

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The *IRAS 1976 Star Island Conference* will be held from July 31 to August 7 in the Isles of Shoals, off Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

The conference theme has been announced as “Diversity or Uniformity—Strategies for Human Survival?” Three questions provide the focus, according to Philip Hefner, program chairman (Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, 1100 East 55th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60615):

1. To what extent are diversity and uniformity intrinsic to the human species; what are the processes by which diversity and uniformity unfold, are held in balance, and are constitutive of the species?

2. From the standpoint of the informed observer, how are diversity and uniformity making their impact upon the species at our present point in history? How are these two thrusts optimally at work? What sort of equilibrium or disequilibrium is evident?

3. In what directions should the thrusts toward uniformity and diversity move in the next years and decades if the health of the species is to be fostered?

As usual, there will be some five or six major presentations representing various disciplines of knowledge. There will be later announcements of details and registration forms to IRAS members and *Zygon* readers.