



AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition

The AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition is a network of scientific membership organizations that recognizes a role for science and scientists in efforts to realize human rights. Composed of scientific associations, professional societies, and science academies, the Coalition aims to facilitate communication and partnerships on human rights within and across scientific communities, and between these and human rights communities. Individual scientists are encouraged to participate through their scientific organizations, but may also be involved as affiliated scientists.

The impetus for the Coalition arose from a conference held in July 2005, the purpose of which was to explore ways in which the scientific community could become more directly engaged in human rights. The conference was attended by representatives of many of the largest scientific organizations in the United States, who confirmed the need for a network of scientists engaged in human rights, endorsed the formation of a Science and Human Rights Coalition, and affirmed AAAS as its natural home. Following a highly deliberative and collaborative process involving over 20 scientific organizations, the AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition was launched on January 14, 2009.

The Coalition has five working groups devoted to:

- Welfare of Scientists
- Science Ethics and Human Rights
- Service to the Scientific Community
- Service to the Human Rights Community
- Education and Information Resources

In addition, the Coalition will pursue a joint initiative to realize the human right to "the benefits of scientific progress and its applications" (Article 15, International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights).

Membership

Membership of the Coalition is open to scientific associations, professional societies, and science academies who share the Coalition's goals. A scientific membership organization that wishes to explore involvement in the Coalition may participate as an affiliated organization or simply attend Coalition meetings. Individual scientists are welcome to join as affiliated scientists.

For further details

To learn more about the Coalition and Launch, go to: <http://shr.aaas.org/coalition/index.shtml> or contact the AAAS Science and Human Rights Project Director, Jessica Wyndham, at jwyndham@aaas.org.

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Membership - Affiliated Scientists

Individual scientists who support the Coalition's objectives, who want to explore the relevance of human rights to their scientific disciplines, and/or who want help in introducing human rights to their scientific associations are welcome to join the Coalition as Affiliated Scientists. Like organizational members, Affiliated Scientists are required to participate in a Coalition committee or working group.

To Join

Please send an e-mail or letter to the address below indicating that you would like to join the Coalition, together with your name, contact details, area of scientific expertise, and working group in which you will participate.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

I would like to join the AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition as an Affiliated Scientist.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Area of scientific expertise: _____

Working group: _____

Mail, Email, or FAX to:
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