June 2016

HIGHLIGHTS

**UW Geneticist Receives National Medal of Science:** In the 1980s, Mary-Claire King worked with AAAS to develop a grand-paternity test to reunite children of the disappeared in Argentina with their grandparents. This month, she received the nation’s top scientific honor.

**Omid Kokabee Gets Medical Furlough:** Kokabee, winner of the 2014 AAAS Scientific Freedom and Responsibility Award and physics doctoral student imprisoned in Iran, was granted a medical furlough following surgery to remove a kidney. The furlough allows him to temporarily avoid return to Evin Prison.

**Business Lessons for Human Rights:** Evidence-based practices developed in business and medicine have much to contribute to human rights work. Theresa Harris of AAAS

QUICK LINKS

**AAAS EVENTS**
July 25-26, 2016
Washington, DC
AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition Meeting

**OTHER EVENTS**
June 13-July 4, 2016
Human Rights and Environmental Protection for Sustainable Development Online Course (UNITAR)

June 21, 2016
"The Destruction of Memory" Documentary Screening (Vast Productions USA)

September 26-30, 2016
Advanced Training on Monitoring Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Geneva Academy)

December 5-9, 2016
General Assembly and Scientific Symposium (IRCT)

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**
Job: Deputy Director & Head of Technology and Human Rights (Amnesty International)

**MISC OPPORTUNITIES**
and Coalition member Bill Mawby consider how to successfully implement these practices. Read more »

**Agenda and Registration Now Available:** Be sure to register for the July 25-26 Coalition meeting on Climate Change and Human Rights.

**"The Most Important Untaught Subject":** In a new series on human rights and ethics published by the American Psychological Association, Coalition member Sam McFarland explores how to integrate a focus on human rights into the teaching of psychology.

**Why Scientific Societies? Research, Members, Leadership:** ASA Executive Officer Sally T. Hillsman discusses how and why to support the role of scientific societies in human rights work.

**On-call Scientist Verifies Human Rights Violations in Nigeria:** In a new report documenting human rights violations in Nigeria, Amnesty International cited the work of forensic anthropologist and On-call Scientist Tal Simmons. Her evaluation of photos and video evidence helped corroborate witness accounts of women and children dying in military detention. More here »

**Welcome, New On-call Scientists!** Last month, the On-call Scientists roster grew to 979 members with the addition of

**Call for Nominations:** Edward O’Brien Human Rights Award (HRE USA)

**Call for Submissions:** UNSCR 1540 International Student Essay Contest (Stimson Center)

**NEWS**

» Texas court frees man who served 19 years of a life sentence for murder (Innocence Project)

» Forensic experts urged to join Indonesian grave exhumations (Associated Press)

» US drug giant will no longer supply lethal injection drugs (Chemistry World)

» Governments turn to commercial spyware to intimidate dissidents (New York Times)

» Artificial intelligence should be protected by human rights, says Oxford mathematician (Science Alert)

**READING LIST**

Psychosocial age assessments in the UK (Forced Migration Review)

Syrian Academics in Exile (New Research Voices)

Refugee protection and resettlement problems (Science)

Reconciliation in Sierra Leone (Science)

No Protection, No Respect (Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition)

Human Rights in Language and STEM Education (Sense Publishers)

Engineering and Human Rights: Teaching Across the Divide (Business and Human Rights Journal)
• a chemist with expertise in electrochemical sensors and environmental regulations;
• a psychiatrist who provides mental health care in immigrant communities;
• a pediatrician with emergency medicine expertise; and
• a nanotechnology engineer who speaks three languages

Could your human rights group benefit from a pro bono scientist, engineer, or health professional? Learn more »

Call for Nominations: Justice Rapid Response (JRR) will hold a training course on International Criminal Investigations from October 10 – 20, 2016. Organizations are invited to nominate criminal justice and related professionals, including scientists, engineers, and health professionals, for the upcoming training course. The course aims at increasing the number of experts who can be deployed rapidly to participate in investigations of international core crimes, including digital forensic experts and mental health specialists. Information about how to submit a nomination here.