**News**

**AAAS Creates Memorial Fund Supporting Human Rights Activities**
A new source of philanthropic support for the human rights work of AAAS has been created to honor the legacy of late physicist Dr. Andrew M. Sessler. [Read more.](#)

**The International Team Trying to Save Syrian Antiquities (BBC)**
An international group of cultural experts and scientists, including AAAS, has formed an emergency task force to help Syrians save their heritage from destruction.

**2014 Stanford Human Rights Fellow: Merging Science and Human Rights**

**Coalition**

**Coalition Meeting, 14-15 July**
Forensics and internet freedom were cited as key junctions for science and human rights at the July 2014 Science and Human Rights Coalition meeting.

**Ratification**
Coalition Members urge treaty ratification following-up on the January 2014 meeting, which focused on the rights of persons with disabilities as they relate to S&T. AAAS, together with several Coalition members, have urged U.S. ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Read their statements: [AAAS](#), [AERA](#), [ASA](#) (statistics), [COSSA](#), [LSA](#).

**APA Council Adopts Statement in Support of Convention**

**AAG Adopts Statement on Potential Human Rights Issue in Tajikistan**

**On-call Scientists**

**New SciTech for Human Rights Podcast** – Interested in learning about the applications of science and engineering for human rights? Check out the SciTech for Human Rights podcast playlist [here](#). In the latest installment, David Strip highlights several ways in which operations

**AAAS Events**

**Using Geospatial Technologies to Support Human Rights Research and Documentation**
September 5, 2014
Washington, DC and Webcast

**Building for the Future: Celebrating the 5th Anniversary of the AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition.**
October 23, 2014
Washington, DC

**AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition and Council Meetings**
January 15-16, 2015
Washington, DC

**Other Events**

**Event:** [Humanitarians in the Sky: How UAVs are Changing Disaster Response (Engineering for Change)](#)
August 19, 2014
Webinar

**Event:** [Protecting Threatened Scholars During Repression, Crisis and Conflict: A Summit of the Institute of International Education’s Scholar Rescue Fund](#)
October 24, 2014
New York, NY

**Event:** [Neuroscience and Human Rights: 2014 International Neuroethics Society Annual](#)
research could support human rights projects.

Calls for Volunteers

A human rights organization is seeking environmental scientists to support community initiated research on the impacts of mining on indigenous peoples in Southeast Asia. Concerns include impacts to biodiversity, river pollution, soil contamination, agroecology, deforestation, social impacts, and public health. The organization seeks baseline assessments of soil, water and/or biodiversity conditions.

A human rights organization seeks an expert in environmental impacts of petrochemicals to review documents related to an oil spill clean-up. The volunteer will be asked to make an assessment of the clean-up thus far. Future needs for environmental remediation, evaluation of water quality, and potential health risks to local residents. Fluency in Spanish would be a plus.

If you are interested in one of these projects and suitably qualified, please contact oncall@aaas.org. If you are not already a member of the On-call Scientists roster, please sign up here.

New Partnership Opportunities

Recent partnerships created through On-call Scientists include an epidemiologist evaluating the impact of a human rights education program and an emergency physician advising a group developing an online citizen science module related to the impacts of disasters and droughts.

Could your human rights organization benefit from scientific and technological expertise? On-call Scientists has connected human rights organizations with biologists, ecologists, physicians, psychologists, statisticians, anthropologists, engineers, computer scientists and more. Pro bono assistance ranges from brief consultations to long-term projects.

Learn more about On-call Scientists.

Other News

OHCHR makes data on treaty ratification more interactive (Yahoo)


Unarmed Drones Aid U.N. Peacekeeping Missions in Africa (NYTimes)

UN Expert: States must step up efforts to counter racism on the Internet and social media (OHCHR)

U.S. Navy Physician Refuses to Force-Feed Guantanamo Bay Prisoners (CNN)

Smartphone Apps Help To Battle Campus Sexual Assaults (NPR)

Facebook Takes A Stand With Free Access to Women’s Rights Info In

Meeting

November 14, 2014
Washington, D.C.

Resources

Human Rights Projects: Guidelines for Scientists and Human Rights Organizations

Primer on Scientific Freedom and Human Rights

Science and Human Rights Syllabi

Starter Kit: Helping Your Society Promote Human Rights

Organizations Defending the Human Rights of Scientists

Bibliography: Science and Human Rights

Reading List

The Importance of Ethics and Human Rights to Africa in the 21st century (Arab Health Magazine)

Access to medicines in developing countries: ethical demands and moral economy (Developing World Bioethics)

Opportunities & Trainings

Job: Board Director, Committee on Human Rights (National Academies)

Internship: Public Citizen Global Access to Medicines Program

Internship: Global Fund for Women

Course: Psychosocial Consequences of Migration and Asylum (QUB)

Course: Digital Security and Privacy (HREA)

Course: Psychological Consequences of Migration & Asylum (HREA)

Call for Papers: Bioethics and the Right to Health (HHR)
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