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HIGHLIGHTS

Take Action for Imprisoned Scholars:
Scholars at Risk calls for letters on behalf of Omid Kokabee of Iran, winner of the 2014 AAAS Scientific Freedom and Responsibility Award and imprisoned doctoral student of physics. Mr. Kokabee has recently been diagnosed with kidney cancer. Take action »

Scholars at Risk issued an additional call for letters in support of imprisoned scholar of economics Dr. Nasser bin Ghaith of the UAE. Take action »

Reminder! On May 10, a special webinar will be held for all Coalition members on the 2016 reform initiative, ideas and next steps. Check your email for registration info!

Evidence-Based Research and
**Human Rights**: Did you miss the April meeting? An article on the plenary panel has been published. Read it here »

**Champion of Environmental Justice**: Save the date to hear keynote speaker Dr. Robert Bullard at the next Coalition meeting on climate change and human rights on July 25-26. Learn more »

**ON-CALL SCIENTISTS**

**Welcome, New On-call Scientists!** In April, the On-call Scientists roster grew to include

- two crop scientists
- an expert in refugee health
- a behavioral neuroscientist
- an ecologist who studies impacts of oil spills
- a psychologist who studies visual perception.

If your human rights organization could benefit from these or other areas of scientific expertise, please visit the On-call Scientists website for more information and to submit a project request.

**Call for Papers**: Special Issue on Social and Technical Trade-Offs (Big Data)

**Call for Applications**: Fellowships for Threatened Scholars (Institute of International Education)

**NEWS**

- Family of Jailed Iranian Physicist Asks for His Release Due to Cancer (Reuters)
- That Computer in Your Pocket is a Weapon for Fighting Human Rights Abuse (Good)
- Pugwash Wonders Whether Internet Use is a Human Right (The Tartan)

**READING LIST**

- Syria’s Mental Health Crisis (Brookings)
- Science and Social Justice (Arcus Center for Social Justice Leadership)

**RESOURCES**

- Human Rights Projects: Guidelines for Scientists and Human Rights Organizations
- Primer on Scientific Freedom and Human Rights
- Bibliography: Science and Human Rights
- Science and Human Rights Campus Event Toolkit

See more resources »