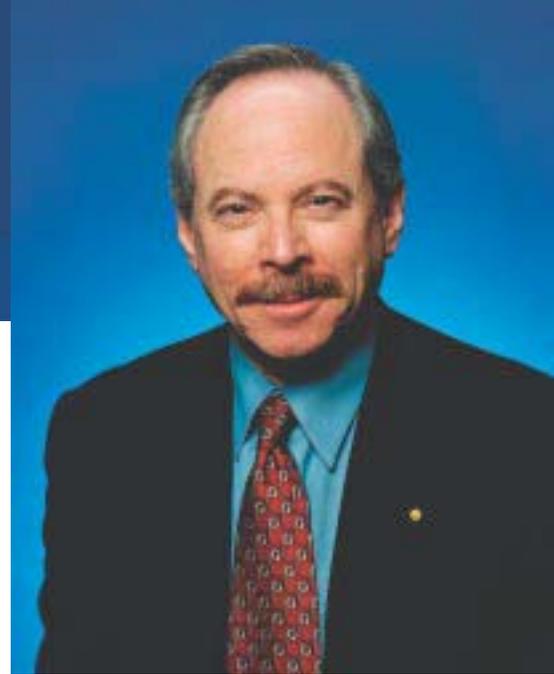


from the Chief Executive Officer

It is both a privilege and a pleasure to have joined the AAAS staff. As new CEO of the Association, I have the good fortune to be starting from the superb foundation built by my predecessor Richard Nicholson. He worked with a series of outstanding AAAS Boards of Directors, and built an exceptional staff to significantly strengthen the Association. The organization is now poised to play an even greater leadership role, one that places it squarely within the global context of the 21st Century.



AAAS occupies an unmatched position in society, implying both opportunities and obligations. The largest general scientific society in the world, AAAS is also uniquely inclusive, drawing its members from every scientific and engineering discipline, and including many lay members with diverse interests in science and its applications.

With its more than 130,000 members and 272 affiliated societies, AAAS has a powerful voice. It must use that voice to provide strong leadership, nationally and internationally, and to fulfill its newly reframed mission, “to advance science and innovation throughout the world for the benefit of all people.”

We hope that in refining our mission and goals and the programs that we derive from them, we will increase our effectiveness and our impact. To illustrate how we implement our ideas, we have organized this report to provide concrete examples of how current AAAS programs track to our mission and goals. Those newly refined mission and goals will then be the template that guides future programmatic development.

As we look for practical ways to apply our new mantra—“Advancing science • Serving society”—we will also be reaching out more to the AAAS membership. With help from members and affiliated organizations, AAAS will seek to deliver its key messages more effectively to policymakers, educators, scientists, and society. In this way, we can leverage our status as the world’s largest general scientific organization, and our more than 150 years of service to society, to become truly a global voice of leadership in science for the benefit of all people.

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ALAN I. LESHNER
Chief Executive Officer

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