News

**AAAS Confirms Hospital Damage in Syria**
Using satellite imagery, a team from the AAAS Geospatial Technologies and Human Rights Project has confirmed substantial damage to several medical facilities in the Syrian cities of Aleppo and Damascus. Read the report.

**Farewell to Famed Forensic Anthropologist**
Dr. Clyde Snow, whose work in Argentina for AAAS pioneered the practice of forensic anthropology in a human rights context, has passed away. Snow, who worked in locations as diverse as Kosovo, Rwanda, and Chile, was 86.

Coalition

**A Bridge to Dignity**
Writing in *American Scientist*, Jeffrey H. Toney, Sigma Xi’s representative to the Coalition, describes how science combined with human rights has the potential to create positive "ripple effects". Read more.

At the upcoming meeting, we will celebrate the Coalition's first five years and look forward to the future. The meeting will begin on Monday, July 14, with sessions to help the Coalition identify emerging opportunities and challenges for its work. Plenary session and workshop topics will address innovative applications of S&T for human rights, strategies for advancing the 'right to science,' funding possibilities and more.

The Coalition's business meetings, Student Delegate meeting and Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 15. Agenda and registration available here.

**Student Essay Competition**
Winners of the Coalition's first Science and Human Rights Student Essay Competition will be announced in mid-June. If you would like to help the winners travel to the Coalition meeting, please visit this website created by the Outreach and Communications Committee, where you can make a contribution.

AAAS Events

**Science and Human Rights Coalition Meeting**
July 14-15, 2014
Washington, DC

**Other Events**

**Event:** Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience
July 21-25, 2014
Washington, DC

**Event:** Applied Research Methods with Hidden, Marginal and Excluded Populations
July 21-25, 2014
Essex, UK

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
On-call Scientists


In recent months, the On-call Scientists initiative has connected human rights organizations with pro bono consulting by a soil scientist, a toxicologist, a hydrologic engineer, a statistician, economists, a social scientist, data scientists, a physicist and an emergency medicine physician. If your human rights project could benefit from advice from a scientist or engineer, visit the On-call Scientists website.

Other News

Iran needs to present a united front on science (Nature)

Data, children’s rights, and the new development agenda (Lancet)

New EU Human Rights Guidelines on Freedom of Expression (IPWatch)

Global health and human rights face challenges of homophobic laws, abuse, neglect, violence (ScienceSpeaks)

Respect for Human Rights is Improving (Phys.org)

Links between human rights and the environment (Carleton)

Human Rights and Science: How to think out of the box? (Foraus)

Gezi trials target health workers (Amnesty)

TrueCrypt Unexpectedly Warns Users on Security (ArsTechnica)

USA: LAPD adds drones to arsenal, promises discretion (LATimes)

Google flooded with 'right to be forgotten' requests after EU ruling (Firstpost)

USA: California bill would reaffirm protections against wiretapping (Reuters)

Reading List


A Social Science of Human Rights (SSRN)

Privacy, Big Data, and the Public Good (CUSB)

Opportunities & Trainings

Call for Volunteers: Citizen CyberLab Project (UNOSAT)

Course: Digital Security and Privacy (HREA)

Internship: Scientific Responsibility, Human Rights and Law (AAAS)

Call for Contributions: Human Rights & Environmental Policymaking (OHCHR)

Call for Applications: Rapporteur on hazardous waste disposal (UNHRC)

Call for Papers: Race Inequalities in Health & Social Care (Emerald)

Call for Submissions: Responsibilities for Health (JALI)

Call for Submissions: Health and Human Rights

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