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HIGHLIGHTS

Leading physicist recognized for promoting the use of physics for the benefit of society: Joel Primack, instrumental in the development of AAAS’s first human rights activities in the 1970s, receives award from the American Physical Society.

COALITION

Save the Date: The next Coalition meeting will take place at AAAS on January 25-26, 2016. The agenda will include skills workshops and a plenary session on evidence-based approaches to human rights practice. Details and registration available soon.

Team-based Learning for Medical Students: A new course module on human rights for medical students is now available here. The module was authored by Liljana Stevceva, co-chair of the Coalition’s Education and Information Resources Working Group.

QUICK LINKS

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

Dec 8, 2015
Documentary Film Screening: “The Living Disappeared” (Co-hosted with Duke University)

OTHER EVENTS
Nov 4-Dec 15, 2015
Business and Human Rights, Monitoring & Evaluation in the NGO Sector, International Human Rights Law Online Courses (Human Rights Centre, University for Peace)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:
Job: Equity & Justice Outreach and Project Associate (Union of Concerned Scientists)

Job: Engagement Program Associate (AAAS)

MISC OPPORTUNITIES
Call for Papers: Human Rights and the Social Sciences, Special Issue on “Social Media and Human Rights” (Societies Without...
Call for Release of Omid Kokabee: The Washington Post recently published an Opinion piece by the Chairman of the American Physical Society's Committee on International Freedom of Scientists calling for the release of physicist Omid Kokabee.

ON-CALL SCIENTISTS

Nice to meet you! On October 20, together with WOLA, we co-hosted an evening of 'speed networking' with human rights professionals, scientists, engineers, and health professionals. Similar events are planned for Austin, Chicago, and New York City. Interested in hosting a similar meet-up? Contact oncall@aaas.org.

New On-call Scientists projects include review of environmental impact assessments for proposed large-scale agriculture projects and advice regarding official statistics on gender disparities. Could your organization benefit from pro bono scientific advice? Visit http://oncallscientists.aaas.org for more details and to submit a request.

NEWS
» UN Panel warns against 'designer babies' and eugenics in 'editing' of human DNA (UN News Centre)
» The Myopia of Human Rights (Open Democracy)

READING LIST
After Banning Torture, Psychology Association at a Crossroads (Bioethics Forum)
Patents, Human Rights and Access to Science (Edward Elgar Publishing)
Report of the IBC on Updating Its Reflection on the Human Genome and Human Rights (UNESCO)
Peoples’ Nutrition is Not a Business (Right to Food and Nutrition Watch)
Teaching Human Rights (Radical Teacher)

RESOURCES
Human Rights Projects: Guidelines for Scientists and Human Rights Organizations
Primer on Scientific Freedom and Human Rights
Bibliography: Science and Human Rights

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