

AAAS-CAST Steering Committee on Ethics in Science

Joint Statement

At a joint meeting in April 2009 in San Diego, California, participants from the American Association for Advancement of Science (hereafter AAAS) and China Association for Science and Technology (hereafter CAST) agreed to establish a joint Steering Committee to coordinate work on ethics in science by the two organizations. The Steering Committee has been formed, with four members from each organization.

AAAS and CAST have a joint commitment to further the progress and integrity of science through a range of cooperative activities, including those related to ethics education and the responsible conduct and application of scientific research. Each of them plays an important role in building a strong ethical foundation for science in their respective countries.

This Committee shall be co-chaired by one representative from each of the two organizations, and each organization shall designate one liaison officer responsible for the working contacts between them.

The AAAS-CAST Steering Committee on Ethics in Science is charged with the following responsibilities:

1. To facilitate communication among policy makers, scholars, practitioners and students from the U.S. and China, with an aim to develop collaborative projects, the results of which can be used in both countries to advance and apply knowledge on ethical issues associated with the conduct and application of scientific research;
2. To communicate with each other on salient issues and developments in ethics in science in the two countries, so that experience can be shared;
3. To serve as a mechanism for AAAS and CAST to conduct joint activities on ethics in science, and to make recommendations on possible actions that could be taken individually or collectively.

This joint statement of responsibilities of the AAAS-CAST Steering Committee takes effect on 30 June 2010, and may be amended by agreement of the two organizations.