

APS Fellows choose Washington assignments

The APS Congressional Scientist Fellows have chosen their assignments for 1976-77 in Washington, D.C.—Ronald Bruno has joined the House Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment, and Granville J. Smith II is serving with the Senate Commerce Committee.

In early September Bruno and Smith joined nine other Fellows in a two-week orientation program organized by Richard Scribner, director of the American Association for the Advancement of Science Office of Special Programs. They then attended briefings on the Hill and in Executive agencies and met with former Fellows who had held House and Senate staff-office positions. In addition, the Fellows attended seminars with scholars, lobbyists and other important Washington figures. At the close of the orientation period, the Fellows interviewed and were interviewed by representatives of Congressional offices who had notified the AAAS Office that they wished to participate in the program this year.

Other APS members who have been awarded Fellowships for the year include E. William Colglazier Jr (University of Montana), AAAS Fellow, and Michael D. Crisp (Owens-Illinois Technical Center), Optical Society of America Fellow.

Paul Horwitz, who served as a Fellow in 1975-76, has returned to his post as senior scientist, Avco Everett Research Laboratories. John H. Young, also a 1975-76 Fellow, has joined the Office of Technology Assessment to work on research and development policies and priorities. Thomas Moss, who had returned to the IBM Thomas J. Watson Research Center after serving on the staff of Congressman George E. Brown (D-Calif.) in 1974-75, has returned to Washington to rejoin Brown's staff. N. Richard Werthamer, Fellow in 1973-74, is now chairman of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority.

H. Guyford Stever, who now heads the new White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, spoke in testimony last summer before the Select Committee to study the Senate Committee System and cited the Congressional Science and Engineering Fellowship Program as one of five changes in Congress in recent years that have enhanced the ability of Congress to set the direction of the national science effort.

"An increased number of scientifically and technically trained staff on Congressional Committees," Stever said, "has



The 1976-1977 Fellows (l to r) are Kirby C. Holte, Lloyd Faulkner, Gary A. Ritchie, Sara C. Schurr, Ronald Bruno, George L. Jacobson, Frank Hurley, Granville J. Smith II, E. William Colglazier Jr, Michael D. Crisp and Robert D. Banks; Richard A. Scribner (far r) is program head.

given the committee hearing process itself the ability to probe more deeply into key science and technology issues. I believe that the programs of Congressional Fellowships that the scientific community has established have provided a reservoir of highly talented newcomers who have contributed greatly to the ability of Congress to deal with science and technology matters. (Surely they have helped in designing many tough questions for agency heads like myself to answer)."

Applications are now open for 1977-1978 Fellowships

The Council of The American Physical Society has unanimously voted to continue support of the Congressional Scientist Fellowship Program for 1977-78 in view of the outstanding record of past Fellows and the support for the program from APS members, Congressmen and their staff members. Applications are now being accepted.

George E. Pake (Xerox Corp, Palo Alto, Calif.), who will serve as APS president next year, will appoint a Selection Committee to be headed by the vice-president-elect chosen in the upcoming December balloting. This committee will review the credentials of the program applicants. Funds have been allocated for the support of two Fellows during a one-year term, who will serve either as a member of the staff of a Congressman or Congressional Committee. The Fellows' choice of assignment is unrestricted.

The Fellowship stipend is \$16 000. Allowances are provided also: up to

\$1000 for vouchered moving expenses associated with the appointment, and not more than \$1000 for vouchered travel expenses related to the Fellows' participation in Society activities, AAAS programs, meetings or seminars attended in conjunction with the Congressional Fellowship Program.

Prospective Fellows are expected to have exceptional competence in some area of physics, a broad background in science and technology and a strong interest, with experience, in applying scientific knowledge toward the solution of social problems. Candidates should be articulate, literate, flexible, willing to work on a variety of problems with a variety of people, and either experienced in or willing to learn the governmental process.

Applicants should arrange to have three letters of reference sent directly to the program administrator, along with a letter of intent and a resumé. The letter of intent should include a statement that explains why the candidate has applied to the program and describes situations in which his interest in public-service activities has been translated into a plan of action yielding results. Letters of reference should be solicited from people who can discuss not only the candidate's competence as a physicist, but also the candidate's education and experience that would make him particularly qualified to serve in a Congressional office.

The deadline for applications is 15 March 1977. For further information, contact Mary L. Shoaf, Congressional Scientist Fellowship Program Administrator, APS, 335 East 45th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017; tel (212) 685-9422. □