

and Center for Publishing. He also has taught at the University of Denver's Publishing Institute and the graduate school and university center at the City University of New York.

From 1960 to 1968 Baensch worked for McGraw-Hill Book Company, where he was manager of an information systems reference business, editorial director of the international division, manager of the foreign rights department and sponsoring editor of the medical books division. From 1968 to 1980 he was vice president and director of the international divi-

sion at Harper & Row Publishers Inc. From 1980 to 1982 he was president and chief executive officer of Springer-Verlag of New York, the US subsidiary of Germany's leading scientific and technical publisher. From 1983 to 1988 he was vice president for marketing at the Macmillan Publishing Company.

Baensch is chairman of the executive council of the professional and scholarly publishing division of the Association of American Publishers and is on the board of directors of the Society for Scholarly Publishing.

KIRWAN NAMED MANAGER OF AIP'S EDUCATION DIVISION

Donald F. Kirwan of the University of Rhode Island has become the manager of the education division of the American Institute of Physics, effective 1 September. The education division is being expanded and relocated from Woodbury, Long Island, to AIP's offices in Washington, DC. The division's responsibilities include administering the Society of Physics Students. In Washington, the division is to become more active in fostering cooperation and communication among AIP's ten member societies and will develop stronger relations with educational associations and governmental education agencies.

In the estimation of John Rigden, AIP's director of physics programs, education unites the physics societies more than any other single concern. Hence, Rigden says, it will be Kirwan's mission to work closely with the societies, both individually and collectively, and to initiate educational activities that complement those of the member societies.

Kirwan received his degrees in physics at the University of Missouri, Columbia (BS, 1963, MS, 1964, and PhD, 1969). He joined the faculty at the University of Rhode Island in



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1967 and became a full professor there in 1981. Kirwan is editor of *The Physics Teacher* magazine, which is published by the American Association of Physics Teachers. He has served on the AAPT and SPS executive boards.

Education fellow

In other AIP education news, Jorge Barojas of the University of Mexico has joined the staff at the Washington office as 1988-89 senior education fellow, succeeding Sallie A. Watkins. Watkins was the first AIP senior education fellow, a newly created position. She had "no shoes to step into," Rigden observes, and "she did a marvelous job."

In addition to continuing some of the activities initiated by Watkins, who sought to foster greater participation of women and minorities in physics, Barojas will be involved in an effort to reformulate the introductory college-level physics curriculum—an

NSF-supported endeavor that Rigden has been working on with Robert Resnick of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Donald Holcomb of Cornell University (see *PHYSICS TODAY*, October 1987, page 107, and May 1987, page 87).

Barojas earned his bachelor's degree in 1966 and his master's in 1968 at the Autonomous National University of Mexico and his PhD at the Faculté des Sciences in Paris in 1970. He was an instructor at the Autonomous University's national high school in 1961-62, an assistant professor at the university from 1963 to 1968, head of the undergraduate laboratories in 1964-65 and a professor of physics in 1974-75. Since 1975 he has been a professor of physics at the Autonomous Metropolitan University of Iztapalapa. He was head of the molecular physics group at Iztapalapa from 1977 to 1985, and he has been director of the university's group on science and technology education since 1986.

Barojas has done research in liquid-state theory, small-particle systems and double-layer problems. In physics education, his interests include teacher training, cognitive development, educational uses of microcomputers and curriculum development.

Barojas is editor of *Contactos*, a Spanish-language journal of science and technology. He is the coordinator of a physics teacher training program sponsored by the Mexican Ministry of Education.

Condell retires

William J. Condell retired at the end of May as manager of AIP's Washington office. A former staff member of the Office of Naval Research, Condell joined the DC office two years ago, shortly after its establishment in the American Geophysical Union's building on Florida Avenue. In addition to helping organize the office, Condell revived AIP's visiting scientist program and prepared a book on the Federal budgetary process.

AIP ANNOUNCES MEGGERS EDUCATION AWARD WINNERS

Five individuals have been named winners of AIP's 1988 Meggers Project Award, a biennial grant designed to support the improvement of high school physics teaching in the United States. The newly established award consists of a total of \$25 000 to be divided among one or more outstanding projects. Applications for the

Physics Teacher Search

A search committee has been established to recommend a new editor for *The Physics Teacher*, which is published by the American Association of Physics Teachers. The current editor, Donald F. Kirwan, has resigned effective 1 July 1989. The head of the search committee is Joe F. Pizzo of Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. Nominations and applications should be addressed to J. F. Pizzo, Box 10046, Lamar Station, Beaumont TX 77710.