

their work has been suppressed, delayed, or changed, Wu wants the GAO to look at claims made by Environmental Protection Agency science advisers during recent congressional hearings that environmental reports the administration doesn't agree with—some up to 10 years old and dating back to the Clinton administration—have languished in draft form at the agency. Wu asked that the GAO investigation be completed by February 2008. A spokesperson for Wu said she expected the investigation to go forward. JLD

Surveying women in physics. There can be no doubt that children and childcare take a toll on careers, especially for women. But in a survey of 1350 female physicists from 70 countries, respondents said the main problem is that women in physics continue to face discrimination and negative attitudes from their colleagues and institutions. The survey was conducted by the American Institute of Physics in conjunction with last year's Second International Conference on Women in Physics (see PHYSICS TODAY, August 2005, page 29).

Around the world, women remain underrepresented in physics; in most countries, they earn less than 20% of physics PhDs. The survey found that, compared with their counterparts in developed countries, women physicists in developing countries marry and have children younger; have less access to funding, office space, equipment, and other resources; and get more experience working overseas.

Some 78% of respondents rated their relationships with their graduate advisers as either excellent or good, although 8% reported a poor relationship.

Despite 71% of respondents saying they were discouraged by physics, fully 86% said they would choose the field again if they had it to do over.

The report, *Women Physicists Speak Again*, is available online at <http://www.aip.org/statistics/trends/gendertrends.html>. Single copies may be obtained free of charge from AIP, Statistical Research Center, One Physics Ellipse, College Park, MD 20740; e-mail stats@aip.org. TF ■

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