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To: All TWAS Members

Date: 1 August 1989

From: Helen Grant
TWAS Secretariat

Subject: HISTORY OF SCIENCE PRIZE

I refer to the information about the second History of Science Prize which was sent to you sometime ago.

It has been noticed that an omission of great importance has been made on the announcement of the second prize, which could cause misunderstanding for those who were not aware of the rules governing the first competition.

Kindly find enclosed a copy of the corrected poster which now underlines the important factor that all essays should be written about a Third World scientist **PRIOR TO THE 20TH CENTURY**, whose work has not been clearly recognized to date.

We apologize for any inconvenience this omission may have caused you.



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THIRD WORLD ACADEMY OF SCIENCES 1989 HISTORY OF SCIENCE PRIZE

In 1987 the Third World Academy of Sciences instituted a Prize for the best research essay highlighting the work of a scientist from a country of the Third World whose achievements had not been previously recognized. The first of these prizes was awarded in October 1988, for an essay on some remarkable astronomical tables compiled by a computational genius Shams-al-Din al-Khalili, and used in Damascus from the fourteenth century to the nineteenth.

As a result of the enthusiastic response to the announcement of the first prize and the success of that first competition, the Third World Academy of Sciences is pleased to invite submission of essays to be considered for a **SECOND HISTORY OF SCIENCE PRIZE** to be awarded in 1990.

The regulations, similar to those pertaining to the award of the first prize, are as follows:

- The research essay should summarize the major achievements of a Third World Scientist **prior to the 20th Century**, whose work has not been hitherto clearly recognized. It should indicate the impact of the scientist's contributions on his/her community and, where relevant, establish their influence on modern scientific thought.
- Essays on previously unstudied works by scholars who are already known to the modern literature will also be considered.
- Essays on themes in the history of science which are not associated with one particular scientist or individual will also be considered.
- Essays must be written in the **English** language.
- The length of the essay should be between about 20,000 and 50,000 words, but these limits are not binding.

- The competition is open to scholars both from the Third World and elsewhere.
- Essays should be received by the Executive Secretary of the Third World Academy of Sciences no later than **28 February 1990** at the address given below.
- All essays satisfying the above conditions will be judged by an International Committee of experts in the History of Science appointed by the Third World Academy of Sciences.
- **The 1989 Prize will consist of a medal and US\$ 10,000.** It will be awarded at the Academy in the Autumn of 1990.
- The Third World Academy of Sciences will arrange for the prize-winning essay to be published in book form.
- The Committee may advise authors of other essays deemed to be of exceptional merit in what form their work could be published elsewhere. The Committee may advise authors of essays deemed to be of exceptional promise how they could improve their essays and prepare them for eventual publication. The Academy is not obliged to offer such advice.

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