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AAAS and Woods Hole Research Center Announce 2010 Fellow Award

Washington D.C. — Eric Davidson of The Woods Hole Research Center has been awarded the distinction of AAAS Fellow. Election as a Fellow is an honor bestowed upon AAAS members by their peers.

This year 503 members have been awarded this honor by AAAS because of their scientifically or socially distinguished efforts to advance science or its applications. New Fellows will be presented with an official certificate and a gold and blue (representing science and engineering, respectively) rosette pin on Saturday, 19 February from 8 to 10 a.m. at the AAAS Fellows Forum during the 2011 AAAS Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

This year's AAAS Fellows will be announced in the AAAS News & Notes section of the journal *Science* on 28 January, 2011.

As part of the Biological Sciences section, Davidson was elected as an AAAS Fellow because of his "*important contributions to the study of the dynamics of tropical ecosystem dynamics, particularly as they relate to global climate change.*"

The tradition of AAAS Fellows began in 1874. Currently, members can be considered for the rank of Fellow if nominated by the steering groups of the Association's 24 sections, or by any three Fellows who are current AAAS members (so long as two of the three sponsors are not affiliated with the nominee's institution), or by the AAAS chief executive officer.

Each steering group then reviews the nominations of individuals within its respective section and a final list is forwarded to the AAAS Council, which votes on the aggregate list.

The Council is the policymaking body of the Association, chaired by the AAAS president, and consisting of the members of the board of directors, the retiring section chairs, delegates from each electorate and each regional division, and two delegates from the National Association of Academies of Science.

The Woods Hole Research Center is an independent, nonprofit institute focused on environmental science, education, and public policy. The Center has projects in the Amazon, the Arctic, Africa, the Mid-Atlantic, and New England, as well as integrative efforts at continental to global scales. Center staff work in collaboration with partners ranging from local organizations, non-governmental institutions, national governments and the United Nations.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) is the world's largest general scientific society, and publisher of the journal, *Science* (www.sciencemag.org) as well as *Science Translational Medicine* (www.sciencetranslationalmedicine.org) and *Science*

Signaling (www.sciencesignaling.org). AAAS was founded in 1848, and includes 262 affiliated societies and academies of science, serving 10 million individuals. *Science* has the largest paid circulation of any peer-reviewed general science journal in the world, with an estimated total readership of 1 million. The non-profit AAAS (www.aaas.org) is open to all and fulfills its mission to "advance science and serve society" through initiatives in science policy, international programs, science education, and more. For the latest research news, log onto EurekAlert!, www.eurekalert.org, the premier science-news Web site, a service of AAAS.

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