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Several projects are now being developed by scientific and engineering societies to implement some of the 1980 Global Seminar recommendations. These projects will involve the collaboration of Indian and U.S. societies, and stem from concept papers that were discussed at the October 1982 meeting of the Continuing Committee on the role of scientific and engineering societies in Development. Dialogue between the societies, since that meeting has focussed on matching local needs with available resources to ensure that resulting activities will be of benefit to all. The projects nearing the joint proposal stage are:

1. Workshop on Biomedical Equipment Maintenance Service Programs, first by the American Institute of Biological Sciences. This program aims at assisting in the training of technicians working with equipment of an intermediate type in hospitals and medical laboratories.

2. Joint Conference on Forest Management for Fuelwood, first proposed by the Society of American Foresters. The conferences will seek to identify critical concerns in both research and management for fire-

wood production. It is meant to represent a first step in exchanging information and in collaboration between U.S. and India on production of firewood and possible solutions to the firewood shortage.

3. Feasibility Study of Using Microcomputers and Data Bases for Development in India, jointly proposed by the American Society for Cybernetics and the American Statistical Association. This demonstration project will include: a) the selection of 1-3 types of data bases using microcomputers, selected by Indian researchers and planners in function of their importance to their country (e.g. medical care records; regional agricultural data bases); b) implementation of information system; and c) evaluation of system and recommendations for future applications.

4. Chemical Instrumentation Centre. The American Chemical Society and counterparts in India are working towards the establishment of chemical instrumentation centers to serve Southeast Asia. — (*Scientific and Engineering Societies in Development A Newsletter*, Number 4 Spring/summer 1983)

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The Continuing Committee on the Role of Scientific and Engineering Societies in Development will meet in New Delhi, India, December 5-6, 1983.

The committee will continue to monitor the implementation of recommendations of the Global Seminar, looking closely at the projects now being planned and at other merging ideas. Professional societies are welcome to suggest a collaborative project well suited to a scientific or engineering societies, and contributing to the developmental process, and to the advancement and exchange of knowledge. Two-page concept papers outlining the idea should be sent by 15 October 1983 to the appropriate Continuing Committee members as follows:

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