

BRITISH COLUMBIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

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British Columbia Academy of Science

The B.C. Academy of Science was founded in 1909, with the objectives of promoting original scientific research, and of publishing papers reporting research results; another basic objective was the coordination and sponsorship of meetings which would further develop interest in the sciences within B.C.

Through a modest awards system, later augmented by the American Association for the Advancement of Science award scheme, the Academy gave support to scientific research in B.C. at the high school and post-secondary level. In 1938 the Academy became affiliated with the A.A.A.S. Through this connection, the Academy also received research funds from C.M. Goethe, an American philanthropist with a strong interest in genetics research.

During the 1930s, the B.C. Psychological Association, the Canadian Society of Technical Agriculturalists (B.C. Branch), the Entomological Society of B.C., the Royal Astronomical Society (Vancouver Center), and the Vancouver Chemical Association became affiliated with the Academy.

In 1947 the Academy organized its first annual science conference; these conferences continued for 14 years.

In 1963, due to a lack of financial and membership support, the Academy was legally disbanded; its function had largely been taken over by the universities and the government. During the 54 years of its existence, the B.C.A.S. played an important formative role in the development of the scientific community in B.C. Many of the province's most influential scientists were connected with the Academy during its history.

The records of the B.C. Academy of Science contained in this collection consist of financial records, meeting minutes, agenda, notices and programmes,

scientific papers presented, election and membership records, conference records, and extensive correspondence files.

(The records are arranged in chronological order - from earliest to most recent - unless otherwise noted.)

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Items</u>
1-1	<u>B.C.A.S. History</u> Paper by Lawrence E. Ranta describing B.C.A.S. history up to 1948. Open letter to Academy members in 1961 re B.C.A.S. future	1909-1963	4
1-2	<u>Constitution</u>	1909-1958	12
1- (3-12) the contents of these files are not chron- ologically arr.	<u>Financial records</u> Bank receipt books Bank savings account books Bank statements Cancelled cheques Cash book Financial statements Receipts and bank correspondence Treasurer's reports	 1909-1946 1933-34; 1948-49 1927, 1929, 1931, 1944, 1946, 1948- 49; 1950-53; 1955; 1957; 1960 1935, 1948, 1952-54; 1956-58; 1960	20 3 1
1-(13-19)	<u>Minutes</u>		
1-(13-16)	Annual & general meetings	1909-1955; 1957-58	
1-(17-19)	Executive meetings	1909-1960; 1963	
1-(20-22)	<u>Agenda & Notices</u>		
1-(20-21)	Annual & general meetings	1922; 1925-37; 1939; 1941-43; 1948-49; 1951; 1953-58; 1961	
1-22	Executive meetings	1926-30; 1936; 1945; 1953-60; 1962	
1-23	<u>Meeting Programmes</u>	1934-57	
1-(24-28)	<u>Scientific Papers presented</u>	1910-1913; 1932-33; 1935; 1936-39; 1940- 42; 1944; 1948	
1-(29-34)	<u>Reports. Affiliated associations</u>		
1-29	B.C. Psychological Association.	1940-45; 1950	
1-30	Canadian Society of Technical Agriculturalists. (B.C. Branch)	1934; 1939; 1941; 1944-45	
1-31	Entomological Society of B.C.	1931-34; 1938-42	
1-32	Royal Astronomical Society. (Vancouver Centre)	1934; 1938-44	
1-33	Royal Society of Canada.	1942; 1944; 1950; 1953-54; 1956	
1-34	Vancouver Chemical Association.	1938-39; 1942-43; 1945	

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2-(1-2)	<u>Elections. Ballet sheets & reports</u>	1922-24; 1926-29; 1932-34; 1939; 1941; 1947-49; 1950-57; 1960-62	
2-(3-8)	<u>Membership applications</u>	1927-28; 1936-38; 1939-43; 1944-47; 1948-52; 1953-56; 1957-59	
2-(9-10)	<u>Membership lists</u>	4 undated; 1928; 1932-34; 1935-37; 1941; 1944-47; 1949-53; 1955-59	
2-(11-27)	<u>Correspondence - general</u>		
2-11	"	"	1909
2-12	"	"	1926-28
2-13	"	"	1929-31
2-14	"	"	1932-34
2-15	"	"	Jan-May 1935
2-16	"	"	June-Dec. 1935
2-17	"	"	1936-37
2-18	"	"	1938-40
2-19	"	"	1941-42
2-20	"	"	1943-45
2-21	"	"	1946-48
2-22	"	"	1949-50
2-23	"	"	1951-53
2-24	"	"	1954
2-25	"	"	1955-57
2-26	"	"	1958-59
2-27	"	"	1960; 1962
2-28	<u>Correspondence. Affiliated Societies</u> (B.C.)	1925-26; 1928; 1934; 1936	
2-29	<u>Correspondence. Affiliated Societies</u> (U.S.)	1942; 1945; 1949-50; 1954	
3-(1-8)	<u>Correspondence. American Association for</u> <u>the Advancement of Science</u>		
3-1	"	"	1937-42
3-2	"	"	1943-45; 1947
3-3	"	"	1950-53
3-4	"	"	1954-55
3-5	"	"	1956
3-6	"	"	1957
3-7	"	"	1958-59
3-8	"	"	1960-61

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3-(9-12)	<u>Correspondence.</u> <u>A.A.A.S. & C.M. Goethe</u> (Research grants)		
3-9	"	"	1939-45
3-10	"	"	1946-50
3-11	"	"	1951-56
3-12	"	"	1957-62
3-(13-14)	<u>Correspondence.</u> <u>A.A.A.S Honorary Junior</u> <u>Membership</u>		1938-42; 1943-46
3-(15-26)	<u>Correspondence.</u> <u>B.C.A.S. Research Awards</u>		
3-15	"	"	1929-30
3-16	"	"	1939-43
3-17	"	"	1944-46
3-18	"	"	1947-48
3-19	"	"	1949
3-20	"	"	1950
3-21	"	"	1951
3-22	"	"	1952
3-23	"	"	1953
3-24	"	"	1954
3-25	"	"	1955
3-26	"	"	1958-60
3-(27-30)	<u>Correspondence.</u> <u>B.C.A.S. Research Awards</u> (High school)		
3-27	"	"	1956
3-28	"	"	1957
3-29	"	"	1958
3-30	"	"	1959-60
3-31	<u>Correspondence.</u> <u>Koerner Foundation</u>		1955-56
3-(32-34)	<u>Correspondence.</u> <u>Membership</u>		
3-32	"	"	1927-29; 1931-32; 1934-37; 1939
3-33	"	"	1940-49
3-34	"	"	1950-58
3-35	<u>Correspondence.</u> <u>National Science</u> <u>Foundation</u>		1958-62
3-36	<u>Correspondence.</u> <u>Oak Ridge Institute of</u> <u>Nuclear Studies</u>		1956
3-37	<u>Correspondence.</u> <u>Pacific Science Congress</u>		1933-34
3-38	<u>Correspondence.</u> <u>Registrar of Companies</u>		1925; 1930
3-39	<u>Correspondence.</u> <u>Science Clubs of America</u>		1945

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3-40	<u>Correspondence. Vancouver Institute</u>	1925-27; 1930-31	
4-(1-16)	<u>B.C.A.S. Scientific Conferences. Records</u> (The conference records are not chronologically arranged within each file.)		
4-1	1st	1947	
4-2	2nd	1948	
4-3	4th	1950	
4-4	4th	1950	
4-5	5th	1951	
4-6	5th	1951	
4-7	6th	1952	
4-8	7th	1953	
4-9	8th	1954	
4-10	9th	1955	
4-11	10th	1956	
4-12	11th	1957	
4-13	12th	1958	
4-14	13th	1959	
4-15	14th	1960	
4-16	15th	1961	
4-(17-20)	<u>A.A.A.S. materials</u>		
4-17	A.A.A.S. Constitution and bylaws	1953; 1956	
4-18	A.A.A.S. Directory of officers and activities	1960; 1962	
4-19	A.A.A.S. Academy conference directories	1953, 1960, 1961	
4-20	A.A.A.S. Academy Conference proceedings	1956, 1959, 1960	
	<u>Miscellaneous American academic publications</u>		
4-21	Ohio Academy of Science program	1956	
	University of Nebraska. Instructional research	1956	
	Science Clubs of America. State Science Talent Searches	1954-55	
	" "	1955-56	
	The Publications of the Academics of Science of the U.S. and Canada (1942?)		
	Alabama Academy of Science. Newsletter.	June 1955 Vol IV, no.3	
	" "	Oct. 1955 Vol V, no.1	
	New Jersey Academy of Science. Bulletin	Spring 1958 Vol 3, no.1	
	Minnesota Journal of Science.	Oct-Dec 1957 Vol 1, nos.1-2	
	" "	Oct 1958 Vol II, no.1	
	" "	Feb 1959 Vol II, no.3	
	Bulletin of the Georgia Academy of Science	Jan 1956 Vol xiv, no.1	
	" "	April 1958 Vol xvi, nos.1&2	
	Nebraska Academy of Sciences. Proceedings	April 1957	
	Journal of the Colorado-Wyoming Academy of Science	Nov 1956, Vol iv, no.8	
	North Carolina Academy of Science. Proceedings.	May 1939	

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	<u>Manufacturing Chemists Association -</u>		
	Miscellaneous publications		
4-22	Superstition to Supersonics. Student & Teachers workbooks	1958	
	Teachers guide to chart - Big questions of science	1958	
	Teachers guide to chart - What science means to you	1958	
4-23	Teacher Information Sheets. Scientific experiments in chemistry	1957-58	
	Guide for organizations cooperating in the education program of the Manufacturing Chemists Association	no.1, March 1958	