

# Introduction

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Our topic today is “Beyond the Cold War: The Changing Arena of Science.” Although we have seen changes for many years, the end of the Cold War has crystallized these changes and their effects on industry, academia, and government. The science research patterns that have been emerging over the last decade have been brought into sharper focus by the ending of the Cold War. What are these changes and where are they leading? What are the forces behind them? This is a forum where we can start to discuss them. What is the relevance of science research after the Cold War? Where should this research be done?

I think there is a general agreement that science research, like motherhood, is a good thing, but there is less agreement about who should pay for it. Where should the distinction be drawn between basic and applied research? We need to address changing public perceptions of science. We recognize that there has been a change in how the general public views science. What is this shift? How is it affecting us? Our distinguished speakers will address these and other topics. ❖