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## NIAS symposium today

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The National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS) will organise an international symposium on "Science in Society: A New Social Contract" from Wednesday at the Auditorium and Lecture Hall of NIAS at the Indian Institute of Science Campus.

The three-day symposium is preparatory to the UNESCO World Conference on Science, 1999, slated to be held in Budapest from June 26 to July 1, according to Dr. R.Narasimha, Director NIAS.

Addressing presspersons here today Dr. R.Narasimha said the objectives of the symposium was to review the fields and practices of sciences in terms of their social orientation and relevance.

Social scientists and researchers from Bangladesh, China, France, Iran, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Swaziland and United States will attend the symposium. As many as 43 speakers are expected to address the meeting.

The symposium would submit recommendations and suggest amendments to UNESCO's Draft Declaration on Science and the use of scientific knowledge to be adopted at the Budapest Conference, said Dr. R.Narasimha. A summary of the recommendations of this symposium would be presented as Bangalore Communique at the Budapest conference.