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NSRC Announces Upcoming Science Education Leadership Symposium

The National Science Resources Center of the Smithsonian Institution and the National Academies announces an upcoming conference, Wednesday, Oct. 31–Friday, Nov. 2, in Washington, D.C., aimed at increasing the involvement of businesses and other organizations in U.S. science education.

The conference—Changing the Course of Science Education: Fall 2007 National Leadership Development Symposium—is part of a series of NSRC programs with a goal of engaging 1,000 leaders from a broad range of American society in K–12 and college science education reform by 2011. It builds upon the 2005 National Academies’ report “Rising Above the Gathering Storm,” a seminal study on U.S. science education and workforce competitiveness. A similar conference held in April 2007 in Santa Fe, N.M., attracted some 150 leaders from business, academia, government and school districts.

There will be an opening session and reception at the Hamilton Crowne Plaza Hotel (14th and K Streets N.W.) Wednesday evening, Oct. 31. Other sessions will be conducted at the Keck Center of the National Academies (500 Fifth Street N.W.) from 8 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 1 through 12:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2.

The symposium is supported by a generous gift from Bristol-Myers Squibb.

For more information about the NSRC or attending upcoming science education symposia, visit www.nsrconline.org. To request a press kit for this symposium, contact the NSRC at nsrcinfo@si.edu or call Jennifer Childress at (202) 633-2989 or Jim Benson at (202) 633-2959.

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