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Memorandum

To: Supervisors of Science Fair Projects
From: Dr. Rosalie Richards, Director, GCSU Regional Science & Engineering Fair
Date: August 28, 2009
Re: Request for Entries to the 33rd Annual GCSU Regional Science & Engineering Fair

Georgia College & State University is proud to be once again affiliated with the International Science & Engineering Fair. As such, we are delighted to invite you to participate in the 2010 Georgia College & State University Regional Science & Engineering Fair (RSEF) on **February 5-6, 2010** at the university's Centennial Center. With your participation, we look forward to having another excellent Fair this year. Awards ceremonies will be held in Arts & Sciences Auditorium at GCSU. Special awards will be given to projects from grades 6-12 and best of show awards will be given to senior, junior, elementary (grades 3-5) and primary (grades K-2) projects. Top projects from grades 6-12 will be invited to exhibit at the Georgia Science & Engineering Fair (GSEF) in Athens during March 31-April 3, 2010. It is our intention to also award travel prizes to top exhibitors to attend and/or participate in the 2010 Intel International Science & Engineering Fair (ISEF) which will be held in San Jose, CA during May 9-15, 2010.

NEW THIS YEAR

- We are pleased to offer online registration at <http://chemphys.gcsu.edu/~science/sciencefair.htm> beginning December 1, 2009. **The registration deadline is January 15, 2010.**
- The registration fee for the regional fair is **\$25.00 per individual**. Checks or money orders must be made payable to *GCSU Foundation/Science Fair*. For registration to be complete, fees must be submitted with all required forms.
- An **RSEF Checklist Form** must be completed and signed by the Fair Director/Supervisor. Please attach the Checklist Form to ALL required forms and submit by **5:00 P.M. on Friday, January 15, 2010.**
- A science educator is NOT required to serve on the SRC or IRB; just an educator.
- Please note that the *Form (4) – Human Subjects Form* has changed. ISEF now requires a separate informed consent form, which should also include photo consent. A *Sample of Informed Consent Form* is available in the Rule Book.
- Due to rising costs, schools will not receive the 2010 Rule Book by mail. Instead, the Rule Book is available immediately for view and download at <http://www.uga.edu/oasp/>.

All GCSU Regional Fair information can be found at <http://chemphys.gcsu.edu/~science/sciencefair.htm> including required forms for EACH entry from your school/county. Forms received after January 15th, 2010 will not be processed. **Do not send original forms** – the originals must be displayed with the project at the Fair.

To assist in your preparation of projects, we have placed on the web site the *complete* judge's scoring criteria and rubric, forms, a timetable, and other fair information. I will also be available to host student, teacher, parent, school-wide, or district-wide fair meetings during the weeks of September 8-11 and October 5-9, 2009.

The 2009 judges were impressed with the 187 students who presented themselves and their work in a highly professional manner. We recognize your hard work in making the projects possible. Thank you for all the work that you will do to make the 33rd Annual GCSU Science & Engineering Fair a productive, learning experience for our young people. If you are not involved with Science Fair this year, please pass this information on to the appropriate colleague. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Patti Veal at the Science Education Center at (478) 445-7531 or Dr. Rosalie Richards at (478) 445-7302 or at science@gcsu.edu. We look forward to seeing the very BEST of your projects.