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## NABT CONFERENCE NEWS

Meet us in Memphis!

**October 15-18, 2008**  
**Memphis Cook Convention Center**  
**Memphis, Tennessee**

*What do a Nobel Laureate, a federal judge, and an award winning filmmaker have in common?*

They are all speakers at the upcoming NABT Professional Development Conference in Memphis.

Come join your colleagues and fellow teachers at the only event dedicated exclusively to the needs of biology and life science educators.

Attend the presentation by University of Montana Professor Steve Running as he describes climate change and his 2007 Nobel Prize winning research.

Learn more about the precedent setting *Kitzmiller v. Dover Area School District* by the man who issued the legal decision, the honorable Judge John E. Jones III.

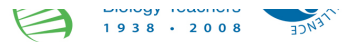
Listen to Jean-Michel Cousteau as he talks about his underwater adventures and his latest mission protecting amphibians in this pivotal "Year of the Frog."

Now throw in some sessions by leading teachers, researchers, and authorities on education. Mix in a poster session or two, some exhibitor demonstrations, and a trip to the Exhibit Hall to see the latest tools for your classroom. Shake it up with a reception and a field trip, and you have the "Can't Miss Event of the Season!"

Learn more about NABT 2008 on our Web site, [www.nabt2008.org](http://www.nabt2008.org). Take advantage of the discounted Early Bird Registration today. **REGISTRATION IS OPEN! Special Workshops, Field Trips, and Meal Functions now available at [www.nabt2008.org](http://www.nabt2008.org)!**

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## Conference At A Glance



<b>Wednesday, October 15</b>			
8:00am-4:00pm	Dolan DNA Workshop "Inside Cancer"	7:00pm-9:00pm	Welcome Reception
8:00am-5:00pm	Sessions, Special Workshops, Field Trips	9:00pm-11:00pm	Two-Year College Section Reception
9:00am-5:00pm	K-12 Outreach Symposium		
1:00pm-4:00pm	Sam Rhine - Cloning & Stem Cell Review <i>Genes in Junk</i>		
<b>Thursday, October 16</b>			
7:15am-8:15am	First Timers Breakfast	4:00pm-7:00pm	Exhibit Hall Opening & Reception
8:30am-9:45am	General Session 1(Steve Running)	7:00pm-9:00pm	International Activities Reception
10:00am-10:30am	Concurrent Sessions (25)	7:00pm-10:00pm	Affiliates Reception  Four-Year College Section Reception & Poster Session  Canadian Reception  Two-Year Dinner
10:45am-Noon	Concurrent Sessions (25) Invited Speaker (Kelly Cowan)		
Noon-2:00pm	Coordinators/State & Province Reps/OBTA Directors Luncheon		
1:00pm-4:00pm	AIBS/NEscent Evolution Symposium		
1:00pm-2:15pm	Concurrent Sessions (25) Invited Speaker (Mary Kate Reeves-Hoche)		
2:30pm-3:45pm	Concurrent Sessions (25) Invited Speaker		
<b>Friday, October 17</b>			
7:15am-8:15am	International Activities Breakfast Past Presidents Breakfast Two-Year College Section Breakfast & Business Meeting Four-Year College Section Breakfast	2:00pm-3:00pm	OBTA Share-A-Thon
8:30am-4:00pm	Two-Year/Four-Year Faculty Development Day BSCS Symposium	2:00pm-4:00pm	American Association of Immunology's Fellowship Program
8:30am-9:45am	Concurrent Sessions (25) Invited Speaker (Brendon Larson)	2:15pm-3:30pm	Concurrent Sessions (25) Dover Group
10:00am-10:30am	Concurrent Sessions (25)	3:45pm-5:00pm	Invited Speaker (Judge John Jones)
10:45am-Noon	General Session 2 (Louis Guillette)	5:00pm-7:00pm	AP Section Reception Region 2 Reception
Noon-1:30pm	Honors Luncheon	6:00pm-10:00pm	NABT Conservation Celebration (Jean-Michel Cousteau)
1:30pm-2:00pm	Concurrent Sessions (25)		
<b>Saturday, October 18</b>			
7:15am-8:15am	Retired Members Breakfast Four-Year College Executive Committee	12:30pm-1:00pm	Concurrent Sessions (25)
8:30am-9:45am	Concurrent Sessions (25) Invited Speaker	1:15pm-2:30pm	Concurrent Sessions (25)
10:00am-11:15am	General Session 3	2:45pm-4:00pm	Concurrent Sessions (25)
11:30am-12:30pm	Town Meeting		





### NABT Thinks Green

Earth Day 2008 will be observed on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and NABT is joining students and teachers all over the country to help promote conservation and environmental stewardship.

So how does NABT do its part?

- Electronic Voting
- Electronic Session Submissions and Confirmations for the Professional Development Conference.
- Online registration and housing for conference
- Electronic Newsletter to Communicate with our Members
- Office recycling programs and efforts to eliminate waste
- Telecommuting option for NABT employees.
- Membership in the Disciplinary Association Network for Sustainability (DANS)  
<http://www.aashe.org/dans/>

The April edition of *The American Biology Teacher* and new resources on our Web site <http://www.nabt.org/sites/S1/index.php?p=613> highlight our commitment to both the study and the protection of living systems.

We know we can do more and encourage our members to get involved!



### NABT Celebrates National DNA Day

Help NABT commemorate the discovery of DNA's double helix by celebrating National DNA Day on April 25th. This unique day is set aside to help students, teachers, and the public learn more about genetics and genomics, and includes a live-online chatroom where you can talk to the leading researchers in the field. More information can be found by visiting <http://www.genome.gov/10506367>.

The National Human Genome Research Institute would also like to invite teachers to join its Community of Genetic Educators, (<https://www.coge.nih.gov/Welcome/tabid/36/Default.aspx>) where you can access dozens of illustrations and resources, meet other teachers, and much more, all for free.

Do you have time this summer to help evaluate NHGR's new Talking Glossary of Genetics. From May until August, teachers will be needed to review definitions, illustration, animations, term lists, and more. The teachers and their schools will be recognized on the final project, so please visit <http://www.coge.nih.gov/NewTalkingGlossaryProject/tabid/109/Default.aspx> if you are interested.





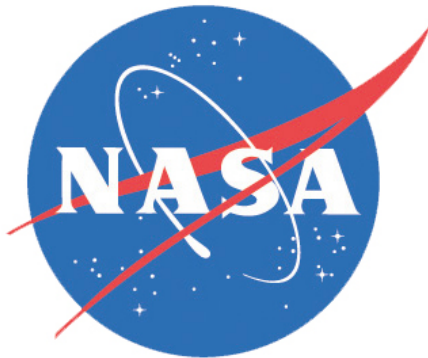
### Leap Into Spring with FrogWatch 2008: Record the Ribbit

Spring has sprung, and with it, the recognizable sound of trilling frogs and toads can be heard across the country. This is also the perfect time to discuss the important topics of phenology, ecological communities and wildlife protection with your students. Engage your class and get them outside for May 3<sup>rd</sup> for FrogWatch 2008: Record the Ribbit.

Taking part in the Record the Ribbit program is easy, free and a fun educational activity for beginning scientists. Visit [www.nwf.org/ribbit](http://www.nwf.org/ribbit) to learn about amphibians in your area by listening to their calls and viewing photos of local species. On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, students and their families can take a nature walk and listen for frogs and toads. When they are finished, they can share their findings online! The Record the Ribbit Web site includes special sections for journal entries and reporting on other wildlife sightings. The frogs are calling; will your students be there to listen?

NABT and Amphibian Ark are proud to join the National Wildlife Federation's FrogWatch USA program, a frog and toad citizen-science monitoring program. To learn more, please visit [www.frogwatch.org](http://www.frogwatch.org).

The National Wildlife Federation's mission is to inspire Americans to protect wildlife for our children's future. The organization is currently developing programs to counteract nature deficit disorder in children by encouraging parents and other caring adults to help children spend more time outdoors everyday. Learn more at [www.nwf.org](http://www.nwf.org).



### Help the NASA Astrobiology Institute Design A Workshop for Teachers.

Scientists within the NASA Astrobiology Institute (NAI) study microbial life on Earth to learn more about life elsewhere in the Universe. They explore hypersaline microbial mats and their role in the oxygenation of Earth's atmosphere; they study microbes living in extreme habitats on Earth as both analogs for extraterrestrial life and guides to the search for life on other planets; and they probe microbes in hydrothermal vent environments as knowledge holders about the origin of life on Earth.

NAI is developing a professional development workshop for teachers combining these "astroMICRObiology" themes. We recognize the input of teachers is critical to developing the most effective program possible, and they respectfully ask you to consider taking a short survey enquiring about your experience and needs in teaching concepts in microbiology, and preferences in lesson and workshop formats. There are 39 questions total, spread over 5 pages; most questions are multiple choice, and they estimate it will

take 10-15 minutes of your time. It is completely anonymous.

You can find the survey at [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=MMfC1BnULlirmRhLHxFGiQ\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=MMfC1BnULlirmRhLHxFGiQ_3d_3d).

For more information about the NASA Astrobiology Institute, please go to: <http://nai.nasa.gov/>.

Please contact NAI's Education and Outreach Coordinator, Daniella Scalice, with questions: [daniella.m.scalice@nasa.gov](mailto:daniella.m.scalice@nasa.gov).

#### Getting to Know You

The deadline to complete the NABT Member Survey is May31st, so please fill yours out today. Not only does the survey give us a chance to learn more about our members, but it also allows you to show your NABT pride by wearing the free pen you will receive just for participating.

Once we receive your responses, your name will be entered to win one of the great prizes donated by Ward's Natural Science, Science Kit, and Sargent Welch.

The drawing will be June 2<sup>nd</sup>, so don't miss out and get your answers to us soon!

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