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Dear Colleagues:

The University of Cincinnati is planning for the 7th Annual Southwest Ohio District **Science & Engineering Expo (SEE)** on Saturday **March 12, 2011**. The competition at UC is open to students in grades 6-12 in Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, Preble, and Warren counties. **We are inviting you to join us in judging the student research projects.** A training session will be held for all judges on the morning of the event. Breakfast, lunch, and complimentary parking will be provided.

We are searching for individuals with a bachelors degree (or higher) in a science or engineering related field (or with equivalent experience employed in a science or engineering related field) to donate their time as a judge for this year's science fair. We are also looking for those in the education field who have experience working with students in math and science. Judges have the opportunity to indicate which categories of projects they prefer to evaluate. Category choices include: Behavioral and Social Science, Biochemistry, Botany, Chemistry, Computer Science, Earth and Space Science, Engineering, Environmental Science, Mathematics, Medicine & Health Science, Microbiology, Physics, and Zoology.

You will have the opportunity to hear biologist and deep sea explorer Edith Widder speak about her specialty—marine bioluminescence (the light chemically produced by many ocean organisms). Dr. Widder has also been a leader in helping to design and invent new submersible instrumentation and equipment to enable unobtrusive deep-sea observations.

We hope you can join us for this experience that rewards the creativity and ambitions of the region's young scientists. Top projects from the UC science fair will qualify for the State Science Day to be held in Columbus on Saturday May 7, 2011.

To become a judge, please complete the online registration form at <https://www.uc.edu/ScienceFair/registration/JudgeRegistration.aspx>. Materials will be mailed to you prior to March 12th, and will also be available online. Check out our new website at www.uc.edu/sciencefair for more information. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Marcie Turner or Emily Stimpert at 513-556-4267 or marcie.turner@uc.edu or emily.stimpert@uc.edu. Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to welcoming you to the 7th Annual University of Cincinnati Science & Engineering Expo (SEE) on **March 12, 2011!**

SEE U @ UC!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Thomas A. Cruse'.

Thomas A. Cruse
Associate Provost and Director of Science Fair

