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# For Immediate Release

## Students gear up for science fairs

**NOTE TO EDITORS:** A list of regional science fairs being held throughout the province follows this release. Please contact the organizers for more information on viewing, awards presentations, or to arrange student or teacher interviews.

**HALIFAX—March 22, 2006**—Weeks of hard work will come to fruition for hundreds of junior and senior high school students as regional science fair competitions take place in communities across the province.

Students will display their research and design achievements in the fields of biotechnology, computing and mathematical sciences, earth and environmental sciences, physical and life sciences, and engineering. They will be judged on their creative ability, scientific thought, as well as the thoroughness, skill, and clarity shown in their projects.

“Students have experienced the challenges and thrills of taking a project from conception to conclusion. Many of them say how exciting it is to discover things they never expected to find,” said Cliff Coveyduc, program director of Nova Scotia Youth Experiences in Science, the province’s umbrella science fair organization. “Students are excited about the opportunity to compete against each other in a friendly competition. They want to show off their innovations and experiments.”

Those students who win at the regional level will earn a spot on Team Nova Scotia and compete at the Canada-Wide Science Fair in Saguenay, Quebec, from May 13 to 21.

This is the first time Conseil scolaire acadien provincial and Mi’kmaq First Nations schools will send delegates to the national fair. “The students are enthusiastic about earning the chance to represent our schools and the province at a national event like this,” said Andrew Smith, coordinator of the Mi’kmaq regional science fair.

Each year, more than 10,000 secondary students in Nova Scotia participate in school science fairs, with more than 1,000 students moving on to participate in a regional science fair. Approximately 40 students from ten regions then go on to represent the province at the national science fair, a prestigious event attracting more than 450 young scientists from across Canada every year.

About half a million young Canadians create science and technology projects, as part of their work at school or as a personal interest. Of these, more than 25,000 young scientists participate in nearly 100 regional science fairs throughout Canada. March has been proclaimed Youth Science Month.

The Canada-Wide Science Fair will be hosted in Truro in 2007.

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FOR BROADCAST USE:

Weeks of hard work will come to fruition for hundreds of junior and senior high school students in the next two weeks as regional science fair competitions take place in communities across the province.

Students will have a host of experiments, innovations, and studies on display as they compete for a spot on Team Nova Scotia and a trip to the Canada-Wide Science Fair in Saguenay, Quebec, in May.

Making their first appearance at the national fair this year will be students from Conseil scolaire acadien provincial and the Mi'kmaq First Nations schools.

Nova Scotia sends approximately 40 students to the Canada-Wide Science Fair each year, a prestigious event that attracts 450 of the nation's top science students.

The 2007 Canada-Wide Science Fair will take place in Truro, Nova Scotia.

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TRI-COUNTY Regional Science Fair  
March 23  
NSCC Burridge Campus 372 Pleasant Street, Yarmouth

Contact: Trevor Cunningham  
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STRAIT Regional Science Fair  
March 27-29  
Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre  
606 Reeves Street, Port Hawkesbury

Contact: Andrew Clarey  
902 235-2149  
E-mail: andrew.clarey@strait.ednet.ns.ca

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CHIGNECTO CENTRAL-WEST Regional Science Fair  
March 28-30  
Bible Hill Junior High  
741 College Road, Truro

Contact: Steve Karrel  
902 896-5500  
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ANNAPOLIS VALLEY Regional Science Fair  
March 28-31  
NSCC Annapolis Campus  
50 Elliott Road, Lawrencetown

Contact: Sheila Munro  
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CAPE BRETON-VICTORIA Regional Science Fair  
March 29-30  
Malcolm Munroe Jr. High School  
125 Kenwood Drive, Sydney

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CHIGNECTO CENTRAL-EAST Regional Science Fair  
March 29-30  
NSCC Pictou Campus  
39 Acadia Avenue, Stellarton

Contact: Deb Georgeson  
902 485-5978  
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CONSEIL SCOLAIRE ACADIEN PROVINCIAL Regional Science Fair  
March 31-April 1  
Centre Étoile de l'Acadie  
15, rue Inglis, Sydney

Contact: Normand Poirier  
902 224-5322  
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MI'KMAQ FIRST NATION Regional Science Fair  
April 5  
Indian Brook School, Hants County

Contact: Andrew Smith  
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HALIFAX Sci-Tech Expo  
April 6-7  
NSCC Akerley Campus  
21 Woodlawn Road, Dartmouth

Contact: Brad Tucker  
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SOUTH SHORE Regional Science Fair  
April 8  
Centre Consolidated School  
Lunenburg

Contact: Jane Berrigan  
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Team Nova Scotia Showcase  
April 27-29  
Dalhousie University, Student Union Building

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