Science Notes - National Youth World of Water Competition

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The National Marine Educators Association (NMEA) has announced the beginning of competition for the fourth annual National Youth World of Water Awards. Up to 20 high school science fair projects will be selected for this honor. Projects will be judged based on their creativity, scientific thought, thoroughness and clarity. All projects must deal with a topic in marine or aquatic science or engineering.

Deadline for entries is May 1, 1987, and winners of the competition and their teachers will be invited to present their work at the NMEA's National Conference. The conference will be held at the University of Rhode Island on August 3-7, 1987.

For more information, contact Sharon Meeker, Sea Grant Extension, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH 03824.

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Laboratory Safety Workshop

A three-hour workshop on laboratory safety will be offered at the national meeting of the American Chemical Society (ACS) in Denver. The program is designed for science teachers at the secondary and college level but would be of interest to technical professionals as well.

The workshop will be held in the Executive Towers Inn on Tuesday, April 7, from 6-9 p.m.

In addition to providing a review of laboratory safety fundamentals, the workshop will assist participants in developing or improving laboratory safety programs at their own schools or companies. Topics to be covered include handling, storage and disposal of chemicals, legal aspects, electrical safety and effective safety programs.

The program will be presented by Dr. James A. Kaufman of Curry College in Milton, Massachusetts. Dr. Kaufman is professor of chemistry and a laboratory safety consultant. He is founder/director of the Laboratory Safety Workshop, a national center for training and information. During the past six years he has conducted special courses at Curry and other locations around the country.

Dr. Kaufman is the author/lecturer of the ACS's new audio-course “Laboratory Safety and Health” and the author of the “Laboratory Safety Guidelines” and “Speaking of Safety.”

The workshop is co-sponsored by the ACS Division of Chemical Education and the ACS Division of Chemical Health and Safety. There is a $15 charge for registration, the instructional program and materials. Enrollment will be limited to the first 75 applicants.

Some funds will be made available for special events to cover registration fees for teachers. A letter from the principal verifying the need should accompany the request.

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