



**The Washington Academy of Sciences and its Affiliated Societies
Present Capital Science 2008 to be held March 29 – 30, 2008
at the National Science Foundation**

On Saturday and Sunday, March 29-30, 2008, The Washington Academy of Sciences and its Affiliated Societies will hold the third event of the biennial pan-Affiliate Conference Series, Capital Science 2008. This event will take place at the Conference Facility of the National Science Foundation in Arlington, VA, within a block of the Ballston Metro Stop.

With about 20 of our Affiliated Societies participating, the Conference will serve as an umbrella for scientific presentations, seminars, tutorials, and talks. These pan-Affiliate Conferences clearly demonstrate that the Washington, DC area is not only the political capital of the country but, in many respects, the nation's intellectual capital -- with several major universities and government laboratories that are the homes of an astonishing number of Nobel Prize Laureates.

In addition to the sessions organized by the various Affiliated Societies, the weekend-long event will feature three major addresses and three plenary sessions:

The Events:

- The Saturday lunch address will be presented by Dr. Mario Livio, Senior Astrophysicist and Head of the Office of Public Outreach, Space Telescope Science Institute.
- The Saturday evening dinner will feature an address by NSF Director Dr. Arden Bement.
 - The Sunday lunch will feature an address by Dr. Maxine Singer, recently retired (2002) as President of the Carnegie Institute and Scientist Emeritus at the National Cancer Institute.

The Plenary Sessions:

- *Tissue Ownership: Ethical, Legal, and Policy Considerations*, led by Dr. William Gardner, Executive Director, American Registry of Pathology.
- *International Polar Research*, led by the Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation
- *Science and Engineering in the Courtroom: Ethics and the Expert Witness*, led by Dr. Mark S. Frankel, AAAS. The presentation will be preceded by a reception.

Online registration will be available soon. Check the website for updates at:

<http://www.washacadsci.org>

Even if you are not a member of the Washington Academy of Sciences or a participating Affiliated Society, plan to attend the Conference. It is certainly among this area's premier events on science.

For questions, suggestions, or other communications about Capital Science 2008, please contact Peg Kay, Chair of the Organizing Committee: pegkay@washacadsci.org