I am honored to be President of such a unique organization as the Kentucky Academy of Science (KAS) whose goals are to support and enhance the practice of science and the education of young scientists throughout the Commonwealth. To be sure, there is a definite need for such an organization, which can look beyond individual institutional missions, to provide a venue for cooperation and a network for collaboration in research and science education. So, my congratulations to all of you who have contributed so much to this spirit of cooperation over the years, to you who nurtured the KAS in the 20th century, and to all who brought KAS to its present status in this new millennium.

We all know that we have great scientists and educators in KY, but we also know that science in our state still has a long way to go before it is recognized as being truly competitive at the national level. To become more competitive with other states we need to find new ways to develop collaborations between our scientists and our institutions. To use a sports analogy, we need a KY all-stars team, with contributions from all institutions, so that we can play in the national arena of science. Therefore, I urge all college presidents, deans, and departmental chairs, as well as CEOs of all science related businesses, and leaders of all science organizations in KY to support the KAS in its endeavors to provide a larger multi-institutional framework for science in KY. The KAS is one of the few local vehicles through which we can advance our common goal to be in the forefront of the nation's scientific enterprise. You can make a good start by encouraging your science and engineering faculty to join KAS and by encouraging your science and engineering students to make presentations of their research at the KAS annual meeting in November. Through such actions we will be able to build science capacity through collaboration and build pipelines to successful careers for our students.

At our February 2006 retreat, we identified our new motto "KAS - The Voice of Science in KY" which is now highlighted in a few places on our wonderfully refurnished website (www.kyscience.org). Also a multi-year plan of action was developed and subsequently honed by the KAS Board. We will submit this plan to our website in the near future so that you can all participate in its implementation. We will also hold a February or March retreat this year, at which we will engage our committees in the task of implementing the most important action-items as soon as possible. Our top priority must be to increase the level of our membership beyond its current 700 members. Just as the boundaries of science are continually adapting and growing, we too need to continue to adapt and grow. So, on behalf of the KAS Board, I urge those of you who are not yet members, to join a great community of scientists, get involved, and help KY-science realize its full potential.

Nigel Cooper

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Annual Meeting Report

The 92nd meeting of the Kentucky Academy of Science was held at Morehead State University November 9-11, 2006. The meeting was very well attended with 647 people registered, including 337 students.

Activities started on Thursday evening with a Symposium entitled “Evolutionary Theory, Dinosaurs and Birds” with presentations from Dr. Robert Martin of Murray State University, Dr. Luis Chiappe of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, and Dr. Larry Martin of the University of Kansas. A Geography Symposium on Friday afternoon focused on “Building the Kentucky Mesonet Consortium” while the Friday Plenary Session featured Dr. Robert Cohn or the University of Louisville speaking on “Nanotechnology.” The Awards Banquet speaker was Dr. James K. Rowlett of the Harvard Medical School, who spoke on on “Valium Revisited: CNS Targets for the Treatment of Anxiety Disorders” to over 300 banquet attendees. Saturday morning workshops included “How Do We Explain the Diversity of Life on Earth” and “Submitting Federal Proposals via grants.gov”.

There were 229 oral presentations with 89 in the Undergraduate Research Competition (URC) and 30 in the Graduate Research Competition (GRC). There were 133 poster presentations, with 95 in the URC.

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Next year’s meeting will be co-hosted by the University of Louisville and Bellarmine University, in Louisville, KY on November 8-10, 2007.

2006 Undergraduate Research Competition Winners

Congratulations to the following students who won awards. Congratulations also to their mentors and a special thanks to those who devoted their time to judge the presentations. Oral presentation winners are listed by place; only first place was awarded for posters.

**AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES**
1st: Yoon-Hyeon Hu, Ky State U.
2nd: Carmen Haynes, Ky State U.
3rd: Michael Somuah, Ky State U.

**ANTHROPOLOGY & SOCIOLOGY**
1st: Laura Robbins, Northern Ky U.
2nd: Samantha Wang, Ky State U.
3rd: Meghan Zahndt, Northern Ky U.
4th: Melony Stambaugh, Northern Ky U.

**BOTANY**
1st: Channing Richardson, Morehead State U.
Poster: Suzanne D. Truesdell, Northern Ky U.

**CELLULAR & MOLECULAR BIOLOGY**
1st: Katharina Hopp, Brescia
2nd: David Soleiman-Meigooni, U. of Louisville
3rd: Tammy Lundblad, Centre
Poster: Sharon Lee, Eastern Ky U.

**CHEMISTRY**
1st: Jorden Kass, Eastern Ky U.
2nd: Becca M. Sandlin, Western Ky U.
3rd: Kristina Keck, Berea College
4th: Shannon Logan, Murray State U.
Poster: Christopher D. Poteet, Western Ky U.

**COMPUTER & INFORMATION SCIENCE**
1st: Todd Willey, U. of Ky
2nd: Leslie Slasor, Eastern Ky U.
3rd: Siaw Li Chan, Eastern Ky U.
Poster: tie: Nkiruka Ezenwajiaku, Eastern Ky U., Mustupha B. Bojang, Eastern Ky U.

**ECOLOGY & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE**
1st: Emilie Throop, Berea College
2nd: Jonathan Bowers, Western Ky U.
3rd: Cabrina Hamilton, Western Ky U.
Poster: Jeremiah Alexander, Eastern Ky U.

**ENGINEERING**
1st: Toby Hale, Morehead State U.
2nd: Trisha Edington, Morehead State U.

**GEOGRAPHY**
1st: Ashley Littell, Western Ky U.
Poster: Jill Hunter, NA

**GEOLOGY**
1st: Neil Russell, U. of Ky
2nd: Nathan Landrum, U. of Ky
3rd: Megan Ennis, Morehead State U.
4th: Wesley Smith, Morehead State U.
Poster: Damon Dye, Northern Ky U.

**HEALTH SCIENCES**
1st: Samuel Adediran, Berea College
2nd: Drew Duerson, Bellarmine U.
3rd: Heather Short, Ky State U.
4th: Stephen Fowler, Bellarmine U.
Poster: K. Clark, Berea College

**MICROBIOLOGY**
1st: Brittany Hale, Ashbury College
2nd: Ashley N. Tepe, Northern Ky U.
Poster: Clint Banks, Morehead State U.

**PHYSICS & ASTRONOMY**
1st: Kannatassen Appavoo, Berea College
2nd: Brady Doepke, Morehead State U.
3rd: Vishal Nazareth, Thomas More College
4th: James Atwood, Morehead State U.
Poster: Brady Doepke, Morehead State U.

**PHYSIOLOGY & BIOCHEMISTRY**
1st: Courtny Thomason, Murray State U.
2nd: Adam Pfendt, Wood Hudson
3rd: Ronald R. Gilley, Western Ky U.
4th: Marques D. Hogan, Ky State U.
Poster: Ryan D. Grey, Morehead State U.

**PSYCHOLOGY**
1st: Clell Watts, Morehead State U.
2nd, Tie: Joseph Mayhorn, Morehead State U.

**SCIENCE EDUCATION**
1st: Ashley N. Wallace, Bellarmine
Poster: Emily Jean Hicks, EKU

**ZOOLOGY**
1st: Bobby Cassady, Centre College
2nd: Amanda Webb, Western Ky U.
Poster: Brittany Wright, Pikeville College
Kentucky Academy of Science Governing Board Changes

The Nominations and Elections Committee congratulates those who won election to office and expresses sincere appreciation to all those willing to serve the Academy by allowing their names to be placed into nomination.

Newly elected Board members:
- Vice-President – Robin Cooper, UK
- Discipline Representatives:
  - Physical Sciences – Eric Jerde, Morehead State University
  - Social & Behavioral Sciences – Ken Tankersley, Northern Kentucky University

Board members retiring:
- Bruce Mattingly, Past President;
- Mark Blankenbuehler, Physical Sciences Rep.;
- David Hogan, Social & Behavioral Sciences Rep.

Ken Carstens resigned from the Board and Robert Kingsolver has been appointed Board Secretary to fill his vacant position.

Messages from the Executive Director

The coming year promises to be an exciting year for the Kentucky Academy of Science! Mark your calendars for the 2007 KAS Annual Meeting co-hosted by the University of Louisville and Bellarmine University November 8, 9, and 10.

So that KAS can keep you informed regarding the 2007 Annual Meeting and other Academy events, please update your contact information in the KAS online database as needed. Feel free to contact me if you have any problems logging into the KAS webpage (www.kyscience.org) or need any other assistance. Also, while you are logged into the website, don’t forget to update your KAS Membership for 2007 so that you will be listed in the KAS online directory.

The Sixth Annual Posters-at-the-Capitol will be held February 15, 2007 during the legislative session in Frankfort. This event is designed to celebrate the research, scholarly, and creative experiences of undergraduate students at Kentucky’s eight public universities.

The April KAS Board Meeting and KAS Board Retreat will be held on the afternoon of Friday, April 20, and the afternoon of Saturday, April 21 at Campbellsville/Campbellsville University.

Best wishes,

Jeanne Harris, KAS Executive Director
executivedirector@kyscience.org
859-227-2837

Director of the KY Junior Academy of Science Sought

The KAS is now recruiting applicants for the following position: Director of the Kentucky Junior Academy of Science.

Job Description: The Director of the Junior Academy of Science is responsible for administration of all activities of the Junior Academy. The Director shall cooperate with the Junior Academy Steering Committee to develop and promote the Junior Academy as the principle science education outreach of the Academy. He/she shall plan and conduct the annual spring Symposium of the Junior Academy and shall publicize this and other Junior Academy events. He/she shall periodically provide reports to the Governing Board on the activities of the Junior Academy.

I. GOALS
- Promote and foster an interest in science for high school and middle school students in Kentucky,
- Coordinate and oversee all aspects of the KJAS annual meeting,
- Oversee all administration duties of the Junior Academy, and
- Recruit and retain new schools and new individuals into the Junior Academy.

II. RESPONSIBILITIES
- Review all current Junior Academy operations and materials for content and consistency to the KAS,
- Research other Junior Academies and summarize important components of these programs,
- Produce a more detailed version of the responsibilities and tasks of the Junior Academy,
- Assemble a list of potential judges and resource persons for the annual meeting,
- Develop a database of potential schools to join, including the names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of principle contacts.
- Develop a comprehensive plan to promote the Junior Academy,
- Oversee all on-site and day-to-day operations of annual meeting from finding a location, soliciting vendors, to securing rooms and other accommodations,
- Twice per year, disseminate information via a newsletter, about the Academy, its annual meeting, and the national organization's activities,
- Attend the quarterly KAS Board meetings and the annual national meeting of the American Junior Academy of Sciences,
- Provide quarterly reports to the KAS Board.

III. Stipend
- $1000/annually

Please submit a letter of interest and current CV by February 15th to:

Dr. Chris Lorentz, Chairman
KAS Committee on Science Education
Chris.Lorentz@Thomasmore.edu

Congratulations to the following winners of door prizes at the 2006 KAS Annual Meeting:
- Marcia Pierce (EKU) - $25 Staples
- Terisa Hall (Phelps Elementary School) - $25 Staples
- Martha Marlette (KSU) - $25 Office Max
The recipient of the 2006 Outstanding College/University Teacher Award is Dr. Terry Derting, Professor of Biological Sciences at Murray State University. Dr. Derting received her doctorate from Indiana University; M.A from Virginia Polytechnic Institute; and B.A. from Mount Holyoke College. She is a member of numerous professional organizations, including the American Society of Mammalogists, Association of College and University Biology Educators, Council on Undergraduate Research, and the BioQUEST Curriculum Consortium. She has served as the President and Vice President of the Association of College and University Biology Educators; as associate editor of Undergraduate Research in Behavior, Ecology and Evolution; and as president of the Murray Chapter of Sigma Xi. As stated in one of her letters of support for the Superlative award, “Dr. Derting is the essence of a scientist and teacher.” She not only practices the paradigm shift that we advocate in undergraduate education – moving from “me as the teacher” in center stage to “you as the learner” – she’s helped invent it and helped others adopt it.

The recipient of the 2006 Distinguished College/University Scientist Award is Dr. Wei-Ping Pan, Professor of Chemistry at Western Kentucky University. Dr. Pan received his undergraduate education at Chun-Yuan University and later completed both his master’s and doctoral education at Michigan Technological University. Dr. Pan is a member of numerous professional organizations, including the American Chemical Society, International Confederation for Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry, North American Thermal Analysis Society, and the American Society of Test Methods. Dr. Pan is a Fellow of the North American Thermal Analysis Society, a past president of the organization, and the recipient of the Society’s 2004 Service Award. Dr. Pan is an internationally-recognized leader in clean coal technologies that will help coal-fired power plants meet EPA’s new, more stringent mercury emissions standards. He is a respected expert in thermal analysis, combustion science, and mercury emissions.
The 2006 recipient of the Outstanding Secondary School Science Teacher Award is Ms. Kim Black, lead science teacher at Elizabethtown High School. Ms. Black received both her bachelor’s and master’s degree from Western Kentucky University. She serves on her school’s Professional Development Committee and is the chairperson of their Science Curriculum Development Committee. Ms. Black was the lead teacher in an effort that has increased the performance of Elizabethtown High School students on the CATS science test over the past three years by 14%. Words used to describe Ms. Black by a senior member of her system’s administration include “model teacher”, “outstanding” and “one of the top teachers with whom I have been associated with in my twenty-one year tenure in education.”

The recipient of the 2006 Outstanding Academy Service Award is Ms. Elizabeth Kay Sutton, Instructor of Chemistry at Campbellsville University. Ms. Sutton received both her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Eastern Kentucky University. She began her tenure at Campbellsville University in 1986. Ms. Sutton is a member of the American Chemical Society and the Kentucky Academy of Science. She is past Director of the Kentucky Junior Academy of Science and has served on the KAS board. As Director of the KAS Junior Academy, she has been responsible for organizing and hosting the annual Junior Academy spring event. One of the letters of recommendation for this award stated, “The Junior Academy occurred due to Kay’s dedication, enthusiasm, and plain old hard work.” She made the event what it has become, with the 2006 KJAS Spring Symposium hosting 110 student presentations, the largest number on record.
Research Funds Available

Special Research Program

The program of KAS special research awards is directed particularly to faculty in Kentucky higher education institutions, public or private, involved primarily in undergraduate education. Awards of up to $10,000 will be available as funding allows.

Undergraduate Research Program

KAS makes available funds for research planned and conducted by undergraduate students of Kentucky colleges and universities under the supervision of a faculty member who is a member of the Kentucky Academy of Science. Currently, two undergraduate research grant programs are available: Undergraduate Research Supply Grants with awards of up to $500, and Summer Undergraduate Research Grants with awards of up to $3,000.

Marcia Athey and Botany Funds

The KAS Foundation makes available through the Marcia Athey Fund and the Botany Fund monies for research planned and conducted by students of Kentucky secondary schools, colleges, and universities under the supervision of a faculty member, and if funds permit, faculty research projects. Faculty sponsors/researchers must be KAS members. Awards normally are in the several hundred dollars range, though in extraordinary circumstances some higher awards may be possible.

Funding Request Deadline for all programs: November 15, 2007. Detailed instructions for preparing proposals can be found on our web site at www.kyscience.org. For more information contact:

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Graduate Research Competition Winners

AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES
1st: Ashley Monfort, Western Kentucky University
2nd: Travis Bailey, Kentucky State University
3rd: Kyle Daniel, Western Kentucky University

BOTANY
1st: Amy McIntosh, Eastern Kentucky University

CELLULAR & MOLECULAR BIOLOGY
1st: Christopher M. Whitaker, University of Louisville

CHEMISTRY
1st: Prasanna Kudimvscula, Murray State University
2nd: Suresh Nune, Murray State University

COMPUTER & INFORMATION SCIENCE
1st, Tie: Aladdin Al-Haddad, Eastern Kentucky University
1st, Tie: Elizabeth Cha, University of Louisville
2nd: Elissaveta Arnaoudova, University of Kentucky

ECOLOGY & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
1st: Catherine Byers, University of Louisville
2nd: Chad Hanna, University of Louisville
3rd: E. Natasha Vanderhoff, University of Louisville

GEOLGY
1st: Eric Anderson, University of Kentucky
2nd: Tammy Jones, Eastern Kentucky University
3rd: Matt Caddell, Eastern Kentucky University
4th: David Deigert, Eastern Kentucky University

MATHEMATICS
1st: Brandon Williams, Kentucky State University

MICROBIOLOGY
1st: Margaret Grosser, Murray State University

PHYSICS
1st: Jennifer Carter, Morehead State University

PHYSIOLOGY & BIOCHEMISTRY
1st: Caodi Fang, University of Kentucky
2nd: Julie B. Schuck, Eastern Kentucky University

PSYCHOLOGY
1st: Lisa D. Hinkle, Morehead State University

Griffith Memorial Award
1st (Tie): Sarah M. Rumbley, Morehead State University
1st (Tie): Luke K. Sherrill, Morehead State University
2nd: Lisa D. Hinkle, Morehead State University

SCIENCE EDUCATION
1st: Joann M. Lau, Bellarmine

ZOOLOGY
1st: Jodi Stacy, Eastern Kentucky University
2nd: Jason Fisher, Eastern Kentucky University
3rd: Gabe Jenkins, Eastern Kentucky University

Call For Papers

The Journal of the Kentucky Academy of Science, now in its 68th year, is published through Allen Press each spring and fall and is abstracted through BioOne. The Journal publishes peer reviewed articles from all disciplines within the Academy. Turnaround time usually is six months or less, and page charges ($35/page) are very reasonable. The Journal accepts regular articles (12-20 manuscript pages), scientific notes (2-5 pages), and will accept Letters to the Editor. The Journal also seeks series of manuscripts that result from special workshops or conferences. In these cases, a special editor may be appointed. All manuscripts should be sent to:

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Hancock Biological Station
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Murray KY 42072

Instructions for authors can be found at www.kyscience.org. Please call 270-474-2272 or e-mail the editor at david.white@murraystate.edu for more information.
### 2007 KAS Grant Recipients

#### SPECIAL RESEARCH PROGRAM

Daikwon Han, Morehead State University: Spatial Analysis of Breast Cancer in Kentucky, $9,304

#### UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PROGRAM

Sarah Weidinger/Melissa Burns-Cusato, Centre College: Proxi-mate Mechanisms Underlying Monogamy in Ring Neck Dove: The Nature of the “Nest-Bond”, $565

Karen Burwinkel/David Thompson, Northern Kentucky University: Cytochrome P50 1A1 and Arsenic in Benzo(a)pyrene-induced Carcinogenesis, $2,631

#### MARCIA ATHEY FUND

Stephanie Galla/Dayle Saar, Murray State University: Taxonomic Status and Natural History of an Exceptionally Large-leafed Mulberry (Morus rubra: Moraceae) in Western Kentucky, $488.66

Christine Lattin/Gary Ritchison, Eastern Kentucky University: Intra- and intersexual functions of singing by male Blue Gros-beaks (Guiraca caeruella): the role of within-song variation, $1,308.20

#### BOTANY FUND

No proposals were funded.

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