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I invite you to join in helping today's youth meet tomorrow's challenge.

More than 800 of the best and brightest science students in the United States and 19 countries are gathering this week in Mississippi Beach, Miss., for the 44th annual International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF).

This pool of remarkable young talent will compete for prizes based on science projects that won awards at 416 affiliated science fairs.

Over 800 judges who are professionals in the fields of science, mathematics, and engineering will judge the projects and interview each student before choosing Grand Awards winners in 14 scientific categories.

The categories include Behavioral and Social Sciences, Biochemistry, Botany, Chemistry, Computer Science, Earth and Space Sciences, Engineering, Environmental Sciences, Mathematics, Medicine and Health, Microbiology, Physics, Zoology, and Team Projects.

Science Service is introducing a multidisciplinary category for Team Projects at this year's ISEF. Teams may consist of up to three students. Projects in all 14 categories are judged on creativity, originality, thoroughness, and skill.

This week's fair is the crowning event in a year-long process involving thousands of schools and more than one million students not only from the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, and American Samoa, but also from Canada, Finland, Ireland, Japan, the Republic of China, Sweden, the United Kingdom, the European Economic Community, South America, New Zealand, and the Caribbean Islands.

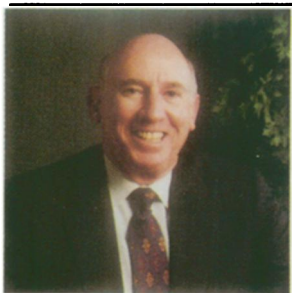
Four major U.S. corporations provide leadership in supporting science education by sponsoring some of the Grand Awards categories.

- **Intel Foundation**—Engineering
- **Northern Telecom**—Mathematics
- **McDonnell Douglas**—Computer Science
- **Phillips Petroleum Company**—Environmental Sciences

Science Service, Inc., a nonprofit corporation and publisher of *Science News*, is proud to have administered the program since its beginning 44 years ago.

The Grand Awards are recognized as among the world's most prestigious academic honors. In this new age of global competitiveness, these companies are helping to motivate our students and to encourage them to pursue careers in science, engineering, and mathematics. The corporate support of the Grand Awards program is the type of encouragement students need to lead them into teaching and research professions.

I call on other corporations to join in supporting the effort to broaden science, mathematics, and engineering education. For a minimum investment, companies can get maximum payoff—solutions to the massive problems society faces which can only come from advanced technologies developed through science and engineering.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alfred S. McLaren'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Alfred S. McLaren

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