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The Scripps Research Institute to Host Seminar for Area Science Teachers

La Jolla, CA. November 15, 1995 -- The Scripps Research Institute (TSRI) will host a seminar for middle school and high school science teachers, "Contemporary Issues in Biomedical Research," on Friday, November 17, 1995, on the Scripps campus. The purpose of the program is to acquaint the teachers with some of the latest developments in current basic biomedical science, provide information on the skills required in today's environment to pursue a career in science, and suggest ways to encourage students to consider furthering their science education.

The program is being coordinated in conjunction with the Partnerships in Education Program of the San Diego City Schools.

According to William H. Beers, Ph.D., TSRI Senior Vice President, "The Institute shares a commitment with many other research organizations to maintain this country's preeminence in science. We feel a responsibility to the community to guide and assist students and provide them with opportunities to explore and pursue educational and career paths in the biological sciences. By working closely with teachers and administrators, we feel that we can begin to have a positive effect on the educational system and help to bring the excitement of science into the classroom."

Janet Delaney, Director of the Partnerships in Education Program, San Diego City Schools, notes, "We need to give our teachers an increased appreciation for what is happening in the
business community and the private sector. It is important for our educators to begin to instill in their students a relevance for today's complex and challenging work environment. Creating a smooth transition from the classroom to the workforce is one of our goals. We are fortunate to have such a rich and multifaceted scientific community in San Diego that has the desire and willingness to work with educators and students."

The morning session will consist of formal presentations by Dr. Beers; Paula Dean, Vice President of Human Resources and Education; Donald Hilvert, Ph.D., Member, Department of Chemistry; Martin Friedlander, M.D., Ph.D., Assistant Member, Department of Cell Biology; and Peter Brooks, Ph.D., Senior Research Associate, Department of Immunology. In addition, a panel discussion will be conducted by scientists, teachers and students who have participated in TSRI's Summer Research Internship Program.

At the lunch hour, teachers will have an opportunity to interact with scientists from the Institute's eight research departments as well as members of TSRI's administrative management team. This will allow teachers to gain insight into individual areas of bioscience, as well as personal career paths leading to careers in research.

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