

Testing in science is coming. Are you sure your students will perform well enough to meet requirements? If you need to build your skills, learn new content, and develop new strategies to raise performance, the National Science Teachers Association can help. **The NSTA National Conference on Science Education is happening in New Orleans, March 18-22, 2009.** Join 10,000 science educators at this premier event and take advantage of expert-led workshops on critical topics, presentations by renowned speakers, and sessions for every discipline and grade band. With nearly 2000 sessions to choose from, you'll surely find what you need most. Here is just a sample of what you can expect in professional development.

- Scientist, comedian, teacher, and author **Bill Nye the Science Guy**, one of the original founders of The Planetary Society will present on studying the planet from space.
- Renowned ethnobotanist **Mark Plotkin** will speak on "Rain Forests, Medicine Men, and Google Earth: Curing the Incurable and Saving the Amazon in Six Dimensions"
- **Detecting, Diagnosing, and Coping with Students' Chemistry and Physics Misconceptions** (High School)
- **Developing Literacy and Addressing Content Standards Through Issue-oriented Science** (High School)
- **Hopping Into Math and Science Integration** (Elem-Middle)
- **The Inquiry Carnival: A Potpourri of Activities to Identify, Discuss, and Define Process Skills Used in Inquiry-based Science** (Middle)
- **Innovative Technology in Science Instruction** (Middle-High)
- **Science Fair Projects for Elementary Students** (Elem)
- **Phenomena of Nature: Developing, Classifying, and Answering Investigative Science Questions in the K-8 Classroom** (Elem/Supervision)
- **Assessing the Effects of Professional Development on Teacher Pedagogical Knowledge** (Supervision)

There is a lot more to consider including **Day Long Programs** i.e. Informal Day, **Professional Development Institutes** (ticketed) that are comprehensive and focused study sessions, field trips, and the Exhibition Hall where you can view new products and bring home hundreds of freebies for the classroom. **Graduate credit** can be earned by attending 12 hours of conference programs. Take advantage of our advanced deadline extended to Feb. 20 for the best savings. For additional information, visit www.nsta.org/conference.