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# **ADDING MULTIMEDIA World's Largest Pre-College Science Competition Opens Today**

## **More Than 1,500 Students from 50 Countries to Compete in Intel International Science and Engineering Fair**

RENO, Nev.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Young scientists from around the world are in Reno, Nev. to compete in the world's largest pre-college science competition: the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair 2009, a program of the Society for Science & the Public. More than 1,500 students from 56 countries, regions and territories will share ideas, showcase cutting-edge research and inventions, and compete for nearly \$4 million in scholarships and awards. The top three winners will each be awarded a \$50,000 scholarship from the Intel Foundation.

The high school students who participate in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair are the innovators of tomorrow. In fact, more than 20 percent of 2009 participants have a patent or are considering applying for one for their research. Finalists' projects tackle challenging scientific questions that address some of today's most pressing global issues such as climate change, cancer, alternative fuels, driver safety and world hunger.

Intel Chairman Craig Barrett will open the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair 2009 at a ceremony from 6:30-9:30 p.m. PDT tonight at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center. Additionally, finalists will present their projects to the public on May 14, from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. PDT (students will be with their projects from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. PDT) at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center.

"It is encouraging to see how the young men and women at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair have developed novel solutions to some of the world's toughest problems," Barrett said. "I've been learning from these young scientists since Intel began sponsorship in 1996 and look forward to seeing how their innovations will improve the global economy in the years to come."

Intel's commitment to education extends far beyond this program. Over the past decade alone, the company has invested more than \$1 billion, and its employees have donated more than 2.5 million hours toward improving education in 50 countries. In October 2008, the Intel Foundation pledged \$120 million over the next 10 years to Society for Science & the Public to continue support for the Intel Science Talent Search and for the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. The funding also includes resources to launch a teacher's Fellows Program and an alumni program to unite past participants of the International Science and Engineering Fair and the Intel Science Talent Search as mentors for future generations. To learn more about Intel's Education Initiative, visit [www.intel.com/education](http://www.intel.com/education).

Society for Science & the Public, a nonprofit organization dedicated to public engagement in

scientific research and education, owns and has administered the International Science and Engineering Fair since its inception in 1950. "For 60 years, this program has united the world's most talented young researchers from the around the globe. The Intel ISEF provides these remarkable students the opportunity to showcase the quality and depth of their research, and give us all hope for the future of our planet and our society," said Elizabeth Marincola, president of Society for Science & the Public. To learn more about the organization and its programs and publications, visit [www.societyforscience.org](http://www.societyforscience.org).

Intel International Science and Engineering Fair finalists are selected annually from more than 550 International Science and Engineering Fair-affiliated fairs around the world. Their projects are then evaluated onsite by more than 1,000 judges from nearly every scientific discipline, each typically with a Ph.D. or the equivalent of 6 years of related professional experience in one of the scientific disciplines. A full listing of finalists is available at [www.societyforscience.org](http://www.societyforscience.org).

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