

The National Science Board Task Force on International Science will be holding its first Hearing and Roundtable Discussion on International Science Partnerships, Thursday, May 11, 2006 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This one-day event will be co-hosted by and take place at George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs in Washington, D.C. The Task Force on International Science has been established to examine the role of the U.S. Government in supporting international science and engineering (S&E) partnerships.

The Board was established by Congress as part of the National Science Foundation (NSF) Act of 1950, and has two important roles. It provides oversight for, and establishes the policies of, NSF. However, it also serves as an independent body of advisors to both the President and Congress on broad national policy issues related to science and engineering research and education. All Board Members are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate.

The May 11th Hearing and Roundtable Discussion will focus on the role of the U.S. Government in international S&E partnerships and will address the many changes that have occurred in global science and engineering related to research, education, politics, and the technical workforce in recent years. Partnerships between U.S. and non-U.S. scientists and engineers, both in the U.S. and in other countries, will be discussed, as well as how these partnerships might be used to achieve benefits such as improved relations between countries and improved quality of life and environmental protection in developing countries. Panels will address multiple aspects of international science partnerships including policy perspectives, funding issues, and the role of mission agencies and NGOs in facilitating cooperation.

The hearing will take place at The Elliott School of International Affairs, 1957 E Street 7th Floor, City View Room. The event is open to the public, but seating is limited. The agenda and other background information are available on the NSB website at <http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/>

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