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Current News From the Marian Koshland Science Museum

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Can Senior Executives Explain Their Science to Fifth Graders? Science and Engineering Festival Press Conference

September 24, 2010 – WASHINGTON – Come see a preview of the USA Science & Engineering Festival. Find out: What makes the iPhone work, how to configure a virtual reality city, how to extract DNA from strawberries, how algae can help fuel the future, upcoming adventures for the Meteorite Men, a mobile lab showcasing renewable energy sources created through biotechnology, and much more.

Media Alert

Koshland Science Museum Announces Fall Events

August 26, 2010 – WASHINGTON – Beginning in September, the Marian Koshland Science Museum of the National Academy of Sciences will offer a new season of public programs focused on cognition and communication. From video "brain games" to science trivia, expect to be intellectually challenged this fall at the museum.

Media Alert

Koshland Science Museum Announces New Slate of Events

December 14, 2009 – WASHINGTON – Beginning in January, the Marian Koshland Science Museum is offering several public programs and free "science cafés" that explore a wide range of topics, from identity theft to the U.S. Census to viruses such as influenza and AIDS. The public programs will take place at the Koshland Science Museum; the science cafés will be held at Busboys and Poets, 5th and K Streets, N.W.

Media Alert

Koshland Science Museum Explores Emerging Technology in Fall Programs

August 18, 2009 – WASHINGTON – Beginning in September, the Marian Koshland Science Museum is offering a slate of public programs that explores how the next generation of technologies will shape the study of climate change, exploration of the universe, surveillance of infectious diseases, and the creation of art through science.

Media Alert

Koshland Exhibits Manager Quoted in the Yale Forum on Climate Change & the Media

June 16, 2009 – The Yale Forum on Climate Change and the Media has an excellent piece on the role of museums in science education. Our Exhibits Manager, Sapna Batish, is quoted in the article.

Media Alert

Koshland Science Museum Announces Summer Program Lineup

May 15, 2009 – *Washington, DC* – This summer the Marian Koshland Science Museum is offering a slate of public programs on such topics as professional science writing, how bacteria operate, the built environment and human health, and food safety. A schedule of events, which begin in June, follows:

Media Alert

Director of Koshland Science Museum Selected for Prestigious Fellowship Program

March 26, 2009 – *Washington, DC* – Patrice Legro, director of the Marian Koshland Science Museum, has been named a 2009-2010 Noyce Leadership Fellow. The fellowships, sponsored by the Noyce Foundation's Leadership Institute, are designed to assist chief executives in science centers and related institutions "... move forward with greater effectiveness and public impact in the 21st century."

Media Alert

Koshland Science Museum Announces Spring Program Lineup

March 19, 2009 – *Washington, DC* – Beginning in April, a series of events at the Marian Koshland Science Museum will explore climate change and possible solutions from many different angles. In addition, the museum will host a free family day that focuses on keeping pets and their people healthy. The schedule of events follows:

Media Alert

Media Note

February 9, 2009 - Washington, DC - Koshland Science Museum featured on Fox 5 Morning News.

Media Alert

Koshland Science Museum Announces Winter Program Lineup

December 31, 2008 – *Washington, DC* – Beginning in January, The Marian Koshland Science Museum is offering "The Dish," an array of public programs that provides participants a sociable way to engage in current scientific topics. In addition, the museum will host a special educators forum in February. The schedule of events follows. Please note: events will take place at the Koshland Science Museum unless otherwise noted.

Media Alert

Koshland Science Museum Celebrates Global Entrepreneurship Week With Nov. 19 Event

October 30, 2008 – *Washington, DC* – The Marian Koshland Science Museum has joined hundreds of partners around the world to celebrate Global Entrepreneurship Week Nov. 17 – 23, designed to inspire innovation, creativity, and imagination among young people in more than 75 countries. As part of that effort, on Wednesday, Nov. 19, the Koshland will host an Innovation Tournament open to all would-be entrepreneurs and display results of the museum's team in Stanford University's Global Innovation Tournament, a worldwide competition.

Media Alert

Koshland Science Museum's Online Interactive Sheds New Light on World Trends

October 15, 2008 – *Washington, DC* –The Marian Koshland Science Museum has launched an online, interactive exhibit that reveals fascinating stories about the world by allowing people to view changes in energy use around the world. The display, “Lights at Night,” provides a navigable, astronaut’s-eye view of the Earth at night using satellite data that spans a decade. Comparing the differences in energy use over time can starkly illustrate trends about people’s economic, political, and living situations in many different regions of the world.

Media Alert

Koshland Science Museum Announces Fall Programs

August 25, 2008 – *Washington, DC* – Beginning this September, the Marian Koshland Science Museum of the National Academy of Sciences is offering an array of public programs designed to engage curious minds of all ages in a variety of activities. A schedule of public events follows.

Media Alert

Koshland Science Museum Announces Summer Programs

June 16, 2008 – *Washington, DC* –The Marian Koshland Science Museum of the National Academy of Sciences has lined up an exciting new slate of events. There is something for everyone this season at Koshland. Make a quantum leap beyond the usual science museum experience and attend a public program this summer!

Media Alert

Marian Koshland Science Museum Forms Partnership with Science Centre Singapore

May 15, 2008 – *Washington, DC* –In a new collaboration, the Marian Koshland Science Museum of the National Academy of Sciences is licensing several components of its global warming and infectious diseases exhibits to the Science Centre Singapore. The partnership marks an expansion of the Koshland Science Museum's efforts to bring its work to international audiences by teaming up with other museums and science centers around the world.

Media Alert

Koshland Science Museum Announces Spring Programs

March 21, 2008 – *Washington, DC* –The Marian Koshland Science Museum of the National Academy of Sciences has lined up an exciting new slate of events. From science comedian Brian Malow to a free family day about pollinators, there is something for everyone this season at Koshland. Make a quantum leap beyond the usual science museum experience and attend a public program this spring!

Media Alert

Media Note

January 31, 2008 – *Washington, DC* –The Marian Koshland Science Museum of the National Academy of Sciences was featured on WUSA 9 News Now’s morning program.

Media Alert

Koshland Science Museum Announces Winter Programs

December 10, 2007 - Washington, DC - The Marian Koshland Science Museum of the National Academy of Sciences has lined up an exciting new slate of events to engage the public in some of today's most fascinating science. Programs beginning in January 2008 will include an illustrated tour of the fundamental concepts of science by award-winning writers Natalie Angier and Rick Weiss, an examination of the state of the world's coral reefs, and a discussion with the hosts and producer of Radio Lab, the popular National Public Radio show.

Media Alert

Briefing on a New Web Resource to Address Global Drinking Water Crisis

September 5, 2007 - The U.S. National Academy of Sciences and the Global Health and Education Foundation are joining more than 125 science, engineering, and medical academies around the world to take action on the global drinking water crisis by launching the Web site, "Safe Drinking Water Is Essential," www.drinking-water.org.

Media Alert

Koshland Science Museum Announces Fall Programs

August 10, 2007 - Washington, DC - Beginning this September, the Marian Koshland Science Museum of the National Academy of Sciences will bring top scientists and policy experts together in a series of public programs to discuss important scientific issues of the day, including the global burden of infectious disease, the latest breakthroughs in energy technology, and scientific and ethical issues surrounding stem cell research. On the cultural side, the Princeton Laptop Orchestra will appear at the museum in their debut performance in Washington, D.C.

Media Alert



In Memoriam: Daniel E. Koshland Jr. (1920-2007)

July 25, 2007 - Washington, DC - Daniel E. Koshland Jr., eminent scientist and founder of the Marian Koshland Science Museum of the National Academy of Sciences, died in California on July 23. Koshland was a professor of biochemistry at the University of California at Berkeley and long-time member of the National Academy of Sciences.

Media Alert

Koshland Science Museum Announces Summer Events

May 23, 2007 - Washington, DC - This summer, the Marian Koshland Science Museum of the National Academy of Sciences will offer a sample of public programs about an essential resource - water. From a global perspective, find out about the power of extreme waves. Bringing the subject closer to home, examine the special issues of the Chesapeake Bay watershed and the introduction of non-native oysters.

Media Alert

Koshland Science Museum Announces Spring Events

March 16, 2007 - Washington, DC - The Marian Koshland Science Museum has put together a schedule of public events to usher in the spring. To celebrate its new interactive exhibit, *Infectious Disease: Evolving Challenges to Human Health*, the Marian Koshland Science Museum will host a day of hands-on activities for the entire family on Saturday, March 31. Programs in April and May provide an opportunity to investigate food safety, kitchen chemistry, comedy, and cognitive health.

Media Alert

New Exhibit on Infectious Diseases Opens March 31 at the Koshland Science Museum

March 2, 2007 - Washington, DC - The threat of infectious disease can be felt in all corners of the globe, from the rapid spread of HIV/AIDS, to the search for vaccines that can protect against new strains of the flu. Infectious disease is a global burden, affecting policy decisions and personal health choices around the world.

Media Alert

Last Chance to Visit DNA Exhibit; New Exhibit on Infectious Diseases to Open in March

January 12, 2007 - Washington, DC - The Marian Koshland Science Museum's hands-on exhibit on DNA will close Sunday, Feb. 25, to make way for a new exhibit on infectious diseases and global health.

Media Alert

Koshland Science Museum Announces Winter Program of Events

December 21, 2006 - Washington, DC- The Marian Koshland Science Museum invites the general public to attend its upcoming program of winter events. From the chance to explore intersections of technology and culture with Internet artist Jonathan Harris, to a discussion of how DNA evidence can explain the past, visitors will have the opportunity to explore some of the ways that science, medicine, and technology touch our lives. These public programs will also offer visitors a last chance to see the museum's "Putting DNA to Work" exhibit, which closes on Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007.

Media Alert

Staying Sharp With Science: New Partnership between The Koshland Science Museum and NRTA: AARP's Educator Community

September 12, 2006 - Washington, DC- The Marian Koshland Science Museum invites the general public to attend its upcoming program of winter events. From the chance to explore intersections of technology and culture with Internet artist Jonathan Harris, to a discussion of how DNA evidence can explain the past, visitors will have the opportunity to explore some of the ways that science, medicine, and technology touch our lives. These public programs will also offer visitors a last chance to see the museum's "Putting DNA to Work" exhibit, which closes on Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007.

Media Alert

Get to Know Your World: Fall Programs at the Koshland Science Museum

August 8, 2006 - Washington, DC - This fall the Marian Koshland Science Museum invites you to explore the connection between brain health and staying sharp, admire the beauty of phenomena revealed by microscopes, and discover lost crops of ancient communities. The museum is located at 6th and E streets, N.W., and is easily accessible by Metro. For more information visit www.koshland-science-museum.org, e-mail ksm@nas.edu, or call 202-334-1201. A list of programs follows.

Media Alert

Koshland Leads a Reflection of the History and Future of Museums

June 23, 2006 - Washington, DC - The Marian Koshland Science Museum of the National Academy of Sciences continued its tradition of bringing innovative and timely programming to the community with *Museum Musings: Rethinking the Museum* the evening of Thursday, June 15,

presented in collaboration with the Office of Exhibitions and Cultural Programs of the National Academies. An overflow crowd filled the museum and engaged in a lively conversation about the future of museums and the role of technology, programming, and interdisciplinary study as tools for engaging the community.

Media Alert



Koshland Science Museum Host D.C. Scholastic Chess Championship

June 19, 2006 - Washington, DC - The Marian Koshland Science Museum hosted the first Koshland D.C. Scholastic Chess Championship on June 10-11, 2006. The tournament brought together students from schools in the District of Columbia for a strategic yet fun-filled battle of the minds.

Media Alert

Addicted to Energy? Find Out with Lights At Night Interactive Exhibit

February 24, 2006 - Washington, DC - Lights at Night, an engaging interactive display developed by the Koshland Science Museum of the National Academy of Sciences, is now available for museums, libraries, schools and other venues. Since the museum opened in April 2004, Lights at Night has intrigued over 50,000 visitors with its hands-on comparison of energy use through the exploration of real satellite imagery. A special licensing agreement with the Koshland Science Museum will allow other venues to share Lights at Night with visitors and students across the country.

Media Alert

Beat Midwinter Blues with Hot Programs at the Koshland Science Museum

January 9, 2006 - Washington, DC - Think you can't bear to be outside until the cherry blossoms bloom again? Warm up indoors and beat the midwinter blues at the Marian Koshland Science Museum of the National Academy of Sciences. Located within blocks of the National Mall and easily accessible by Metro, the museum offers public programs that are sure to boost your brain and send serotonin levels soaring this winter.

Media Alert

Marian Koshland Science Museum Receives NIH Funding For Infectious Diseases Exhibit

December 27, 2005 - Washington, DC - The Marian Koshland Science Museum of the National Academy of Sciences has received funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Science Education Partnership Awards. The museum will use the \$1.3 million award to fund a new interactive exhibit based on 50 National Academies studies related to infectious diseases. The new exhibit will engage visitors through interactive displays that explore the impact of personal and national decisions that could affect their health.

Media Alert

Koshland Science Museum Public Programs for Fall 2005 Feature Hurricane Forecasting, Communicating Science, Lunchtime Discovery

August 19, 2005 - Washington, DC - The Marian Koshland Science Museum of the National Academy of Sciences presents highly interactive programs that bring together experts and members of the public in thought-provoking discussions about the science behind today's headlines. The fall season will kick off with the Communicating Science series which explores the challenges and techniques of conveying technical and often controversial scientific issues through film, print, and broadcast journalism. Programs also feature a talk on hurricane prediction and climate forecasting, and a lunchtime discussion series.

Media Alert**Koshland Science Museum Goes to Japan**

August 4, 2005 - Washington, DC- Patrice Legro, director of the Marian Koshland Science Museum, spoke at the National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation's (Miraikan) annual forum in Toyko, Japan on July 18, 2005. The symposium focused on promoting public understanding of research (PUR) and efforts to connect science and technology with society.

Media Alert**Marian Koshland Science Museum Receives Momentum Award**

June 21, 2005 - Washington, DC - Washington DC's Downtown Business Improvement District (BID) has recognized the Marian Koshland Science Museum of the National Academy of Sciences with the Momentum Award for Detail for its contributions to refurbishing part of the downtown landscape.

Media Alert**Koshland Science Museum Celebrates First Anniversary With a Day of Free Events**

March 23 , 2005 - Washington, DC - The Marian Koshland Science Museum will celebrate its one-year anniversary on Saturday, April 23, 2005. From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., visitors can enjoy sidewalk science demonstrations, free popcorn, and free admission to the museum.

Media Alert**Savoring the Taste and the Science of Wine**

Researchers and experts host an evening of wine tasting and education at the museum

March 8, 2005 - Washington, DC - On February 17, the museum hosted over 50 wine lovers and science aficionados for an evening of wine tasting and science education. Participants learned more about the art of wine tasting as well as wine's health effects and the science behind wine production.

Media Alert**Science Writers Take on the Challenge of Exhibit Design**

March 3 , 2005 - Washington, DC - Forty science writers visited the Marian Koshland Science Museum on February 15 to find out more about exhibit design and development. Visiting as part of the a workshop, the writers offered their ideas on how to build an exhibit based on National Academies work. All participants belong to the National Association of Science Writers, an association of thousands of freelance and staff writers, as well as public information officers. Those who took part came away with a better understanding of what it takes to craft an exhibition on controversial issues that both educates and engages the visitor.

Media Alert**Marian Koshland Science Museum Welcomes 20,000th Visitor and Prepares for One Year Anniversary Celebration**

February 17, 2005 - Washington, DC - The Marian Koshland Science Museum of the National Academy of Sciences welcomed its 20,000th visitor, just 9 months after opening. J.R. Holloway, a shy but ambitious 4th grader and aspiring scientist, was surprised to learn that he was the museum's 20,000th visitor Monday morning. He and his mother Linda Holloway were visiting DC from Grapevine, Texas.

Media Alert

New Models Uncover Path of Deadly Tsunami

Recently back from the Indian Ocean region, two tsunami experts emphasize the need for better education and an improved warning system

February 7, 2005 – Washington, DC - In medieval Japan, people believed that tsunamis came to shore when a giant sea serpent flapped its tail. The devastating waves would cease, said the myth, if a large bag of rice were placed on the serpent's head.

Though modern-day predictions and solutions are quite a bit more sophisticated, they still remain incomplete, as two scientists detailed at a talk at the Marian Koshland Science Museum on Monday February 7. Civil engineers Philip Liu of Cornell University and Costas Synolakis of the University of Southern California presented preliminary models that recreate the devastating path of the December 26 Indian Ocean tsunami.

Media Alert

Marian Koshland Science Museum Awarded 2004 Galaxy Award for *Global Warming: Facts and our Future* Exhibit

November 12, 2004 – Washington, DC - The Marian Koshland Science Museum was recently awarded the 2004 Bronze Galaxy Award for its Global Warming: Facts and our Future exhibit. The exhibit was one of over 400 entries from 14 countries submitted to the 15th Annual International Galaxy award competition. The exhibit ranked in the top third, winning the 2004 Bronze Galaxy Award for the best Museum Exhibit Design. The award honors Bowman Design Group for their creative efforts.

Media Alert



Koshland Science Museum Attracts 10,000th Visitor Public Programs Using Forensics and DNA Tests to Be Launched in August

August 2 , 2004- Washington, DC - The Marian Koshland Science Museum of the National Academy of Sciences welcomed its 10,000th visitor on Saturday only three months after opening its doors. Darlene Kamya from Raleigh, North Carolina was surprised when what she thought would be a simple visit to the museum turned into a celebration.

Media Alert

Marian Koshland Science Museum Grand Opening

April 16 , 2004- Washington, DC - Discover DC's newest museum as its doors open to the public – revealing the science driving today's headlines and affecting our lives every day. The Grand Opening will spring into action with performances by Velocity Stilts – acrobats who have adapted the latest technology used in artificial limbs into high-performance stilts. The big-band sound of the Junkyard Saints will also entertain as museum interns from Banneker High School engage visitors in hands-on science activities. Museum admission will be free on opening day only – general admission rates will go into effect Saturday, April 24.

Media Alert

National Academy of Sciences to Open Science Museum

November 17, 2003 - Washignton, DC - A new National Academy of Sciences museum will open in downtown Washington, D.C. in April 2004. Designed to explore the links between scientific research and everyday life, the Marian Koshland Science Museum's first exhibits will examine the "Wonders of Science," climate change and DNA sequencing.

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