

## The Kids' Inquiry Conference

### *Moderating KIC Sessions*

Thank you for agreeing to moderate a research and sharing session at the Kids' Inquiry Conference. Here are a few tips concerning the role of the moderator.

KIC was designed so that kids could experience sharing the excitement of their science research with their peers. These sharing sessions are the heart of the conference.

Most sessions will have presentations from three groups of student scientists. Some of the children have been in touch with one another. Others will be unfamiliar with the research of their fellow presenters.

Each session will be thirty minutes long. The structure of the sessions is flexible but should include the following:

- The moderator will introduce the student presenters (don't forget to introduce yourself as well).
  - Each student/group will present their research.
  - Each student/group should have equal time to present (approximately seven minutes).
  - There should be time allotted for questions and discussion after each presentation.
1. Introduce each group of scientists. You may be given a brief biography of each child. If not, get their names and the names of their schools in advance.
  2. Establish a sense of order and monitor time. You are in charge of the session. It *must* be completed in thirty minutes. Make sure everyone gets a turn to present.
  3. Help with audiovisual equipment. Students may be using overheads, slides, and VCRs. All equipment will be in the room.
  4. Ask, "Where do we go from here?" Encourage students to think about what new questions they have after the presentation, how they could explore these questions, and/or how they could help one another's research.
  5. *Do not let children leave early, but please have everyone ready to leave at the end of the session.* Time is very tight. There will only be five minutes between sessions.

There will be plenty of parents, chaperones, teachers, and staff around. Feel free to use their help with discussions, questions, equipment, bathrooms, errands, timing, and so on.

*Thank you for helping to make KIC a success!*