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## **AIBS Webinar to Help Science Students, Young Professionals Explore Career Options in Science Policy**

Washington, DC – Science students and early-career professionals often contact the American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS) seeking information about “alternative science careers.” A growing number of individuals are interested in employment that allows them to apply their scientific skills and training to the resolution of societal problems. Whether an individual’s interests are in education, health, environment, or the nation’s investment in scientific research, a public policy career is one way that scientists can convert their education into action.

“I often receive inquiries from undergraduate and graduate biology students who are interested in pursuing a career in science policy or communications, others are looking for ways to ensure their research is translated into policy,” said Dr. Robert Gropp, AIBS Director of Public Policy.

This program is intended to help individuals better understand the pros and cons of a career in science policy, and the knowledge, skills and experiences that are required to be successful in science policy and public affairs.

This program will:

- Provide information about employment options in science policy/public affairs;
- Provide tips to help interested students and early career professionals develop the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in the policy/public affairs sector; and,
- Help individuals evaluate whether this career path is right for them.

***See <http://www.aibs.org/events/webinar/science-careers.html> for information and registration.***

Registration is required.

Event Date:

Monday, December 21, 2009

2:00 – 3:30 PM, Eastern Standard Time

Cost:

- \$19.95, Webinar only
- \$38.95, Webinar, 1 copy of the AIBS publication *Communicating Science: A Primer for Working with the Media* (price includes shipping and handling)

- \$44.90, Webinar, 1 copy of *Communicating Science* and 1 copy of the *AIBS Congressional Directory* (price includes shipping and handling)
- \$44.90, Webinar, 1 copy of the book *Nontraditional Careers in Science*

**\* Exclusive AIBS career and communication packet**

- \$69.40, Webinar, 1 copy of *Communicating Science: A Primer for Working with the Media*, 1 copy of the *AIBS Congressional Directory*, and 1 copy of the book *Nontraditional Careers in Science*

*Presenters:*

*Keynote:* “So, you want to work in science policy?”

Dr. Robert Gropp  
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*Panelists:*

Ms. Julie Palakovich Carr  
 Public Policy Associate  
 American Institute of Biological Sciences

Dr. Holly Menninger  
 Coordinator, New York Invasive Species Research Institute

Dr. Caroline Ridley  
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 United States Environmental Protection Agency

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**About AIBS:** The American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) scientific association dedicated to advancing biological research and education for the welfare of society. Founded in 1947 as a part of the National Academy of Sciences, AIBS became an independent, member-governed organization in the 1950s. Today, with headquarters in Washington, DC, and a staff of approximately 50, AIBS is sustained by a robust membership of some 5,000 biologists and 200 professional societies and scientific organizations; the combined individual membership of the latter exceeds 250,000. AIBS advances its mission through coalition activities in research, education, and public policy; publishing the peer-reviewed journal *BioScience* and the education website [ActionBioscience.org](http://ActionBioscience.org); providing scientific peer review and advisory services to government agencies and other clients; convening meetings; and managing scientific programs.

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