



Nominations Requested for the

Center for Dark Energy Biosphere Investigations (C-DEBI)

2011-2012 Networked Speaker Series

The Center for Dark Energy Biosphere Investigations (C-DEBI) is a "networked" Science and Technology Center (STC), gathering expertise, ideas, and participation from institutions across the U. S. and around the world. C-DEBI is particularly interested in opening and developing communication between participants separated by thousands of miles.

C-DEBI participants gather in person at meetings periodically, but we can also link STC members using modern web tools. C-DEBI is launching the Networked Speaker Series as one means to enhance communication and the exchange of ideas.

C-DEBI *seeks nominations* for the first three speakers for this program. Potential speakers can be nominated by colleagues, mentors, or those mentored by C-DEBI participants; they can also self nominate. Selected *C-DEBI Networked Speakers* will make a presentation online, using video conferencing tools, with assistance from the C-DEBI main office at USC. Presentations are to be about 30 minutes in length, with time allocated for questions and discussion.

We would like to have three presentations during the 2011-2012 academic year, ideally one in the fall, one in the winter, and one in the spring. No travel will be required either to make a presentation or to listen/participate in a presentation. Presentations will be recorded for later online playback by participants or those who could not "attend" the live web event.

Nominated *C-DEBI Networked Speakers* should be capable of combining compelling visual materials with the ability to communicate effectively to a broad audience. We are particularly enthusiastic about giving young researchers a chance to present work to the C-DEBI community. Being selected to be a *C-DEBI Networked Speaker* is an honor. Once speakers are selected, presentation dates and times for presentations will be determined and announced, along with instructions for connecting over the web.

Please submit nominations comprising a single PDF packet containing the following information:

- (1) A brief cover letter describing potential presentation topic(s) and evidence that nominee can make a suitably broad and compelling presentation
- (2) Nominee CV (short format, 1-2 pages)

Please name the PDF nomination file, "**NSS-Nom_Lastname.pdf**" and email to Matthew Janicak (janicak@usc.edu) using the subject line: "C-DEBI Networked Speaker Series Nominee". Speaker selection will begin immediately and will continue until all three 2011-2012 slots are filled.