

MCO Update

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UEC Open Forum @ DNP2010

- **DNP2010 should have an open forum, as in preceding years**
- **Most pressing organizational issue is to identify a guest speaker (and not much time!)**
- **Previous years**
 - 2007 Newport News: Pat Looney, BNL
 - 2008 Oakland: John Henry Scott, OSTP
 - 2009 Hawaii: No open forum, why?
 - 2010 Sante Fe: who should we have?
- **Suggestions:**
 - DOE
 - BNL
 - NSF
 - NSAC (Bill Z?)

National Lab Day

- <http://www.nationallabday.org/>
- **Project of Tides Center**
 - Drummond Pike - supporter of various causes
- **Official kick off May 12, 2010 - but not a “day” but a 5 year project**
- **Announced by President Obama as part of “Educate to Innovate Campaign” last spring**
- **Web site provides way for teachers and scientists to find each other**
 - Teachers post projects and find scientists to help them implement it
 - Can search on state, subject, etc.
- **Does not appear difficult to search for projects**
 - Not clear if institutions participate, vs. individuals

<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=nld-national-lab-day>

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2010/05/06/new-york-city-students-get-down-and-dirty-national-lab-day>

Inside RHIC

- **Redeveloped several months ago...**
- **And immediately John and I had a lot of trouble getting articles!**
- **Perhaps a summer effect, but now i think people are just out of the habit**
- **Susan and I came up with an idea**
 - Still keep “general” articles, but John and I need help hounding down people
 - Otherwise, get representative from each group (via UEC) to solicit and edit one article every 2 months (e.g. when a paper or thesis comes out, or a major conference)
 - STAR
 - PHENIX
 - Theory
 - RHIC
 - This will give us at least one article every couple of weeks
- **As always, we need to focus on clarity and brevity**
- **John is planning a new issue soon, so ideas should be brought to him ASAP!**

2011 RHIC/AGS Users' Meeting

- **2010 meeting quite successful**
- **Clear theme “90-50-10” made for a nice mix of past, present, and future**
- **We clearly won't be able to match the numerology this year, but we should explore relevant themes, or focus on new capabilities of machine/detector/physics?**
 - Future of RHIC?
 - Start of PHENIX heavy flavor? Or should we wait for STAR?
 - Uranium beams?
 - Energy scan?
- **It's also not too early to discuss a “keynote” speaker**
 - We've discussed wild ideas (Gell-Mann, Bjorken) in the past, although they rarely work out
 - Someone from cold atoms, strings, cosmology, etc.?