



DRI Foundation Newsletter

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Dear Friend,

In just a few weeks we'll be hosting one of the most exciting events of the year, the 2010 Nevada Medal Dinner. It's not too late to purchase your seats or sign up for a sponsorship.

For \$5,000 you or your company can become a Gold Sponsor and receive significant benefits, including an exclusive private cocktail pre-reception for four of your guests with our Medal Winner, Dr. Robert Ballard. For \$1,500, you and seven of your guests will have your own table.

Your financial support will help us conduct environmental research that supports quality of life discoveries. Through research of air, land and life, and water, DRI scientists are meeting the challenge of pressing environmental problems around the world.

Thank you again for your ongoing interest in DRI's work.

Sincerely,

Russel A. Kost III
Vice President for Development
DRI Foundation

You're Invited to the Nevada Medal Dinner

Reserve your table seats for the Nevada Medal Dinner honoring Dr. Robert Ballard.

The Nevada Medal was established by DRI in 1988 to acknowledge outstanding achievement in science and engineering. The 2010 recipient is Dr. Robert Ballard, a

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Support DRI

Outstanding graduate students enrich the overall intellectual environment at DRI.

You can help support these students by making a donation today.

One of our goals this year is to raise \$100,000 for Graduate Student Fellowships.

Your financial support will provide graduate students from underrepresented

scientist and shipwreck explorer who discovered the Titanic, the Bismarck, hydrothermal vents, "black smokers" and the PT 109.

Dr. Ballard will be honored during dinner ceremonies on Tuesday, April 20th at the Peppermill Hotel Casino in Reno and Thursday, April 22nd at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. [Click here](#) to RSVP.



NSHE Board of Regents Names Daniel Obrist Rising Researcher

Daniel Obrist, Ph.D., DRI Associate Research Professor in the Division of Atmospheric Sciences is one of this year's recipients of the NSHE Rising Researcher Award. Obrist uses multi-disciplinary approaches to characterize mercury pollution and chemistry.



One of his current projects focuses on the mercury at the Dead Sea which has implications regarding mercury deposition across the oceans of the world.

[Click here](#) for information about Dr. Obrist's accomplishments.

DRI Partners with NVREC on Workforce Development Initiative

DRI continues to play an active role in NVREC, The Nevada Renewable Energy Consortium, which is an association among the three Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) research institutions (DRI, UNLV and UNR), along with participating Nevada community colleges. The goal of NVREC is to establish and enhance collaborative research in the areas of biofuels, solar, and geothermal energy.

groups (i.e., women and ethnic minorities) with the resources they need to continue their education.

Preference is given to doctoral students who are considering a professional career at DRI. This progression from doctoral student, to post doctoral fellow, and then onto a potential research professorship is a powerful pathway of recruiting outstanding individuals from underrepresented groups.

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"This consortium is a collaborative effort among the institutions and with business and industry stakeholders," said Stephen Wells, DRI president. "We will engage in coordinated and complementary activities related to renewable energy research, development, demonstration, deployment, commercialization, education and training."



In addition, the consortium supports the expansion of workforce training programs in renewable energy technologies in participating community colleges. DRI is currently accepting proposals for workforce development on behalf of the Consortium. Proposals may focus on training in any area of renewable energy.

[Click here](#) for more information.

About DRI

DRI is the environmental research arm of the Nevada System of Higher Education. DRI conducts cutting-edge applied research in air, land and life, and water quality across Nevada, the United States and on every continent.

About the DRI Foundation

The DRI Foundation's mission is to maximize DRI's global environmental impact by securing necessary funding, promoting DRI to multiple constituencies and expanding DRI's reach.



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