Canadian Crystal Growing Competition

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COORDINATOR'S JOB DESCRIPTION

Your duty is to encourage as many high schools as possible in your area to participate in the National Crystal Growing Competition.

You have the freedom to conduct the contest in your area as you see fit.

The following suggested steps may assist you in the conduct of the contest in your area.

Making Contact

1. In August, compile a list of all the high schools in your area. This might be done by using the web and/or calling the various school boards and requesting a list from them.
2. Just before school starts, call each of the schools to get correct phone number, fax or e-mail and the name of the Science Head (or to confirm the names of the contact teachers from years before).
3. On day two of school, e-mail or fax a letter of invitation to each of the teacher contacts at each school (see sample below).

Registering Schools

1. Keep a list of those schools that contact you.
2. Respond to each and indicate when and how you will receive crystals for judging (nominally by the end of National Chemistry Week or at your discretion)). Participants have 5 weeks to grow their crystals (based on the honour system).

Judging Crystals

1. About a week before the end of the competition you may wish to contact the registered schools to determine which ones will have crystals to be judged.
2. After all of the crystals have been received, judge or arrange for a local crystallographer to judge your crystals; if possible have more than one judge.

Awarding Prizes

1. Your local CIC executive may wish to prepare certificates, ribbons, cash, books, trophies, etc.
2. Award prizes. You may wish to tie this into local National Chemistry Week festivities.

Submitting Crystals for National Judging

1. By the designated deadline, forward your best quality and best crystal overall to the national coordinator for judging.

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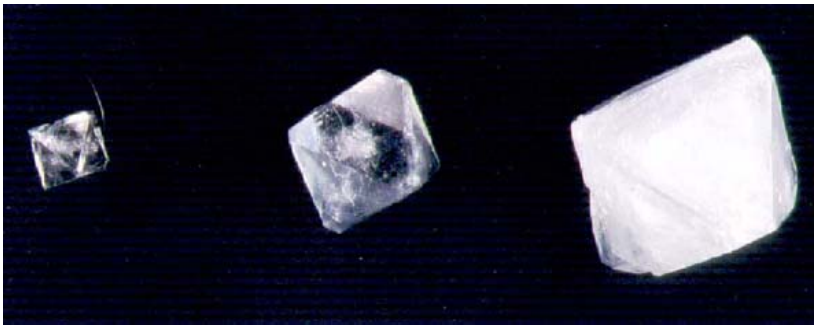
SAMPLE INVITATION Flyer

2010 Canadian Crystal Growing Competition



Would your students like to grow
crystals like these and win a prize?

This competition is carried out by the Chemical Institute of Canada. Prizes are awarded at the local and national levels.

For full details, go to
http://www.cheminst.ca
under Outreach

Schools will be provided with FREE starting material thanks to our sponsor Anachemia Science. The submitted crystals will be judged professionally on the basis of quality and size.

The contest runs over a 5 week period from October 13 to November 14.

If you and your students wish to participate:
1. REGISTER with me by e-mail, fax, or phone (order of preference), and
2. ORDER your material directly by 1-800 phone number from Anachemia so that you can get started right away.

Submission details will be provided later to participants.