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Greetings Fellow UW-Biologist!

Have you developed and used your own teaching cases for your courses? Have you adapted cases developed by others? Have you heard about case-based instruction but felt too overwhelmed or unprepared to try it? Are you tempted to try but have questions or doubts about the value of case-based instruction? Are you interested in networking with other UW-System biologists and perhaps even collaborating with others on a project related to biology instruction

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions or responded with questions of your own, then please join us at a day-long workshop, open to all UW System Biology faculty/instructional staff, and sponsored by UW-System OPID and the Center for Biology Education:

"Case-based Learning in the Biological Sciences,"

Friday, October 26, 2007

9:30 AM to 4 PM

1360 Genetics/Biotechnology Center, 425 Henry Mall

UW-Madison

Margaret Waterman (Southeast Missouri State University) and Ethel Stanley (director of BioQUEST), two nationally recognized experts in case-based instruction, will lead this workshop. The morning session will put you in the role of students, working on actual cases. Over lunch, you will join a small discussion group based on a topic of most interest to you. After lunch, we will break into groups to try writing cases or learn about resources for cases based on the needs, questions, and experiences of the participants. Regardless of your level of experience with cases, this workshop should have something to offer you.

The 2004 UW-System Biologists meeting showed us that there is already considerable expertise and interest in case-based learning. One major goal is to create a web-based portal to a) encourage wider adoption of existing cases, b) identify UW System biologists with interest and expertise using cases, and c) facilitate collaboration among UW System biologists on case-based instruction, whether it be in development of additional cases or SoTL approaches to investigating their effectiveness. To that end, we are developing a web template and portal to facilitate sharing of cases. Whether or not you attend this workshop, please consider sharing your experiences with cases by completing a template. **If you are willing to share your case experience, send an email immediately to cbe@mailplus.wisc.edu . You can find more information about how you can share your cases at <http://www.wisc.edu/cbe/facstaff/caseworkshop07.html>. We would like the case snapshots to use at the meeting.**

The workshop, parking, and lunch are free. Transportation to and from Madison is not included, so we encourage campus teams to travel together in one vehicle. You should solicit campus support for travel costs.

Please return the attached registration form as an email attachment to cbe@mailplus.wisc.edu by October 5, 2007. We hope to accommodate everyone who wishes to come and would like representation from all campuses. However, if oversubscribed, early

registrants will get priority. Information on your registration form will also influence our programming so please send it as soon as you possible.

We hope to see you on October 26!

Lillian Tong (UW-Madison)

Paul Whitaker (UW-Marathon County)

Tracy White (UW-Barron County)

PS: All materials and updates will be posted at <http://www.wisc.edu/cbe/caseworkshop07.html>.